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WA4VTX Repeaters 146.655/444.300 PL 131.8 Packet 145.710

Next TAARS Meeting

Our next TAARS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2012, 7:30 PM at the COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Coral at 6 PM.

Minutes

President Dave AJ4NV called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting, as posted on the TAARS website, were approved. The Treasurer's report was given by Herman NO4Y and approved.

Old Business

The Herford repeater is up but with no controller.

New Business

- Solar flux index is bad
- Request was made for Hamshack information on our website. Take some photos, write some words, and send them to Terry at WB4FXD@arrl.net
- The Williamston club is planning a Solar Farm Tour and asked if anyone from our club would be interested
- Ron Phippen KD4VRI discussed the fact we might find useful information contained in some of our old newsletters.

Illness

- Zeb Mosley K4ZVM
- Albert Onley K4VHV

Attendance: Katina KG4SPP; Albert R. KI4BQI; David AJ4NV; Greg N4QLD; Terry WB4FXD; Bill KD4CAX; Ron KD4VRI; Mike KB4TOH; Dean AK4TW; Ron T. N4WYR; [Visitor] Joseph Harrell KI4HNN; Rod KA2TQY; Joe W. W4UEB; Edgar K4YF; Tom WB1CZF; Cynthia KG4SPH; Champ K2IUN; Joe Wallace K4EIT; Herman NO4Y

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 8:21 PM

Mighty Mite on Display

At our September 2012 meeting, Dave/AJ4NV displayed a dual-band HT in the growing family of mini-HTs. Kerry/KD4CEB purchased five of them at the VBRC Hamfest as gifts to his engineering students who became hams. Kerry asked Dave to show it off as he was involved in a lab in his classroom.

This little marvel is a model TH-UV3R dual-bander by a reputable Chinese manufacturer and has been well-received by the ham community. Capable of operating at 2W in the 2m and 440-MHz or 220- and 440-MHz bands, the unit is advertised as having FM broadcast RX abilities as well.

The radio comes packaged with various accessories including a manual that reports label as "actually useful." This may be a first for Chinese radios.



The radio is shown here dwarfed by an Icom IC-02AT's battery pack. The TH-UV3R's battery appears to be a standard cell-phone battery.

VE testing session on October 20, 2012 at COA.
For additional information see
[http://www.taars.us/](http://www.taars.us)