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TARA TATTLER



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February/March 2005

Minutes of the TARA Business Meeting - 11 January 2005

by *Tim Gardner, N9LF, Secretary*

Members in attendance:

Greg Dean, N9NWO
Tim Gardner, N9LF
Curt Sherwin, WB9SWD
Bruce Stewart, N9GKE

Bob Lusby, K9FOH
John Parker, KC4YGO
Steve Van Frank, W9TN
Alex Younts, KC9CYK

Tom Kuespert, K9KF
Bob Martin, W9YE
Jay Welsh, KC9AFE
Randy Young, KC9BFS

The meeting was called to order at 19:30 by N9GKE.

The minutes of the December 2004 meeting were read. K9FOH moved to accept the minutes and K9KF seconded. Motion passed.

The December Treasurers report shows income of \$71.71 and expenses of \$88.27 with a closing balance of \$8817.42. K9FOH moved to accept the report. K9KF seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business

The January banquet will take place at the Golden Corral (SR26E, near Target) on January 26 at 6:00pm. A side room is reserved for our use.

New Business

Club officer elections were held. Volunteer candidates for office were:

President: Curtis Sherwin, WB9SWD
Vice-President: Greg Dean, N9NWO
Secretary: Alex Younts, KC9CYK
Treasurer: John Parker, KC4YGO

As no office was contested, the slate of candidates was accepted by general acclamation. Congratulations to the new crew.

Meeting adjourned at 19:52.



*** CLASSIFIED ***

Wanted: HF SSB transmitter (not a transceiver) such as a Drake, Hallicrafters, or Johnson. Want to mate it with a Drake R-8B receiver. Also looking for a Heathkit HX-30 six-meter SSB transmitter. Not interested in a restoration

project. Bob, k9foh, 477-1280

Wanted: QRP and six-meter equipment. Always interested in models that I have not used before as well as old favorites. k9foh, 477-1280

Kit building service: Will build any of the Elecraft transceivers and/or accessories for a

nominal fee. Special price for Senior Citizens and anyone with a physical disability. You purchase the items you want and I will build it for you. You must include the pre-wound toroids. Have built two K-2s, two-K-1s, one KX-1 and most of the accessories for these units.
Bob, k9foh, 477-1280

Business Meeting:
2nd Tuesday of each month
at 7:30 p.m.

Program Meeting:
4th Wednesday of each
month at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:
Tippecanoe County
Chapter of the Red Cross
111 S. 7th Street
Lafayette, IN 47901

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February 2005

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North American
Sprint, SSB

TARA Business
Meeting, 7:30 pm

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North American
Sprint, CW

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19 ARRL Inter-
national DX Con-
test, CW

20 ARRL Inter-
national DX Con-
test, CW

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TARA Program
Meeting, 7:30 pm

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26 North
American QSO
Party, RTTY

27 North
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Schedule of Events

- February 6: North American Sprint, SSB, 0000Z-0400Z
- February 8: TARA Business meeting, Red Cross, 7:30 p.m.
- February 13: North American Sprint, CW, 0000Z-0400Z
- February 19-20: ARRL International DX Contest, CW
- February 23: TARA Program meeting, Red Cross, 7:30 p.m.
- February 26-27: North American QSO Party, RTTY

TARA Birthdays

K9FGX	February 1
WB9SBV	February 6
WB9CZC	February 19
WB9USL	February 23

March 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 ARRL International DX Contest, SSB
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13 North American Sprint, RTTY	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Schedule of Events

- March 5-6: ARRL International DX Contest, SSB
- March 8: TARA Business meeting, Red Cross, 7:30 p.m.
- March 13: North American Sprint, RTTY, 0000Z-0400Z
- March 23: TARA Program meeting, Red Cross, 7:30 p.m.
- March 26-27: CQ Worldwide WPX Contest, SSB

TARA Birthdays

KC4YGO	March 1
N9SUD	March 18
K9KF	March 24
WB9SWD	March 25
N9XTL	March 28
WA9TGO	March 28

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Peter I Island DXpedition 3Y0X Update

Date: February 12, 2005

www.peterone.com

All of the 3Y0X team members have now assembled in Ushuaia, Argentina. Four of the European operators arrived in Ushuaia on Friday, Feb. 11, bringing the total number of assembled members to twenty.

As most of you know, the team had to shift its staging area from Punta Arenas, Chile to Ushuaia, Argentina. The sea container full of the team's supplies had to be moved through the complex customs process and then overland trucking arranged to move the container. The container is due to arrive in Ushuaia on Saturday, Feb. 12. This change in point of embarkation also resulted in the need to re-evaluate our propane fittings and change our food supply source. These have been very busy days for the team.

The ship is fueled and ready to make its way from Comodoro Rivadavia to Ushuaia to pick up the team and load their supplies.

The helicopter company shocked the team by substituting a different, smaller helicopter and delaying its availability by six days. We are now in the process of contract negotiations with two other helicopter charter companies. This is our remaining hurdle.

If we are unable to sail to Peter I by the middle of next week due to the helicopter situation, we will likely postpone until next year. However, at this time we still have options and we remain optimistic. Meanwhile the team is enjoying the incredibly beautiful weather in Tierra del Fuego and the hospitality of the local hams.

