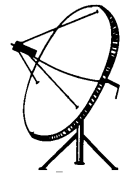




# THE JUNKBOX



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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, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 7:30 PM at the COA Building "c" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Coral at 6:00 PM.

### Minutes

President Dave AJ4NV called the meeting to order at 7:37 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 Hertford repeater is still up with no controller.
- Solar flux is better
- Solar Farm tour discussed at a previous meeting is not doable since the panels have been hooked up

### New Business

- Testing session scheduled for Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>
- Next meeting to discuss our Christmas party. Tentative date: December 13 at 6:30PM

### Attendance

Katina Ryder, KG4SPP; Albert Ryder, KI4BQI; David Sharber, AJ4NV; Champ Cox, K2IUN; Cynthia Cox, KG4SPH; Ed Muzzulin, W4MUZ; Edgar Lambert, K4YF; Joseph Wallace, K4EIT; Al Onley, K4VHV; Herman Cox, NO4Y; Bernard Poppert, KK4ICI; Tom Ponte, WB1CZF; Mike Cohoon, KB4TOH; Brad Sherred, KD8BLQ; Jeremy Clark, KG4NAV; Terry Simonds, WB4FDX; Ron Thomas, N4WYR; Joe Wright, W4UEB; Dean Patsel, AK4TW; and a visitor: Nolan Clark.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at 8:04 PM.

### Educational

Ron Thomas N4WYR gave a very interesting power point presentation on *Solar Activity and Amateur Radio*.

Topics covered:

- Brief history of sunspots
- Physical characteristics
- List of solar cycles
- Effect on the Earth
- Ionosphere
- Solar indices
- Solar flux as related to sunspot number
- A & K indices
- Software

Please check the website for more information on N4WYR's presentation.

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Thanks to all who took part in the October 20<sup>th</sup> testing session. We had five candidates for testing. Results were two new Technicians and two Technicians to General upgrades. Congratulations to KX4KDH, General; KG4YAC, General; KK4MGB, Technician, and KK4MGA, Technician.

The fifth person at the testing session was yours truly who missed upgrading to Extra by three questions. I will be testing again November 29<sup>th</sup> in Nags Head at Fire Station #16, at 7:00 PM. If anyone is interested in joining me at the testing session please contact Jim Bailey at [N4ACT@earthlink.net](mailto:N4ACT@earthlink.net) to let him know of your plans to be there and for more information.