



# THE JUNKBOX



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### Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, July 20th, 7:30 at COA. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM

### Minutes from June Meeting

Ron, N4WYR called the meeting to order at 7:40 there were 12 members present and 3 guests. George, KE4NBR gave a Treasurer report showing a balance of \$2,709.92. A Motion was made and passed to accept the May minutes as printed. Ron announced that George KE4NBR is now collecting 2006-2007 dues. A long discussion was held on Field Day 2006. A motion was made and passed to purchase a new tent for Field Day operations.

Herman, NO4Y

### From the President

I'd like to thank everyone who came out and helped make Field Day weekend a success. George and Greg did wonders with the food, and I also want to thank everyone who brought side dishes and desserts. Zeb did a fine job organizing our publicity, inviting guests, and otherwise taking care of loose ends that needed to be done. We had several dignitaries visit, and a nice story with pictures on the front page of the Sunday edition of the Daily Advance. For those who weren't there, we operated in class 3A, plus a VHF station. We had one station on 20 meter phone, one on 40 meter CW, and the third working phone on the rest of the bands other than 20 meters. In addition to the people who helped with setup, teardown, logging, and operating the station, if you came out to socialize or for the meal, you helped make this a success. If you weren't there, you were missed, and we hope you can make it next year. We had great weather for the entire event, and the day after we are receiving a deluge.

One last note, I had the opportunity to present Dave Perham N1DP a certificate and a T-shirt denoting him a lifetime member of our club. Good luck to you, Dave.  
Ron, N4WYR

### Field Day 2006 Results

Call Used: NC4EC GOTA Station Call: (none) ARRL/RAC  
Section: NC Class: 3A

Participants: 30 Club/Group Name: The Albemarle Amateur

Radio Society (TAARS)

Power Source(s): Generator

Power Multiplier: 2X

Bonus Points:

100% Emergency power	300
Media Publicity	100
Set-up in Public Place	100
Information Booth	100
W1AW Field Day Message	100
Natural power QSOs completed	100
Site Visit by invited elected official	100
Site Visit by invited served agency official	100
Youth participation	20
Youth operators=1	
Youth participants=1	
Submitted via the Web	50
Non traditional mode: ATV	100
Non traditional mode: APRS	100
Total Bonus Points	1,270

Score Summary:

	CW	Digital	Phone	Total
Total QSOs	229	0	963	
Total Points	458	0	963	1421
Claimed Score = 2,842				

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Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	CW	Phone	
	QSOs Pwr(W)	QSOs Pwr(W)	
160m			
80m		171	100
40m	229 100	199	100
20m		376	100
15m		56	100
10m		105	100
6m		56	100
2m			
1.25			
Other			
Satellite			

GOTA  
TOTAL 229      0      963

What was beginning to shape up as an hot sultry field day weekend actually turned into a very pleasant event. A nice breeze and a few clouds helped keep temps down considerably to my delight. Dinner was attended by around 25 people including our guest of honor Dave, N1DP and Candie, N6BAF. Dave was presented a lifetime membership award from TAARS.

We were short on operators this year. Our total score reflects that. Ed, W4RVZ was out of town, Haywood, AI4DW was our only CW operator, and managed to get 229 contacts by himself. I'm not sure how much idle time we had on transmitters, if I were to make a guess I would suspect 30 percent or more.



Time to eat!

### **AROUND THE BANDS**

Well, the fun continues. If this is the bottom of the sunspot cycle, I can't wait for it to get better. 6 meters continues to roll along in the "E" Season, providing openings to Europe and the Caribbean almost daily and hardly a day goes by that it doesn't open up stateside. I continue to add new grids as well as new countries to the log, and the log has grown by over 600+ contacts and that's with me mostly just grid hunting. If I was calling CQ all of the time, it could easily be over 1,000. A perfect example of how this summer has been was one day last week. The day started by making about a dozen contacts in Europe and the Caribbean including 3 new countries and then turning the antennas stateside and making a run of about 30 contacts in 45 minutes before the band changed, I was working from GA to CA and almost everything in between..

HF continues to provide opportunities, especially the high bands. 10 and 15 meters have provided some chances for new DX entries and 40 meters is my favorite rag-chew band. All in all, its been quite a summer. I sure hope you are taking advantage of your hobby and spending some quality time in front of the microphone. It's just about the most fun you can have without getting in trouble.

73's de Ed/w4rvz

### **EVENTS**

TAARS sponsored VE testing session. Saturday July 22<sup>nd</sup> at COA. Need more information email Herman [no4y@arrl.net](mailto:no4y@arrl.net)

### **New Technician Exams**

New Technician Class Element 2 exams are to be used at test sessions beginning July 1, 2006.



President Ron, N4WYR presenting Dave, N1DP with Lifetime membership award.



Haywood, AI4DW and Ron, N4WYR working the CW station