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Next TAARS Meeting

Our **May 2017** TAARS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18th, 2017, 7:30 PM at the COA Building "c" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Coral at 6:00 PM.

Minutes

The club president, Al, K4VHV, called the April meeting to order, approx. 7:40 PM.

The Treasurers Report and Meeting Minutes were both read and approved.

Seventeen (17) Amateur Radio Operators were present for the meeting.

Old Business

- ❖ Tarwheel Century Bike Race coming up on Saturday, April 22nd and volunteers needed. Those who wish to help out can sign up with Herman, NO4Y.

New Business

- ❖ Tarwheel Century Bike Race net will be on the Columbia Repeater. Al will be net control.
- ❖ The request to use the Northeastern High School football field for Field Day this year has been submitted.
- ❖ The test session scheduled for 4/22 will go on as planned.

Attendance

Kerry Krauss, KD4CEB; Albert Onley, K4VHV; Ron Thomas, N4WYR; Steve Bontempo, KU4BY; Coleman Motes, KG4FSE; William Burden, WB4YNF; Ronnie Pippen, K4VRI; Herman Cox, NO4Y; Scruff Harrison, K4SDL; Steve Kelly, K1RLU; Tom Ponte, WB1CZX; Lacy Melton, KN4AKM; Dean Patsel, AK4TW; Stewart Braunagel, KM4APN; Greg Terranova, N4QLD;

Mike Cahoon, KB4TOH; and Joe Wright, W4UEB.

After the conclusion of the official portion of the meeting, Kerry, KD4CEB, gave a presentation on "Off the Grid" power sources such as Solar and Wind. It was as much a Show and Tell as it was a presentation as he had examples of power supplies, charge controllers, and light bulbs that worked off power sourced from the sun as seen below.



The informal portion of the meeting concluded approx. 9:05 PM.

4-22-2017 Test Session

The quarterly testing session was held on April 22nd 2017 at College of the Albemarle. The VE's who attended were Herman, NO4Y; Ron, N4WYR; and Joe, K4EIT.

Local hams Lacy Melton, KN4AKM and Eric Wood, KJ4YYU both upgraded from Technician to General Class. Manteo ham Steve Hanes passed his Technician and received his General Class license through credit for his expired license.

Thanks to the VE's for volunteering your time and Congrats to the hams who upgraded their licenses!



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2017 Tarwheel Century Bike Race

Once again, the Tarwheel Century Bike Race fell on the same day as our quarterly test session. Once again, we were spread a little thin but we managed to Handle everything gracefully.

Al, K4VHV did an outstanding job as net control this year while Ronnie, K4VRI took the reins later in the afternoon. Steve, KU4BY; Scruff, K4SDL; Tom, WB1CDX; and Steve, K1RLU were rovers. Not to be outdone, Ron, N4WYR sat in for the test session at COA and then helped out as a rover for the bike race afterwards! Thanks Ron!

It started out as a beautiful day and if I remember right, there were 70ish registered riders. Everyone made it out OK even if we did have some serious rain storms roll in through Camden in the afternoon.

Once again, thanks to all who participated in the events on one very busy Saturday in April!

PS. Sorry if I am forgetting anyone, I am not the world's best note taker and I was voted in as Club Secretary in abstention! ☐

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Our next testing session is scheduled for 9am July 22nd at COA. Contact Herman, NO4Y for more information.
- ❖ ARRL Field Day – June 24th/25th 2017.

If you have an idea for the newsletter or would like to submit your own article, send an email to ku4by@arrl.net.