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Next TAARS Meeting

Our next TAARS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 21st, 2016, 7:30 PM at the COA Building "c" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Coral at 6:00 PM.

Minutes

The club president, Ron, N4WYR, called the May meeting to order, approx. 7:30 PM.

Twenty-one (21) Amateur Radio Operators were present for the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting, May 2016, were approved.

Treasurer's report reviewed and approved.

Old Business

- Consensus on shirts and hats for Field Day.

New Business

- Scruff, K4SDL and Steve, KU4BY volunteered to be Field Day co-chairpersons.
- TAARS operating as 2A.
- Food will be BYOD (Bring your own dish).
- Elections deferred until July meeting.

Attendance

Joe Wright, W4UEB; Kerry Krauss, KD4CEB; Coleman Motes, KG4FSE; Stewart Braunagel, KM4APN; Steve Bontempo, KU4BY; Albert Onley, K4VHV; Herman Cox, NO4Y; Kelvin Roberson, N4APO; Dean Patsel, AK4TW; Robert Brown, KW4CO; Tim Ward, N9FNI; Ronnie Pippen, K4VRI; Rod Ramsey, KA2TQY; Scruff Harrison, K4SDL; Mike Cohoon, KB4TOH; Steve Kelly, K1RLU; Tom Ponte, WB1CZX; Charlie Pencinger,

KA2GXJ; Edgar Lambert, K4YF; Ron Thomas, N4WYR; Joseph Wallace, K4EIT

Meeting adjourned approx.. 8:30 PM.

Upcoming Events

- VE Testing Session - 23 July. is scheduled at COA. Contact Herman, NO4Y for details.

Field Day 2016

Field Day 2016 is now complete. The planning and preparations proved to be well spent. There were a few changes to Field Day this year due to limited participation; however, there was not a face without a smile! Lots of great contacts, plenty of wonderful side dishes to sample, and best of the all the good ole' HAM fellowship.

TAARS participated as a 2A group this year, which was fitting for the number of participants. Scruff, K4SDL brought the "mobile comms trailer" and the group also placed one position inside the screen tent under the bleachers. Thanks Scruff, K4SDL for the trailer and Kerry, KD4CEB for all the equipment at the 2nd position. Al, K4VHV and Steve, KU4BY brought some Arrow Antennas for a few satellite QSOs. This proved to be one the best memories of Field Day 2016. Nothing like running from the pesky bugs at midnight to track that satellite across the dark



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sky with the Arrow Antenna. Satellite QSOs were a wonderful addition to the already festive occasion.

Dinner for the TAARS family consisted of a little tailgate bbq and some dogs, burgers, and feathered fowl over the grill. Thanks to Scruff's crew for taking on the barbeque chore. I don't think anyone walked away hungry, and I even saw a few folks catching a burger on the tailgate. Yes Ronnie, K4VRI, we saw you with a dab of mustard on your mouth!

Overnight operations were extremely slim, but a big shout out to Steve, KU4BY and Zach, KM4APP for braving the bugs, humidity, and weak band conditions to keep K4WO on the air overnight. Whoop, whoop! That's how we do it guys and girls.

To all who brought lots of patience, understanding, and a can do spirit to Field Day 2016, we thank you! For those that could not make it, get it on your calendar for next year.

Most importantly, for the folks who made this all possible, a huge, hearty ham thanks to Steve, KU4BY and Scruff, K4SDL! Awesome job! Definitely one for the books.

One can only wonder what next year will bring. Could it be a 2000' horizontal loop? Maybe a 400' vertical on a weather balloon. How about no generator and only solar power? Time and the imagination of TAARS members can only tell.

Until next time fellow hams, get on the radio... and log some QSOs already!