



THE JUNKBOX



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WA4VTX Repeaters 146.655/444.300/147.330 PL 131.8 APRS 144.39

Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, JULY 16TH, 7:30 at COA building "C" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM.

Minutes from June 18, 2009 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Ron, N4WYR.

The Treasurer reported no activity.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the treasurer's report were approved.

Old Business

Dues was collected; \$30.00/ member. Members were reminded to please pay dues at Field Day, if not paid tonight.

QSL cards as invitations to Field Day, were sent out on Monday, 6/15/2009. Herman NO4Y verified the list, and approximately 30 were sent out.

New Business

The antenna on the UHF Repeater is in need of replacement. We are searching for a climber.

Field Day 2009 shirts are ordered. Please make your payment to Herman, NO4Y tonight, or at Field Day.

The Weather Radio, installed on the repeater by Greg N4QLD is working and will transmit the Weather Alert Tone and Weather Announcement for 90 seconds. The code to turn off is 880.

Hurricane Season has begun.

Field Day, 2009 was discussed:

Points for operating on generator power was discussed. It was decided to operate under generator power for transmitters. The generator has been started and checked.

Assignments were detailed in the June newsletter. In addition all were reminded to bring coolers, fans, deserts, and extension cords.

Tom WB1CZX was assigned to make up an Operator Schedule.

Kerry KD4CEB is bringing 4 laptop computers, 1 will serve as a back up.

The formal meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Champ K2IUN displayed and explained a Trilobite from the Cambrian Period (543 – 490 million years ago) that he acquired on vacation in the Dominican Republic.

Members present included: KJ4FIN, N4QLD, K4VHV, KE4NBR, KI4FHB, NO4Y, K2IUN, KG4SPH, KA2TQY, KC4EEA, N4TOK, WB4KZW, K4YF, KG4CAU, KD4CEB, N4WYR

SKYWARN NEWS

Jim KJ4FIN, Herman NO4Y, and Greg N4QLD met with Steve Crow of Wakefield SKYWARN on 7/9//2009. Steve went over our Area 7 progress, commented that we are doing well and encouraged us to keep up with the Training Nets. Steve also conducted a brief, informal session on radar interpretation and offered that an advanced spotter training is being considered, possibly in Edenton. The number of interested people will be a factor if and when the class is scheduled. If you are interested please call or email Jim KJ4FIN, 252 426 3764, jimb3944@embarqmail.com

Upcoming Events

July 18th 2009
TAARS sponsored VE testing session.
9 AM COA Building "C"
Contact no4y@arrl.net

August 8th 2009
CERA meeting
Golden Skillet restaurant 10 AM
Plymouth NC

Field Day Report

This year was one of the best field days TAARS has ever held. Attendance was exceptional. We had about 42 people in attendance for dinner on Saturday evening. Greg and George put together a wonderful field day meal barbecued chicken, HAM, hot dogs and hamburgers topped the dinner menu. The meal was great. Everyone that attended had a very nice time. The weather was very cooperative with humidity levels staying fairly low and temperatures not climbing near as high as they could have for the end of June.

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 119; 80 CW 3, 40 Phone 189 ; 40 CW 152; 20 Phone 415; 20 CW 85; 15 Phone 74; 10 Phone 3; 6 Phone 1. Total QSOs 1041

The bands were actually not that bad. With 20 meters remaining open most of the night. This year 10 and 6 meters both were fruitless however.

Thanks to everyone who contributed time and equipment this year. TAARS members are the best! You guys and gals make TAARS field days something to look forward to every year. Special thanks to Al, K4VHV, Greg, N4QLD, George, KE4NBR, Kerry KD4CEB, and Zeb, K4ZVM Your dedication, and hard work are greatly appreciated.

Herman/NO4Y



George, KE4NBR getting lunch ready

Photos by Rick, KC4EEA

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



TAARS 2009 FD Group (after lunch just before time to start operating)