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## Official Newsletter of The Albemarle Amateur Radio Society

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### Next TAARS Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15th 2018, at COA, in Room FC121B.

### Minutes

The club vice-president, Tom KN4ILC, called the September meeting to order, approx. 7:34 PM.

The Treasurers Report was read and approved.

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

### Old Business

Regarding the subject of Event Coordinator, a motion was made and passed to assign one ad hoc, using different individual's talents, abilities and interests per event.

The ongoing discussion of a portable club station continues. Al, K4VHV, gave a presentation on the Eagle One mast and tripod antenna system, utilizing wire for HF and a Diamond-50 for VHF/UHF.

Generators were discussed. While it was determined that most members had a generator, it is probable that they would not be available in an emergency, and/or they are of the loud construction variety. Discussion was had about buying one or two stackable inverter generators and keeping them at the EOC or a club trustee's residence.

Tom, WB1CZX, gave an informative demonstration of his self-contained to-go station.

Herman, NO4Y is updating the club's roster. Please email TAARS.US to make any updates of your contact information.

### New Business

**This month's discussion topic:  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PLAN**

Two motions were passed: to buy one portable antenna system not to exceed \$300, and to donate \$250 to William Burden with Carolina Communications to show appreciation for all that he does for TAARS.

Discussion items included a starting 10M net for Techs and reviving digital Thursday. Also, KOPIR YouTube videos were recommended to learn about POTA and other ham topics.

Telegram has become a useful comms tool- download now!

### Upcoming Events

JOTA, Oct 19-21 at Chowan Co. Fairgrounds.  
POTA/Community Day, Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at Dismal Swamp Rest Area. K4WO callsign offered for use.  
POC for both events is Thom Yeager, KN4ILC.

Next TAARS VE testing session will be held on Oct 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Herman for more information. [No4y@arrl.net](mailto:No4y@arrl.net)

### Attendance

Albert Onley, K4VHV; Ron Thomas, N4WYR; Steve Kelly, K1RLU; Herman Cox, NO4Y; Tom Ponte, WB1CZX; Thom Yeager, KN4ILC; Connor Yeager, KN4ILA; Tim Ward, N9FNI, Tracey Pajer, KN4LXN; Eric Forslund, N8XT, Rebecca Forslund, KN4IKV; David Sharber, AJ4NV; Charlie Pencinger, KA2GXJ; Phil Shullo, KI4LJP; Mike Cohoon, KB4TOH; Edgar Lambert, K4YF; Ronnie Phippen, K4VRI.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 Local Time.