



# THE JUNKBOX



## The Official Newsletter of The Albemarle Amateur Radio Society

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### Next TAARS Meeting

Our **August 2017** TAARS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17th, 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. 7:35 PM.

The Treasurers Report was read and approved.

### Old Business

- ❖ Field Day - Field Day comments; consensus was that it was good. Al had a comment on the antennas; that they were rather noisy as he had not put the line isolators in. Al also appointed Tom as a liaison to the Elizabeth City Fire Dept. It is hoped that next year, they will be able to hang our antenna ropes from the light poles. Joe noted that there was much noise on the radios from the generators w/ inverters. He said that was characteristic of that type of generator and that he would research filters that could be added to cut down on the noise.

### New Business

- ❖ There was a discussion on participating in Winter Field Day. (How you can call it WINTER down here, I'm not sure. If you want to do a winter FD, let's go north and participate in a Boy Scout's Klondike Derby). Joe said we should look at 5 - 6 events that the club could participate in, as a club. Herman noted that the North Carolina QSO Party does allow club participation.

### Attendance

Roster not available at this time.

- ❖ Kerry summarized our Field Day points.
- ❖ Al read a letter from the River City Cycling Club, thanking us for efforts with the Tarwheel Century and making a \$250 donation to the Club.
- ❖ The business portion of the meeting was closed at 8:14.

This was followed by a presentation by Joe on WSJT-X FT-8, another new digital mode that allows for faster sequencing than JT-65. He will provide more info through the club tomorrow.

### Upcoming Events

- ❖ Our next testing session is scheduled for 9am October 21st at COA. Contact Herman, NO4Y for more information.
- ❖ **There will be a Solar Eclipse QSO Party on 21 August, 2017. More information can be found at <http://www.hamsci.org/basic-project/2017-total-solar-eclipse>**

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