



THE JUNKBOX



The Official Newsletter of The Albemarle Amateur Radio Society

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Next TAARS Meeting

The March TAARS meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 15th. at COA room number 121B.

Minutes

The club president, Al, K4VHV, called the February meeting to order at 7:30 The January minutes and current treasures report were approved as read.

Old Business

- ❖ The minutes from our January meeting were approved as printed.
- ❖ Herman NO4Y gave a treasurers report.
- ❖ The TAARS hats were distributed with much "joy and happiness"

New Business

- ❖ Tom Yeager KN4ILC was voted to be JOTA coordinator. Tom and Joe will give a report at the March meeting on the February 14th meeting on the Scout outreach program.
- ❖ We had a discussion on upcoming NC QSO party activity..

The meeting was adjourned at 2045 Local Time.

. SKYWARN News

SKYWARN:

Basic Spotter Training will to be held at COA, May 8th at 6:00 – 9:00PM.

Everyone is welcome, Scruff, K4SDL, will be Co-Host. Please sign up and register below or at-

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1j5aZ_apcx5nL10i46-Qbx7gqINso6prDWtpViJghBAA/viewform?edit_requested=true

May 2018

5/8/2018 (Tue)	6 p m	Elizabeth City, NC (Pasquotank County)	Basic SKYWARN College of the Albemarle Building A, Room AE208 Click to Register for the Class

Note, NCO's who have not updated thru the website's additional training, are encouraged to attend.

NC QSO PARTY REPORT

Everyone had a great time at our first TAARS NC QSO Party event. The most I counted at any one time was 22 people. That was early afternoon. Although our QSO number were not so good everyone seemed to enjoy the event

Total Contacts = 213

CW 34

Phone 152

Digital 27

CERA Meeting Report

The quarterly NENC ARES and CERA meeting at Plymouth took place Feb 10

1. ARES: The ARRL has a new ARES certification program for ARES hams. See email from wv1x@arrl.org. The word from NCARES ARES Secretary Tom Brown N4TAB is that NC already has a working FEMA and NCEM endorsed certification system. The database is called NC AUXCOMM. AUXCOMM has been place for seven years and NCARES is going to wait and find



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out how the ARRL system works before changing over. As ARES EC for Pasquotank and Camden I totally agree with NCARES.

2. CERA New 2018 officers are the same as 2017. Dean AK4TW volunteered [by WB1CZX] to serve as director at large to replace outgoing Al Ryder KI4BQI. We thank Al for his service to CERA and to Dean for helping with CERA.

Kerry KD4CEB CERA president 2018

Upcoming Events

- ❖ Our next testing session is scheduled for 9am April 21st, 2018 at COA. Contact Herman, NO4Y for more information.
- ❖ Raleigh ARC hamfest Saturday March 31st at State Fair grounds.
- ❖ Virginia QSO Party 17th and 18th of March.
- ❖ Tar Wheel Century Bike event April Saturday April 14, 2018

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