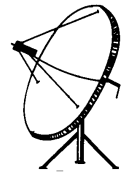




# THE JUNKBOX



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WA4VTX Repeaters 146.655/444.300 PL 131.8 Packet 145.710

### NEXT TAARS MEETING

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, August 16, 2012, 7:30 PM at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

### Minutes of TAARS Regular Meeting July 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 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

A discussion of how Field Day unfolded was held. Several of our members were ill and were unable to attend. Turnout could have been a lot better but all those who did attend enjoyed their time working the radios.

Herman, NO4Y said the Field Days costs were approximately \$260

### NEW Business

KG4SPP has asked if members would contribute information to the newsletters.

A discussion of sending get well or thinking of you cards to members who are ill.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at 8:16 pm.

We then moved to the educational portion of the meeting which consisted of a presentation by Kerry KD4CEB. Kerry had a show and tell about vacuum tubes.



He said if anyone had a need for vacuum tubes they should get in touch with him as he has a varied collection and would be more than happy to help. The educational portion of the meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

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It was suggested Mike, KB4TOH may give a talk on the Linking System at our August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

In Attendance: Katina, KG4SPP; Albert, KI4BQI; Cynthia, KG4SPH; Champ, K2IUN; Rod, KA2TQY; Ron, N4WYR; Steve, KU4BY; Brian, K7BPG; Herman NO4Y; Ronnie, KD4VRI; Bill, KD4CAX; Greg, N4QLD; Tom, WB1CZX; Al, K4VHV; Joe, K4EIT; Kerry, KD4CEB; And last but not least our President Dave AJ4NV



### **Hertford Repeater Status**

The WA4VTX 147.330 repeater in Hertford is operational after a lightning strike that occurred last month. There is no hang time so unless you hear the ID you would think it is out of service. Linking is not available and the emergency weather warnings are presently not available. The controller has been sent returned to the manufacturer for repair. We hope to have everything returned to service within the next couple of weeks. --- Herman/NO4Y

### **Testing Session Report**

Our quarterly testing session was held on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Only one brave soul was present. WB4OBS/Dale Murto upgraded to general class. Thanks to Kerry/KD4CEB and Ron/N4WYR for helping with the session. --- Herman/NO4Y

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### **Upcoming Events**

**09/15/2012 | Virginia Beach Hamfest**

Website: <http://www.vbhamfest.com>

Each Tuesday night - A liaison from the National Weather Bureau will go to the Columbia Repeater (if conditions permit) sometime after 9:00 p.m. to take check-ins from the area for the National Weather Service Net.

**VE Testing Session 10/20/2012**

Location: College of the Albemarle

For additional information: <http://www.taars.us/>

### **An apology to Brian Greig/K7BPG.**

I made a mistake in the Field Day issue of *The Junkbox* in stating the pictures in the issue were taken by Bernie/KK4IOI. The pictures shown in the last issue were actually taken by Brian Greig/K7BPG. Thank you Brian.