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Next TAARS Meeting

The March TAARS meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 19th. at COA room number 121B.

Minutes

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

Old Business

- ❖ Discussion on TarWheel Bike event. We need more rovers. More discussion on what to do and expect during the event.

Kerry, KD4CEB; Gave an excellent demo on the Rig Expert TDR Bridge, with Antennas, Cables and obstacles within, using the proverbial "Needle in the Haystack (Cable)". Al, K4VHV; provided the Needle.

Attendance:

Albert Onley, K4VHV; Ron Thomas, N4WYR; Scruff Harrison, K4SDL; Greg Terranova; Mike Cohoon, KB4TOH; William Burden, WB4YNF; Charlie Pencinger, KA2GXJ; Eric Forslund, N8XT; Rebecca Forslund, KN4IKV; Jack Inskip, KN4IKY; Champ Cox, K2IUN; Cynthia Cox, KG4SPH; Tom Ponte, WB1CZX; Coleman Motes, KG4SFE; Joe Wallace, K4EIT; Kerry Krauss, KD4CEB; Steve Kelly, K1RLU; Zack Vestal, KM4APP; Kathy Tayla(sp), KN4IKT; Ronnie Pippen, K4VRI; with Guest Bobby MaStrianni.

The meeting was adjourned at 2055 Local Time.

TarWheel Century Report

Tar Wheel Century 2018 Bike Ride took place Saturday April 14th. Camden High School served as

home base. 288 riders participated. The weather was good and all went well!

Once again TAARS was glad to offer support

I opened the support net using the club call NC4EC at 0800 Columbia 146.835 was the primary repeater for the event. Hertford 147.330 served as a backup. The ride area was north up to Shawboro in Currituck County and south to Texas near Old Trap in Camden County. There were just a few spots where Columbia and the rover mobile systems and net control's poor ears did not quite make for clear com but with repeats and repositioning all worked out good. I closed the net exactly at 17:00 when support was scheduled to end as Scruff K4SDL lead the last three riders into the high school parking lot ;-)

Thanks goes out to Al K4VHV super-ham!, Jack KN4IKY(portable who later helped Marty), rover Eric N8XT and his nav Rebecca KN4IKY, rover Marty K1JET, rover Ronnie K4VRI(sorry about not capturing a sweet potato biscuit for you- they went so fast I did not get one either), rover Tom WB1CZX with Steve K1RLU to watch over Tom and of course Scruff K4SDL as super-rover!

TNX to the other hams behind the scene for organizing and checking in to volunteer if we needed more help.

Several members of the bike club and multiple riders all thanked us for the fine support!

// **Kerry KD4CEB**

ISS PASS SSTV PICTURE

During the 20:00 NE NC Repeater Net last Thursday 04/12 Scruff K4SDL from lower Camden said the ISS was transmitting slow scan TV this week and then James KJ4SHO from east Pea Ridge said that the ISS had a visible pass during/after the net. I already had my shack PC up



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and on the Internet so I quickly checked Heavens-Above for ISS passes and there it was - starting at 20:29 til 20:35 from SW at 53 degrees up. I quickly patched my IC207 speaker into my PC mike jack and tuned to 145.800 and started the MMSSTV program I had installed back when K4VHV showed us SSTV. There it is! a pix of Space Station Salut-6 1977-1982 from RSOISS. Amazingly clear for using an omni Diamond antenna up at only 20 feet with some pine trees between

Field Day June 23rd and 24th

// KD4CEB



Upcoming Events

Our next testing session is scheduled for 9am April 21st, 2018 at COA. Contact Herman, NO4Y for more information.