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Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, June 19, 2008, at 7:30 at COA building "C" room C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6pm.

Minutes

The meeting called to order at 7:31 by Al, K4VHV.

The minutes were corrected; Zeb was not at the EOC, Cary was.

Treasurer's report accepted as read.

Dues of \$30 are due in June.

Attendees included: Jennifer, KJ4DSD; Terry, KJ4DSC; Herman, NO4Y; Ed, KI4FHB; George, KE4NBR; Ron, N4WYR; Jim, KD4IJA; Al, K4VHV; Champ, K2IUN; Nick, KC4EEA; Kerry, KD4CEB; Zeb, K4ZVM; Rod, KA2TQX; John, KI4EJX and Tom, WB1CZX.

The Tarwheel Bike race went beautifully – Al. One person was lost; Herman rescued her. There were a lot of flat tires. There was one accident; but the rider was able to finish.

Champ was with the Periauger at Paddle for the Border.

Field day: We will meet Friday at 6:00pm at high school for antenna raising. We need 3 tents. Al asked Herman to order two line isolators. Ed's bridge will be used to trim antennas. Zeb will handle Public Relations. George; our evening dinner will probably be fish with a meat backup. It was suggested to bring chairs, fans, coolers and lights with yellow bulbs. Shirts will be ordered with suggested colors of blue with white lettering.

Our last testing session produced 3 new hams for the club (N.B. All are from Hertford)

Weather radio is not hooked up yet.

Skywarn training is being planned at CERA's August meeting.

Champ gave a demonstration of PSK with the Warbler using Digipan software.

The nominating committee for next year's officers of Herman and Tom was appointed by Al.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48.

10 Meters

Be Careful on 10 Meters: With recent band openings beginning on 10 meters, ARRL has received word that a number of US amateurs have been heard using SSB below 28.300. "We urge everyone to remember that 28.000 to 28.300 MHz is reserved for RTTY and data, including CW," said ARRL Field and Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG. "Phone is permitted from 28.300 to 28.500 for Novice and Technician class licensees with a maximum power of 200 W. Phone and image are allowed from 28.300 up to 29.700 for General, Advanced and Extra class license holders." Skolaut, who manages the Official Observer and Intruder Watch programs, said that people have called and e-mailed ARRL HQ inquiring about hearing IDs repeated in code on various 10 meter frequencies. "What they are hearing are beacons," Skolaut said; he suggests checking out some Web sites for more information on beacons you might hear on 10 meters <<http://www.dxzone.com/cgi-bin/dir/jump2.cgi?ID=1114>> and other bands <<http://www.ncdxf.org/beacons.html>>. Herman

Field Day

Field Day 2008 will be here before you know it. As usual the event will be held at Northeastern High School Athletic Complex. FD weekend is the 28th and 29th of June. This is a 24 hour event. Here is the tentative schedule for the weekend. Friday night 6PM, we will assemble and hang some of the antennas. Saturday morning 8AM, breakfast at Golden Corral. After breakfast head out to the site and begin tent and equipment setup. 12:30 Lunch, provided by TAARS followed by FD meeting. 2PM begin operation. 6PM dinner at the site TAARS provided. Members, including families and are not only welcomed but encouraged to attend. 7:30PM resume operation. 7:30 AM Breakfast (Hardee's take out biscuits) TAARS provided. 2PM operation completed and tear down begins.

We need lots of help for antenna raising on Friday night, Tent and equipment Setup on Saturday morning, overnight operators, and teardown on Sunday.

If you are new, to the hobby Field Day is one event you will not want to miss. It's a crash course in eating, equipment setup, eating, antenna installation, eating,

operating, and of course eating. If you are old,
(seasoned) you know what fun to expect!

I will be ordering the famous TAARS FD 2008 T Shirts very soon. Take a moment and drop me a note letting me know what size you would like. Also although it's certainly not binding it would be very nice to have some idea of how many we can expect for dinner on Saturday.

Your attendance is what makes it the event we look forward to all year.

73
Herman