



# THE JUNKBOX



## The Official Newsletter of The Albemarle Amateur Radio Society

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### Next TAARS Meeting

Our next TAARS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 16th, 2014, 7:30 PM at the COA Building "c" C109. Our dinner location is the Golden Coral at 6:00 PM.

### Minutes

The club president, Ron N4WYR, called the September meeting to order at 7:30PM.

The minutes of the previous meeting, August 2014, were approved.

Treasurer's report was reviewed, and approved.

### Old Business

- HR-4969 continued discussion
- Virginia Beach Hamfest discussion.

### New Business

- Digital Thursdays to resume in October, with initial sessions for RTTY and macros.
- RTTY Digital Session scheduled for 25 Sept 2014.
- Addition of Sprint contests for club members, proposed rules presented at October meeting.
- VE Session scheduled for 18 October 2014.

### Attendance

Scruff Harrison, K4SDL; Edgar Lambert, K4YF; Greg Terranova, N4QLD; Ronnie Pippen, K4VRI; Al Onley, K4VHV; Ron Thomas, N4WYR; Albert Ryder, KI4BQI; Katina Ryder, KG4SPP; Gary Lawrence, KK4WDB; Ed Muzzulin, W4MUZ; Ray Wood, WB4MQM; Eric Wood, KJ4YYU; Coleman Motes; KG4FSE; Tom Ponte, WB1CZX; Tom Wilson, N8GUN; Steve Kelly, K1RLU; Herman Cox, NO4Y; Terry Simonds, WB4FXD; Dean Patsel, AK4TW; Mike Cohoon, KB4TOH; Joe Wallace, K4EIT.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn at approximately 8:05 PM.

Mike, KB4TOH presented the CERA Linking System and UHF Backbone. Very informative and well done Mr. Mike !!

### Upcoming events:

*by Herman, NO4Y:*

October 18th TAARS VE testing session 9am at COA contact [no4y@arrl.net](mailto:no4y@arrl.net).

October 18th Feld Hell Sprint (2 hours).

Scouting's 57<sup>th</sup> Jamboree On the Air (JOTA) on 18-19 October.

November 8th 10-10 International digital contest

### ARRL Updates:

ARRL Adopts Mobile Amateur Radio Op Policy  
AARRL presents an interesting, and important position, on the use of amateur radio while operating a motor vehicle. Be cautious fellow hams, and use common sense.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-executive-committee-adopts-mobile-amateur-radio-operation-policy>

### DX Cluster:

Do you know what the DX Cluster can do for you? Have the DX Cluster running in your shack? There will be a short presentation on the system at the October meeting. Followed by some 'real world' use during our next Digital Session on 23 October.

### HOT!! JT-65 Action on HF:

*comments by Scruff, K4SDL, an adhoc interview:*

Scruff reports the action on 10M has been very good for JT65. Lot's of new contacts, with Australia and New Zealand added to his log. Also, the super antenna farm is progressing nicely. New 20 ft. tower is in the works.

We hope to hear more updates from Scruff's shack in the near future.



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### **TAARS Christmas Party:**

The jolly ole' season is almost upon us again! So string up the lights, decorate the prickly pine, and get ready for another TAARS Christmas fest! If anyone knows how to celebrate a Ham Holiday Fest.. it surely is the TAARS Gang, and family. Be sure to watch for the date, and save it for your calendar.

### **Your article "should" be here! :**

Yep, calling all articles, again.. good, bad, funny, or sad!! Send 'em in. Just like 'Ditry Jobs' and Mike Rowe, we're quickly running out of filler. You'll just have to listen to the rants and raves of the lunatic editor.

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73!