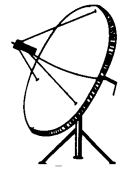




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Next TAARS Meeting

Our next TAARS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 19th, 2014, 7:30 PM at the COA Building "c" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Coral at 6:00 PM.

Minutes

The club vice president, Ron N4WYR, called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting, April 2014, were approved. The Treasurer's report for the last 2 months was given by Herman NO4Y and approved.

Three visitors were present, Steve Kelly, K1RLU; Coleman Motes, KG4FSE; and Jason Tallman.

Old Business

- Next testing session scheduled for 19 July.
- Review ARES meeting.
- Review Skywarn Spotter training.
- Review of the recent activity on the TAARS Thursday digital net.
- Only 1 gas receipt received for Tar Wheel Century bike event.

New Business

- Letter should be sent to NWS for appreciation of local Skywarn training.
- Discussion of hat and shirt order for Field Day. Email to club members with survey to place orders.
- Discussion of Field Day activities. Reviewed station setups, food, tents, and generators.
- Elections for new officers held, and results are: Ron, N4WYR as President; Ronnie, KD4VRI as Vice President; Herman, NO4Y as Treasurer; and Joe, K4EIT as Secretary.
- Al, K4VHV, was presented an award for Net Control of the TAARS Repeater Net.
- Decision made to buy additional screen tent, club owns 2, and 3 are required.

Attendance

Scruff Harrison, KK4SDL; Al Onley, K4VHV; Tom Wilson, KK4WQG; Tom Ponte, WB1CZX; Greg Terranova, N4QLD; Herman Cox, NO4Y; Mike Cohoon, KB4TOH; Terry Simonds, WB4FXD; Albert Ryder, KI4BQI; Katina Ryder, KG4SPP; Cynthia Cox, KG4SPH; Champ Cox, K2IUN; Joe Wright, W4UEB; Ron Thomas, N4WYR; Joe Wallace, K4EIT.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at approximately 8:35 PM.

ARRL National Convention

The ARRL National Centennial Convention is July 17-19 at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, Connecticut.

How Low Can you Go?

(ARRL Newsletter, 12 June 2014)

A signal on 8.971 kHz has spanned the Atlantic, from North Carolina to the UK. Running on the order of 150 μ W effective radiated power, very low frequency (VLF) experimenter Dex McIntyre, W4DEX, transmitted signals on June 2 and 3 that were detected by Paul Nicholson, an SWL in the UK.

Field Day 2014

Field Day will be last weekend in June, 28&29.

Secretary notes from May 2014 TAARS Meeting:

Facility is reserved per Herman. Thanks!

Club shirts will have Call Sign on the sleeve.

Herman / Greg will pick color for shirts.

Hats will be ordered in addition to shirts.

Discussed 4 possible stations, but not decision made at meeting.

Tables needed for dinner, plus operator positions.

Members encouraged to bring chairs for dinner.

Herman will check into table and chair rental.

Ideas for the Newsletter?

Contact Joe, K4EIT via K4EIT@arrl.net with any ideas, articles, etc. for the club newsletter.