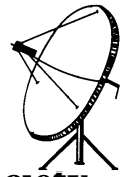




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<http://www.taars.us>

WA4VTX Repeaters 146.655/444.300/147.330 PL 131.8 APRS 144.39

### Next TAARS Meeting

Our next scheduled TAARS meeting is slated for Thursday, **February 17, 2011 7:00PM at COA building "C" C109**. Our dinner location is the Golden Corral at 6PM. **Please note the temporary time change for this meeting.**

### TAARS Regular Meeting January 20, 2011

#### Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 by President Dave/AJ4NV

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted  
The treasurer's report was read and accepted

#### Old Business

Update on K4ZVM:

Zeb continues to receive treatment at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. A benefit on February 4, 2011 is being organized by Corinth Baptist Church 1035 S US 17, Elizabeth City 27909. Information can be obtained by calling Ruth Long at 335 2078.

#### New Business

Audio Problems have been reported on the VHF repeater. Herman NO4Y and Albert K4VHV will investigate the problem along with William, and resolve as appropriate.

A question was raised if wind turbine towers, erected to the west of the Wal-Mart site may impact radio performance in the area. Discussion concluded that the towers should create no problem.

The Ham Of The Year Award, announced at the annual Christmas party, was presented to Mike KB4TOH in recognition of "...your willingness to help others by sharing your technical expertise and for your continued support and promotion of Amateur Radio".

All were encouraged to visit the newly reconstructed TAARS web site and offer comments and suggestions to Terry WB4FXD.

Ron N4WYR commented on issues and workarounds for UI-View/APRS software under Windows 7.

In Attendance: KJ4FIN JimB, KD4CEB Kerry, N4QLD Greg, KD8BLQ Brad, KB4TOH Mike, K4VHV Al, KI4BQI Albert, KG4SPP Katina, AJ4NV David, NO4Y Herman, KG4SPH Cynthia, K2IUN Champ, WB1CZX Tom, WB4FXD Terry, N4WYR Ron, W4MUZ ED, KE4NBR George, KI4EIX John, KU4BY Steve

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58

Following the meeting KD4CEB Kerry made a presentation on Alternate Energy Concepts that included an explanation and comparison of solar and wind technologies. Handouts contained

further information on design, site requirements, wiring and an explanation of the Supergrid.

### TAARS January VE Session Report

We had 4 candidates for the January session. I'm very glad to report all 4 were successful. We had 3 new licenses issued 2 were Technicians class and 1 General class plus one upgrade to General. Congratulations to all that attended.

Participating Examiners were:

KD4CEB, Kerry  
KU4BY, Steve  
K4VHV, Al  
N4WYR, Ron  
NO4Y, Herman

### Upcoming events

NC QSO Party Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and Feb 28<sup>th</sup>

<http://www.w4nc.com/2011ncqsoparty.html>

Raleigh Hamfest April 23<sup>rd</sup> Raleigh NC <http://rars.org/hamfest/>  
NO4Y

### SKYWARN News

Steve Crow will conduct a SKYWARN Net Control Station (NCS) operator training session after the TAARS meeting on Thursday 2/17/2011. **Please note the temporary time change for this meeting.**

This will be a refresher session for existing NCS operators, and will also serve as new NCS operator training for any qualified member. All non-NCS operator members are encouraged to remain for this session and become familiar with this valuable Amateur Radio community service. Additional information is available at <http://training.wx4akq.org/>

NWS Wakefield and NWS Newport will conduct an Advanced SKYWARN Spotter training on Thursday 3/17/2011 at the Public Safety Center in Edenton NC. The session will begin at 6:00 pm. A recent Basic spotter class is a prerequisite for this training. Details and registration instructions can be found at <http://www.erh.noaa.gov/er/akq/spotterinfo/skywarn.htm>