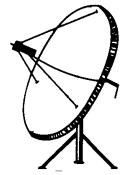




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WA4VTX Repeaters 146.655 / 444.300 / 147.330 PL 131.8 APRS 144.39

Next TAARS Meeting

Our next TAARS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 21st, 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 7:39 PM.

The minutes of the previous meeting, June 2014, were approved. Minor corrections noted.

Treasurer's report was reviewed, and approved.

One visitor were present, Bud Reynolds, KD5TMV.

Old Business

- Club dues, still collecting from Field Day.
- Next ARES Quarterly meeting in August.

New Business

- Club to get table for VA Beach Hamfest.
- HR-4969 and ARRL suggested actions.
- Digital Thursdays to resume in September/October.
- Addition of Sprint contests for club members.

Attendance

Ron Thomas, N4WYR; Champ Cox, K2IUN; Cynthia Cox, KG4SPH; Albert Ryder, KI4BQI; Katina Ryder, KG4SPP; David Sharber, AJ4NV; Rod Ramsey, KA2TQY; Gene Cummings, WB4KZW; Stewart Braunagel, KM4APN; Cameron Tabor, KK4WDA; Al Onley, K4VHV; Tom Ponte, WB1CZX; Tom Wilson, N8GUN; Coleman Motes, KG4FSE; Scruff Harrison, KK4SDL; Ronnie Pippen, KD4VRI; Greg Terranova, N4QLD; Herman Cox, NO4Y; Kerry Krauss, KD4CEB; Joe Wallace, K4EIT.

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

Upcoming events:

Shelby Hamfest, August 30th and 31st Shelby NC

Virginia Beach Hamfest September 6th. TAARS has a rented members table, all welcome.

TAARS sponsored VE testing Session is on October 18th at COA, contact Herman, NO4Y

Repeater Information:

TAARS repeaters have been plagued for the past month or so with problems.

July: 147.330 repeater system weather radio failed. Modified and replaced with new weather radio. Thanks Greg, N4QLD. Problem resolved.

July: Main Power supply failed (50 amp Astron) Replaced with spare. Thanks, Mike KB4TOH who repaired it. Problem resolved

July: 144.390 NC4EC APRS node transmitter failed. Replaced transceiver. Problem resolved. Thanks Kerry, KD4CEB

August: 444.300 amplifier failed. Main fuse had fatigued. Problem resolved

August: 146.655 internal Power supply failed. Moved to main power supply. Problem resolved.

August: 444.300 and 146.655 backup battery failed. Battery replaced (warranty). Problem resolved.

Herman/NO4Y