



# THE JUNKBOX



## The Official Newsletter of The Albemarle Amateur Radio Society

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### Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:30 at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

### Minutes from May Meeting

Ron, N4WYR Called the Meeting to order at 7:40 PM with 11 Member and 2 guest present.

Herman NO4Y read the minutes from April meeting. There was one correction noted concerning the heading "minutes from March instead of April.

The minutes were approved with that correction noted.

Ron announced that TAARS dues of \$30.00 and 2 dollars for additional family members are due at the June meeting.

Herman announced that our new club call had been received. The call is KI4VKB. Herman is to contact Mrs. Todd about having K4WO awarded to TAARS in honor of Irby.

A discussion was held on the recent Tarwheel Century bike event. Ron noted all went well and it was the best yet.

Joe, W4UEB discussed the states new emergency pet shelters, one which is staged in Chowan County. These can be sent to any part of the state that has a need.

Champ, K2IUN made a motion to accept the slate of officers that were presented. Kevin, N4OB provided a second and the motion passed.

2007- 2008 officers are: Al, K4VHV President; Ron, N4WYR Vice President; Tom, WB1CZX Secretary; and Herman NO4Y Treasurer.

A discussion was held on Field Day. Herman NO4Y was appointed head of the chairman of the food committee. It was decided that FD 2007 T-Shirts will be purchased.

The was a motion made by Joe, W4UEB and second from Cynthia KG4SPH to table the Technician school until the august meeting. The motion was carried.

Welcome TAARS's newest members K1RLU Steve Kelley and KI4FHB Ed Muzzulin both from Perquimans County.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Herman/NO4Y

### The Official TAARS Field Day 2007 Planner

Once again Field Day will be held at the Northeastern High School Athletic Complex. It's an excellent site, with all the comforts of home. We are very fortunate to have such a this facility for Field Day.

Here is the weekend planner.

**What:** Amateur Radio Field Day 2007

**When:** June 23-24, 2007

**Times:** Setup #1: Friday, June 22, 1800 local

Breakfast Saturday, June 23, 0800 local

Setup continues: 0915 local until noon or completion

Begin operation: 1400 local

Suspend operations: 1830 local for dinner

Breakfast: Sunday 0700 local

**Who:** Everyone! New hams, Old Hams, Wannabe Hams!!

FD 2007 T-Shirts are on order once again this year.

### Morse Runner Video

You tube video of that program that's was in the News Letter last month.

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=WTvXxzBC7EY>

### Around the Bands

Well it's been an interesting couple of months since my last article. 6 meters has finally opened and the first week or so was quite remarkable. I worked several new grids and made a tremendous amount of contacts for this early in the E Season. I have even worked some new countries, like Antiqua, Brazil and Panama. And I'm sitting here as I type this looking for YN2N in Nicaragua that has been spotted several time for another new one.

And believe it or not, I actually worked WY about two weeks ago, to complete the Worked All Lower 48 States on 6 meters. It was quite interesting how it came about. About a month ago, Connie, NG4C and I were talking to Danny, N5OMG, down in

LA late one night. During the QSO, Danny and I discussed the fact that neither of us had worked WY. We exchanged phone numbers and agreed to call each if we heard, worked or saw WY spotted. Less than a week later, I saw that N7HRO was being spotted working into the Gulf Coast area. So I called Danny and he went home and within 5 minutes had worked WY. Guess who didn't? So I kept trying but I also emailed Dennis, N7HRO and he agreed to listen for me when was on and he also gave me his cell #. About 2 1/2 weeks went by and I came in the shack late one evening and the first station I heard was in CO in DN7. DN70 is only 2 grids south of DN72, which is where Dennis lives. I called his cell and he was outside sipping Margaritas, but he came inside and after about 30 minutes we made the contact and the deal was done.

And it was a good thing too. About two weeks ago (6/4), we had a thunderstorm go through during the night and when I got up the next morning, the IC-736 (the 6 meter rig) was dead. So I sent it to the closest Icom repair center in SC. I got a call from them today (6/15) and it appears to not be terminal and I should have it back sometime next week.

Don't forget Field Day is coming up June 24-25 and try to make the next meeting, which is June 21, there will be some details still to work out for FD2007. Come out and help operate for a few hours and give someone else a break, and the foods is always great as well.

Ed/W4RVZ

### Kevin, N4OB's Latest Project

Here is my latest HF. It may not be too powerful but it sure does smell good.



Kevin, N4OB