



THE JUNKBOX



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Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, August 17th, 7:30 at COA. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

Location Change! The meeting room number for fall has changed from building C to A building room A210.

Minutes from July Meeting

Ron, N4WYR called the meeting to order at 7:40 there were 9 members present. A motion was made and accepted to approve the treasurer report showing a balance of \$2812.60. A Motion was made and passed to accept the June minutes as printed. A field day discussion was held and Ron, N4WYR thanked everyone for their hard work and making Field Day 2006 such a success. Motion was made a passed to purchase a new backup battery for the repeater. Herman, NO4Y

2006 Dues

2006 TAARS dues were collected in June. If you haven't paid your dues please do. Dues are \$30.00 plus \$2.00 for additional family members. You can mail your check to:

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Upcoming Events

Shelby Hamfest September 2nd and 3rd

More information at
www.shelbyhamfest.com

Virginia Beach Hamfest September 16th and 17th

Virginia Wesleyan College
Virginia Beach, Va.
<http://vahamfest.com/>

TAARS testing session Saturday October 21, 2006
9 AM at COA
need information contact Herman, NO4Y
252 338 1891 or no4y@arrl.net

Around the Bands

Well this has been a relatively slow month for me, at least ham radio wise. 6 meters continues to surprise me. Openings continue but are a little less frequent and don't last as long. But I still have been able to pick up some new girls almost every opening. Mexico has been on a lot lately but I haven't heard Europe in a couple of weeks.

I have had some good contacts on 10m, working DX early in the morning and stateside stuff later in the day. 15m has been open also, unfortunately I have not had chance to get in on the action.

Albert, K4VHV, has his 17m X-Beam up now, so we should get some good reports from him. I've been working on a 40m folded dipole, trying to find the "ultimate" all-band antenna. So far, results are promising. I made some 40m and 75m contacts during the MD-DC QSO party and got good reports. I am making some tentative steps in putting up a tri-bander that found its way to my house. I'll let you know next month..

73 for now and fire up that rig. You deserve a little fun.

Ed/W4RVZ

TAARS Contest Page

Have you been watching the TAARS contest page? I have and I've been having a good time on weekends working the numerous contest. Even if you don't want to send a log in for a score, it's still fun. On the 5th and 6th of this month was the 10 meter contest, the band wasn't great but I still managed to work about 25 stations. On the 12th and 13th was the MD/DC QSO Party. That was good for 40 meters, I worked a bunch of station there and even found a few on 75 and 20 meters. Next weekend it's the NJ QSO Party and North American QSO party. Both of those events should be fun.

For general logging I'm using N3JFP's Aclog 3.0. It really works great for me because it allows for easy upload and download of contacts with ARRL's Log Book Of The World (<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/silver.pdf>). You can find this program and many more QSO party specific programs at <http://www.n3jfp.com/index.html>.

Herman/NO4Y

Repeater News

The emergency power battery has been replaced at the repeater site. If you don't hear a courtesy tone the repeater is operating on battery power. Herman/NO4Y