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June Minutes

The meeting was called to order by our president Ron, N4WYR at 7:30. The April minutes and treasure's report were read and approved. Ron reported on our last VE testing session. Ed, W4RVZ announced that Elliot Layden's family had approached him about TAARS disposing of his amateur equipment. More on that to follow. A lengthy discussion was held on upcoming field day activities. Ed W4RVZ made a motion to purchase a APRS TNC for use at our site on the 911 tower Dave, N1DP provide a second and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Next TAARS Meeting

The July TAARS meeting will be held Thursday July 21 at 7:30 at COA. Dinner as usual will be held at Virginia City Buffet around 6PM.

2005 Dues

Annual dues collection is progressing very well. Thanks to all who paid at the June meeting and at Field Day. Your support of TAARS is appreciated. If you are unable to attend a regular meeting and would like to pay your dues feel free to drop a check in the mail to the Club PO Box. Dues are \$30.00 and \$2.00 for additional family members.

George, KE4NBR

TAARS Testing Session

Our Regularly scheduled TAARS VE test session will be on July 23 9 AM College of the Albemarle Building "C" room 110. Here is what you need to bring, ***a photo ID, your original license, a copy of your original license and a check made out to ARRL VEC for \$14.00 or cash.*** If you need more information you can email n1dp@arrl.net

Around The Bands

Well this has been an interesting month on the Ham Bands. It's been spent mostly on 6 meters as I've added a bunch of new grids to the log, especially those west of the Mississippi. CA, OR, NM, UT, MT, ID and CO are where some of the new grids are located. As well as a bunch of new grids in AL, SC, TN, GA, PA and NY to help fill up the grid chart east of the Miss. I've even made a DX contact on 6M CW, working CY9SS, a Expedition on St Paul's Island located just north of Nova Scotia. You want to talk about nervous!!! But they were very

kind to slow down when I QRS'd them. Speaking of CW, if you haven't seen my "project", go to <http://home.earthlink.net/~kg4qmi/Paddle.htm> and check my homebrewed paddle. Hard to believe something that pretty came from the Ugly Duckling Antenna Co., right Dave? There's even been some activity towards Europe on 6m. I've heard the voices but the big guns like NG4C, Connie are the guys working EU so far this year. And I'm still looking for Wyoming on 6m to finish my WAS-Lower 48. More about WY in a minute.

As far as HF goes, most of that activity involved Field Day '05. A special thanks to all that came out and helped set up, take down and operate. We had the best year in recent memory making almost exactly 400 more contacts than last year, which should increase our score nicely. The food was great and I enjoyed the fellowship as well. But the other big news for me is that OR came to NC. My OR QSL card on 40m came last week and that wraps up the 3rd band in my chase for 5 Band WAS. Just 4 more cards to get in and 10m will become number 4. That will only leave 80m and I need about 10 cards to confirm it. But I also need to work AK on 80m. CQ AK CQ AK...is anybody there??? Maybe I'll get it this fall when conditions change.

Now back to Wyoming. On July 23 I leave for WY for a week where I'll be attending Frontier Days in Cheyenne as part of a group of NC Baptists going to Prayer walk in WY. While I am out there, however, I am also going to take an HF rig and an antenna of some sort and plan on operating on 40m and maybe 15m as W4RVZ/W7. It will probably be about 10pm or later here in the east by the time I get chance to operate but I may also have some time early in the morning when it would be around 10am here. There's no guarantee I will be able to do it so I'll send an email back home if it happens and maybe we can get it sent to the TAARS list to let everyone know. So dust off those HF rigs, check the antennas and put a pillow in the shack and try to catch me on sometime during the week from July 23-28.

Ed, W4RVZ

CQ Field Day From NC4EC

Thanks to everyone that made Field Day 2005 a fun filled weekend. I have to admit I was not in the Field Day spirit this year. I'm not sure why. I do know I wasn't the only one as I heard other similar comments. After such a successful beginning on Friday night that all changed and I found myself as usual looking forward to the event. It was wonderful to see old friends, some who I had not seen for several field days, first time attendees who appeared to really enjoy the activities, and regulars that devote so much effort each year in making field day a fun, safe and successful event. Special thanks go out to

Al K4VHV, Dave N1DP, George KE4NBR, and Greg N4QLD every year these guys do so much of the backbone work for field day. From storing and providing equipment and supplies, to planning meals and shopping these guys go all out. Thanks also to Zeb K4ZVM who served as our facility planner / manager.

Herman, NO4Y

Here are interesting statistics from FD 2005:

Total SSB contacts 1301

Total CW contacts 577

Total 1878

States worked 49 missed Alaska

Canadian Provinces 8 out of 9 missed Northern Territory

Phone Contacts by band

80 meters 335

40 meters 226

20 meters 677

15 meters 39

6 meters 24

CW Contacts by band

40 meters 572



20 meters with Mike KB4TOH and Gary WA1TSS



Joe W4UEB, Zeb K4ZBM, Al K4VHV



Saturday Morning FD Gang

For Sale:

- ICOM 761 HF Rig with Auto Tune
- MFJ 949 Antenna Tuner with meters (300 watts)
- RS 10 Meter Vertical Antenna
- 10-80 Meter Vertical Antenna

For more information on any of these items contact Herman NO4Y at no4y@arrl.net or phone 338-1891

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Herman, NO4Y