



THE JUNKBOX



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WA4VTX Repeaters 146.655/444.300/147.330 PL 131.8 APRS 144.39

Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, November 20, 2008, at 7:30 at COA building "C" room C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6pm.

Minutes

The October meeting was called to order by Al, K4VHV at 7:35 PM. There were 15 members present. A motion was made and approved to accept the minutes as printed. The Treasures report was read and accepted.

Old business: A discussion was held on the Cub Scout recruitment carnival to be held on the 18th and 19th due to time constraints and man power it was decided that we would not participate.

New Business: Herman was appointed to secure Van's for our Christmas meeting during the week of the 11th of December. A budget of \$100.00 was approved for door prizes.

It was decided that TAARS will sponsor VE testing sessions again next year at regular quarterly intervals. Herman will take care of registering them with ARRL.

Tom, WB1CZX will contact ARRL about obtaining club membership.

Members Present: NO4Y, N4QLD, KI4FHB, KJ4FIN, KI4EIX, W4RVZ, KG4CAU, W4UEB, K4YF, N4WYR, N6XNZ, KG4SPH, K2IUN, K4VHV, KD4CEB

Herman/no4y CERA Meeting

The quarterly CERA meeting was held on Saturday November 8th. There was a small crowd of 14 in attendance. Highlights of discussion were Our new club call KX4NC and awarding of the trustee position to David, KE4MIZ. In other news Mike, KB4TOH is going to contact the operator of the Carolina 440 UHF link system about the possibility of us becoming a member. Members attending from the TAARS club were W4UEB, KA2TQY, KD4CEB, NO4Y, KJ4FIN, and WB1CZX..

The next meeting will take place on February 14th, 2009 at the Golden Skillet in Plymouth.

Herman/NO4Y

Christmas Party

The annual TAARS Christmas get together will be held on December 10th at Van's Pizza on Hughes Blvd. The time will be announce in an email and on the TAARS website.

Skywarn

Steven Crow KG4PEG, NWS Wakefield Skywarn Amateur Radio Coordinator will be attending our Thursday meeting. He will be discussing how we can help with the Skywarn program. NWS Wakefield is hoping to get our TAARS repeater area involved in this worthwhile activity. Please attend and show you support.

Herman/NO4Y

OCTOBER NORTH CAROLINA SECTION NEWS

2008 FIELD DAY RESULTS

Congratulations North Carolina Section for an outstanding showing in the 2008 ARRL Field Day! Our section was fifth in the nation, with 73 entries reporting 42,204 QSO's with 1,162 participants! The Carolina DX Association, W4DXA, led our section with the highest score and number of QSO's.

Category leaders included the Orange Co ARC, W4EZ (8AB); Western Carolina ARS, W4MOE (8A); Raleigh ARS, W4DW (7A); Johnston ARC, K4SWR (6A); CDXA, W4DXA (5E); > Forsyth ARC, W4NC (5AB); Iredell ARS, W4SNC (5A); N4QLX (4E); Pamlico ARS, N4PRS (4A); Scotland ARS, WA4UFS (3F); **Albemarle ARS, K4WO (3AC)**; NC > Contesters Club, N4PY (3A); Alamance ARC, K4EG (2F); Cleveland Co ARS, NA4CC (2AC); CARS, K4M (2A); Charlotte ARC, W4CQ (1F); W3HGT (1E); KA2OOU (1D); > N4RE (1B2B); WA4OF (1B2); KG4CDI (1B1C); AB4EL (1B1B); W9ZRZ (1B1); N4OL (1A).

HELP WANTED!

I've always believed that the more you GIVE our hobby, the more you GET! Getting involved and contributing to ham radio is much more rewarding than sitting on the sidelines and your ARRL section organization has plenty of opportunities.

Net Control Operators: We run six section nets each day and there's always openings for Net Control Stations. The North Carolina Morning Net (SSB) meets on 3.927MHz at 7:45am. The North Carolina Evening Net (SSB) meets on 3.923MHz at

6:30pm and the Tarheel Emergency Net begins an hour later, at 7:30pm, on the same frequency. The Carolinas Net - Early (CW) meets on 3.573MHz at 7:00pm and the Carolinas Net - Late (CW) meets on the same frequency at 10:00pm. There are Net Manager positions also open on some of these nets. For more info, contact our Section Traffic Manager, Dave Roy, W4DNA at w4dna@nc.rr.com.

Official Relay Stations: The nets mentioned above need operators to carry traffic and act as liason stations between the section and local nets as well as up to the regional nets. Official Relay Stations are experts at these duties and form the backbone of the National Traffic System. For more info, contact our Section Traffic Manager, Dave Roy, W4DNA at w4dna@nc.rr.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 6: SKYWARN Recognition Day
January 10: Winston-Salem FirstFEST
March 14-15: Roanoke Division Convention, Charlotte
April 11: NC Section Convention, Raleigh

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