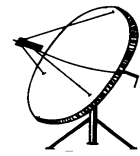




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Next TAARS Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20th, 2020 at COA in Room FC121B.

Minutes

The club president, Scruff, K4SDL called the January 16th meeting to order, at approx. 7:30 pm.

The previous minutes and Treasurer's Report were read and approved.

Twenty-five (25) Amateur Radio Operators were present for the first 2020 TAARS meeting.

Old Business

The club members decided to cancel a Winter Field Day event for 2020.

New Business

Dave, KN4IKU, is hosting an HT challenge on 15 February at his QTH.

Kerry commented on the CERA Club. Brief discussion about adding section to TAARS Newsletter for CERA to increase awareness.

April 18th is TarWheels event. Club participation is highly encouraged. TAARS needs operators for the event.

Lacy, KN4AKM, and Mike, KB4TOH, recently received CERA Service awards and these were reviewed for the TAARS members by Kerry.

Scheduled Program

Scruff, K4SDL, presented "EME and Reach for the Moon!". His latest endeavors to achieve EME

QSOs were presented along with a success story. Nice job Scruffy!

Al, K4VHV, presented an interesting problem with UHF Sat communications and water intrusion. Even if your cable run tests good, there will always be a place for the good old-fashioned megger! Thanks for the refresher Al.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45.

Attendance

Steve Bontempo, KU4BY; William Burden, WB4YNF; Mike Cohoon, KB4TOH; Herman Cox, NO4Y; Scruff Harrison, K4SDL; Steve Kelly, K1RLU; Kerry Krauss, KD4CEB; Edgar Lambert, K4YF; Lacy Melton, KN4AKM; Winston Miller, KG4YUS; Coleman Motes, KG4FSE; Al Onley, K4VHV; Tracey Pajer, K4LXN; Ronnie Pippen, K4VRI; Tom Ponte, WB1CZX; Philip Shullo, KI4LJP; Dave Taylor, KN4IKU; Ron Thomas, N4WYR; Joe Wallace, K4EIT; Tim Ward, K4TIM; Thomas Yeager, KN4ILC; Robert Deacon, K4BDD; Thomas Wilson, K8GUN; Michael Slygh, NM6X; Sara Slygh, KA6QLT

Upcoming Events

NC QSO Party on Sunday, 1 March. The QSO Party has an excellent website with more details, <http://ncqsoparty.org/>.

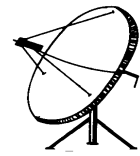
January testing session report

We had 4 candidates for testing in January. One person upgraded to General and one received a Technician license. Thanks to Tom, WA1CZX and Steve, KU4BY for helping with the session.

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Repeater Etiquette

I recently heard a conversation on a tidewater repeater that made me sit up and listen. I was programming repeaters on an old analog rig when I heard Elizabeth City mentioned. I have to admit I don't often listen to repeaters other than our club repeaters and a few other local machines, and lately have not listened to much of anything. The conversation was about how unwelcoming our repeaters are. The conversation really concerned me since we were "the" topic.

As trustee of the WA4VTX repeaters I believe it is my responsibility to remind users of some very simple, but important guidelines.

- Please follow part 95 rules for identifying your station.
- Save any inappropriate language for other forms of expression. This is not social media.
- Limit your religious, political, and social, commentary to positive remarks.
- Be a good influence to new members of our amateur community. Guidance is great, lecturing and ranting is unnecessary. Remember, once we were all new.
- Keep in mind, repeaters are open air. Anyone can listen and people do. Let's do our best to present Amateur Radio in a manner that's positive and welcoming as Ham Radio should be.
- Question or comments feel free to email me no4y@arrl.net

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TAARS Calendar

VE Testing Sessions
April 18th, July 18th, October 17th.

NC QSO Party
March 1st.

TarWheels Bike Race
April 18th.

Field Day
June 22nd to 23rd.

JOTA
October 16th to 18th.

Have an idea for the TAARS Newsletter?

Bring those ideas to the TAARS Club meeting or email k4eit@arrl.net.