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Next TAARS Meeting

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

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by AJ4NV, Dave @ 7:40 with 19 members present. Minutes for April were approved as printed and the treasurer's report was accepted.

Old Business and New Business: Discussions held about Field Day set up and participation, dues, and Field Day Shirts. Dues are \$30 per member and an additional \$2 for each family member. Dues should be paid in July and are usually collected at the Field Day event.

Herman Cox No4Y brought in a letter he received from the River City Cycling Club. Part of their letter follows:

"RCCC is indebted to your support of the annual TarWheel, no other cycling event in NC or VA has our advantage; due to you, we have detailed rider information constantly. Other cycling events are not as thorough and attentive THANK YOU."

RCCC has donated \$500 to TAARS as a thank you. We, in turn, are very thankful for the donation. A 'thank you' letter will be sent to the RCCC.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:45

Members present: KJ4FIN, KG4SPP, KI4BQI, K2IUN, KI4HNN, WB4FXD, AK4TW, N4QLD, KA2TQY, KG4NAV, N4WYR, W4MUZ, KB4TOH, K4YF, KK4IOI, W4UEB, KE4NBR, NO4Y, and AJ4NV

Field Day 2012

Field Day 2012 was a fun filled weekend once again. This year saw attendance down a little. We had several members that were ill; a couple of our members had family commitments. The HF band God did not smile upon us either. There was very propagation on the high bands. 6 meters and ten meters were just completely dead. The 15 meter band had a few spurts of activity but all in all it was very poor also. 20 meters, 40 meters, and 80 meters were our only useable band for the entire 24 hour event.

We had a great dinner consisting of Barbecued chicken, ham, and hamburgers with all the trimmings. We had about 30 members and guest for dinner as usual everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.

Our contacts were as follows:

- 80 meter phone 68
- 40 meter phone 46
- 20 meter phone 239
- 40 meter digital 17
- 20 meter digital 40

Thanks to everyone that attended Field Day 2012 and helped make it a success.

Field Day is always the 4th full weekend in June. Mark your calendars for next year today! Let's make Field Day 2013 the best yet.

Herman/NO4Y

The following impression of Field Day is by KK4IOI, Bernie Poppert, who is new to our area. He also supplied the photographs that follow.

“This was my first Field Day event. As I am new to the area, having moved here from Maryland, and not knowing exactly where everything is located, I showed up a little late on Saturday to help in setting up tents and antennas.

The Old Hams (hands 8-) at this had everything under control. With fishing line and slingshot they were able to hang their Long wire antennas from the flood light towers.

I had to go back home as I had other commitments but returned around 10:30pm and sat with Dave AJ4NV as he worked 10 Meters.(?) I took a turn on logging station on the computer. We made some contacts but it seemed like most could not hear us. I stayed till about 3:00am, went home and got some sleep, returning at 1:00 pm to help in the take down of the tents and antennas.

All in all it was a fun and interesting event. Looking forward to next year and hope I will be able to stay for the whole event.

73

Bernie
KK4IOI”



Upcoming events

- **VE testing session 10/20/2012 |**
Location: College of the Albemarle
Time: 9:00 AM (No walk-ins)
For additional information:
<http://www.taars.us/>