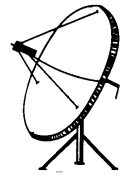




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Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, July 17, 2008, at 7:30 at COA building "C" room C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6pm.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:52pm by Ron, N4WYR.

There was one correction to the minutes.

The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Elections: the current slate was nominated for another year and voted in.

Dues of \$30.00 are due this month.

Field Day shirts will be royal blue with silver/gray lettering.

Field Day

- The menu will be fried fish, grilled pork chops and ham. Those coming to dinner are asked to bring sides or dessert.
- Rigs: Ed, Herman and Dave will bring HF rigs. Al will bring a 6m rig. Kerry and Tom will bring equipment for a solar station.
- Champ will take care of the message to the Section Manager for bonus points.
- Public Information: Zeb has taken care of this with press releases.
- An education activity (more bonus points) will be handled by George.
- Public officials have been invited.
- Herman will do the web submission after Field Day is over.
- Our call sign will be K4WO.
- Kids activities; Greg's kids will be there.

- Other equipment; everyone is asked to bring lights, power cords, power strips, fans, etc.
- We will meet at 6:00 Friday evening to erect antennas.
- Breakfast will be at 8:00am on Saturday morning at Golden Corral.

Skywarn training will be conducted at the next Columbia Emergency Repeater Association meeting in August.

Field Day Report

Once again TAARS performed very well for Field Day 2008. At newsletter printing the final score has not be tallied but here is the breakdown of contacts.

80 Phone 165; 40 Phone 88 ; 40 CW 228; 20 Phone 349; 20 CW 13; 15 Phone 148; 10 Phone 71; 6 Phone 159.

The bands were actually not that bad considering where we are in the sunspot cycle. Some "E" layer skip provided us with some good openings on 10 meters and 6 meters.

Heat was the negative factor for the entire weekend. Operators, loggers, and pit crew members were exhausted. Member turnout was light. We had some stations that actually were not operated for long periods of time.

Our TAARS Field Day dinner was great, and attendance was not bad considering the heat. The temps didn't slow down the cooks. George, KE4NBR and his crew put on a heck of a meal. We had fried catfish, hamburgers, bratwurst, fried potato chips, along with plenty of desserts and dishes member brought.

Thanks for all the hard work from everyone that participated. I hope next year the weather will be better and attendance will be back to normal.

Herman/NO4Y

Membership Dues

Our membership year begins in June. If you haven't paid you dues please take a moment to drop a check in the mail or bring then to the next meeting.

Herman/NO4Y



Jarvis Winslow, Emergency Management Coordinator, Perquimans County visited our Field Day site.



Crank up that key. Long live CW.



Zeb always aims high...



Getting ready; checking antennas



What a crew!



Another great dinner, by George.

Check the TAARS website for more pictures. Thanks to Rick, KC4EEA for all the pictures.

