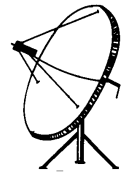




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WA4VTX Repeaters 146.655/444.300 PL 131.8 Packet 145.710

Next TAARS Meeting:

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting will be on Thursday, September 20, 2012, 7:30 PM at the COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

Minutes:

TAARS regular meeting was held on August 16, 2012. The meeting was called to order at 7:33PM by President Dave AJ4NV. The minutes of the previous meeting as posted were approved. The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Old Business:

The Hertford controller is still at the repair shop and may be back in service in the next week.

A motion was made and seconded to pay for the repairs. The motion was passed.

New Business:

- Members chatted about Ham Fests.
 - Labor Day Weekend - Shelby
 - Virginia Beach – September 15
- Hatteras Light House activation
- One of the Columbia repeaters, 442.725, being down
- Gregory N4QLD passed out T-Shirts to all attendees
- All attendees signed a "Thinking of you" card to send to Zeb K4ZVM
- Motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at 7:56PM

We then moved to the educational portion of the meeting. Mike Cohoon KB4TOH gave an excellent presentation of the Linking System. He covered such items as:

- Codes for bringing up the links
- An explanation of how the codes for the linking system were developed

- An explanation for how the links are connected and how they work
- In early 1990 the Columbia 145.11 repeater linked with Williamston 145.41 which started the linking system. Over the next couple of years several other repeaters linked in. Around 1993 Columbia [UHF 443.300] and Williamston [UHF 444.250] put up a system which then became the backbone we have today.

There was good participation from the group and the educational portion of the meeting ended at 9:10 pm.

In Attendance: Katina Ryder, KG4SPP; Albert Ryder, KI4BQI; Cynthia Cox, KG4SPH; Champ Cox, K2IUN; Mike Cohoon, KB4TOH; Joe Wright, W4UEB; Rod Ramsey, KA2TQY; Terry Simonds, WB4FXD; Dean Patsel, AK4TW; Herman Cox, NO4Y; Ron Thomas, N4WYR; Ed Muzzulin, W4MUZ; Edgar Lambert, K4YF; Ronnie Pippen, KD4VRI; Bill Chappel, KD4CAX; Greg Terranova, N4QLD; Al Onley, K4VHV; George M Cox, KE4NBR; David Sharber, AJ4NV; Kerry Krauss, KD4CEB; and one visitor: John Shine

VE Testing Session 10/20/2012

Location: College of the Albemarle

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

Silent Key:

Harold Riddick, KC4ZMF, gave up his battle with cancer on Sunday, September 2. The ham community lost a good operator and friend. Harold was a member of the Roanoke Amateur Radio Society from the beginning of the club to the present and was a participant in all of its activities. He was also an active member of the Columbia Emergency Repeater Association from very early in its creation. Although not a member of TAARS he was known to many. He will be missed.