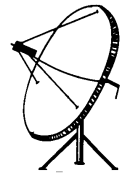




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Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, April 19, 2012, 7:30 PM at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

Minutes

TAARS Regular Meeting March 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Ron N4WYR, for President Dave AJ4NV, taking over upon arrival. The minutes of the previous meeting, as posted on the TAARS website, were approved. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD Business

There was no old business discussed.

New Business

Herman NO4Y reported receiving a request from the River City Cycling Club for radio support for the 19th Annual Tar Wheel Century being held on April 28, 2012. It was noted that TAARS has regularly supported this event with staffing and communications equipment for rest stops and rovers.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to provide communications support as requested. Club members willing to help should email Herman.

Dave AJ4NV is requesting volunteers to help dismantle and move a tower located in Plymouth. Willing helpers should call Dave to help with this project on Saturday April 14, weather permitting.

Anyone wishing to rideshare to the Raleigh Hamfest should call Tom WB1CZX.

Albert K4VHV showed an example of new and economical QSL cards that he is using.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at 8:05 pm. The educational portion of the meeting consisted of a presentation by Ron N4WYR. Ron demonstrated the DXLab suite. DXLab is a free collection of eight applications: Commander, DXView, DXKeeper, Launcher, Pathfinder, PropView, SpotCollector, and WinWarbler. They can be installed separately. When running together, they interoperate to support DXing activities.

The educational portion of the meeting ended at 9:05pm. In Attendance: Herman NO4Y, Dave AJ4NV, Ron N4WYR, Al K4VHV, Katina KG4SPP, AlbertR KI4BQI, Terry WB4FXD, Jim KJ4FIN, Joe W4UEB, Ed W4MUZ, TomWB1CZX, Champ K2IUN, Cynthia KG4SPH, Edgar K4YF, John KK4EXC, Greg N4QLD

Tower Event from Terry WB4FXD

TAARS' fearless five assembled in Plymouth last Saturday morning and started to work on taking down a 150-ft Rohn-25 tower. Our exalted grand poobah Dave/AJ4NV, the new owner of the tower, led the charge to take apart the tower and cart her bones away. However (there's always one of those), the tower was reluctant to cooperate and after Dave had struggled, cajoled, hammered, WD-40ed (is that a word?), and no doubt fired off a few four-letter broadsides for almost six hours, three antennas, three runs of transmission line, one run of 14-2 romex, and three guy wires were on the ground. Assisting Dave was the ground crew consisting of Herman/NO4Y, Mike/KB4TOH, Kerry/KD4CED, and Dean/KK4CRD. Terry/WB4FXD took pictures. Watch our website www.taars.us for more photos and deathless prose.



Upcoming Events

Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service Spring Fest 2012

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

TarWheel Century...33, 62, 100 mile routes...**Please note new location**

http://rivercitycyclingclub.com/tarwheel_century.html

VE testing session 4/21 at COA For additional information: <http://www.taars.us/>