



# THE JUNKBOX



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### Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, March 15, 2012, 7:30 PM at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

### Minutes

TAARS Regular Meeting February 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by President Dave AJ4NV. The minutes of the previous meeting, as posted on the TAARS website, were approved. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

### OLD Business

Terry WB4FXD has continued to update the TAARS website. Discussion took place regarding the newest section containing pictures and descriptions known as "Shax and Farmz". When submitting pictures, please avoid large, high resolution files saving the Webmaster the work of converting them. 640x480, around 300 dpi would be ideal, but if you have any question about the size, call or email the Webmaster.

### New Business

Herman NO4Y reported that TAARS has received a request from the River City Cycling Club to support their Tar Wheel Century event to be held on Saturday April 28, 2012. TAARS has supported this worthwhile event by providing radio communications at SAG stations and with roving support vehicles. A motion to continue support for this year's event was made, seconded, and approved.

It was mentioned that a 150' tower was for sale on Craigslist; buyer must take down.

Dave AJ4NV is looking for iron pipe. Ronnie KD4VRI may have a solution.

A request was made to schedule a SKYWARN meeting. Jim KJ4FIN commented on the fortunate absence of severe weather, the upcoming opportunity of taking SKYWARN training on-line, and will look to schedule a SKYWARN update meeting in the near future.

It was noted that the Copper Kettle, on highway US 64, in Creswell is now open.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the business portion meeting at 8:16 pm., and move on to the educational session, presented by Ron N4WYR.

Ron gave a detailed explanation of Logbook of the World, and demonstrated the process of confirming contacts and tracking awards. The educational session was completed at 9:05 pm.

Attendance: NO4Y Herman, AJ4NV Dave, N4WYR Ron, KK4CRD Dean, KU4BY Steve, K4VHV Al, KG4SPP Katina, KI4BQI AlbertR, KD4CAX Bill, WB4FXD Terry, KD4VRI Ronnie, Jim KJ4FIN. Mike KB4TOH, Joe W4UEB, Ed W4MUZ, TomWB1CZX, JimM KD4ISA.

### New Webpage Feature

Announced last month:

If you'd like to show off your shack or antenna farm--or both--take some photos, write some words, and send them to Terry at WB4FXD@arrl.net. He'll take it from there.

The "Shax and Farmz" section will be available from the "Club Info" page on our website [www.taars.us](http://www.taars.us)

### SKYWARN News

Please check the following links for SKYWARN training scheduled in other nearby areas.

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/akq/spotterinfo/skywarn.htm>

<http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/mhx/>

### Upcoming Events

Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service Spring Fest 2012

<http://w4car.org/SpringFestFlier.pdf>

TarWheel Century...33, 62, 100 mile routes...

[http://rivercitycyclingclub.com/tarwheel\\_century.html](http://rivercitycyclingclub.com/tarwheel_century.html)

VE testing session at COA For additional information:

<http://www.taars.us/>

Saturday, April 7th Raleigh Hamfest

<http://www.rars.org/hamfest/>