

South Alabama Radio Club

January 17, 2008

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm. By President Pat Henagan
John made motion to accept. Bob Seconded, motion carried.

Members and Visitors in attendance included:

John – KE4HIE

Chris-KI4GGH

Lehn – KF4CTA

Tip – KE7GYO

Mary Ann – KE7GYP

Clay-KI4ONH

Robert – KI4ONI

George – KI4RNQ

Wayne – W4WEA

Stephen – KI4YKS

Bob – KI4RWL

Bob-W5RE

Tony-KI4PPB

Billy-KE4UAD

Pat – KG4LNX

Sam, John, and Katrina and Bryce also present.

Everyone was given sign in sheet with instructions given by Pat Henagan to please fill out and list any Program Ideas for the upcoming year.

The above is the list of sign In's. But nobody filled out program list.

Minutes from December Meeting.

Minutes Read from Previous meeting Supplied by Tim Trent.

Presented by Jeff Mills.

Treasurer's Report:

No activity last month, still \$416.10

Old Business

Pat H. told members Club dues are to be paid before January 31st.

See Andalusia Repeater Progress Report Below.

Executive Committee Meeting Report

The Executive meeting minutes were discussed by Pat Henagan

Copy of the Executive Committee Report are attached to these minutes .

Repeaters:

Andalusia

It was also mentioned that the club needs to get the 147.260 repeater back in a useable condition. Currently has 15 watts out of duplexers.

Club needs to plan an antenna Climber to check feedline and antenna. The club has some CATV cable behind Joes shop and a 2-bay antenna for testing. We need to contact someone about climbing tower. E.Y Mock & Steve Mullins (who works with E.Y.) has done some work with the Opp ARC In the past both now have doctors orders not to climb. Several Names were Mentioned No Action Taken at this time .John and Pat would check into available climbers and try to coordinate the next needed actions to Fix the 2.8 swr problem and the weak rx/tx issues. also mentioned that an antenna bracket was

removed from tower when the feedline was installed and needs to be reinstalled.

Opp Repeater

Bob L. Gave report that it seems weak in remote areas other than that it has had good contacts with enhancements in surrounding states repeaters. Also they are having up coming classes Feb. 9,2008 and testing Feb. 16 ,2008. Later in Meeting Bob L. discussed the use of the amateur radio mailing list that we try to keep mailings related to amateur radio topics and try not to have political issues .

Crestview

Bob S. Gave report Still getting the beacon noise on weak signals in the repeater. Otherwise working ok.

Brewton

Chris J. Gave report doing fine . Brought up some city stations freq. would soon be digital. Also Metioned that Monroeville echo link event Tue. At 8pm .

440 repeater

Clay B. Gave report that still waiting for tower crew to intall hard line and antenna and more equipment needed due to crystals not operating and operating off no funding still in hold position.

Committee Reorts

John Brown ,Emergency Coordinator –Gave report that he would try to revise and update red cross action plans and Shelter listings and bring copies back at later meeting.

John gave 2 copies of testing of Equipment at the Eoc they are attached to these minutes. He gave an report of the coverage now is far better than past coverage that Eoc has had. The work that was done by Tower Crew was installing New antenna & fix diapole To be raised and lowered at 55'. Also John B. asked for those who had interest in helping in emergency planning testing and etc. to please contact him or Eoc to plan a tour of the Radio room and equipment layouts and procedures in that facility so that in the event of emergency we have a back up people to help John B. in case the situation require Days or Weeks we can have enough operators to provide shifts.

Also Discussed was the Spotter Class John said they next available class was March 20, 2008 at 6pm.

Program Committee

Bob L. Discussed the benefits of the club being ARRL Members.He discussed like the Repeater Ins. Event Ins, Etc. We had 9 ARRL Members present .

Bob L. also wanted us to have more activities in the future like Spotter class and messange handling classes also have echo link and psk-31 and Set Classes and to have things looked at and up dated like the staff-Gauges at bridges and go and have excersises

using Eoc equipment to give them live field testing for effect and Range. Bob L. also wanted us all to have Info on how to make and keep ready Go kits for these events.

Bob L. Also Discussed us thinking about equipment tail gate sale or Auction if the club wanted to be talked about in future meetings..

New business:

Amateur Radio Classes scheduled for 01/09/2008 and testing 01/16/2008 at Opp Library by OARC.

John B. mentioned he would try soon to head up an email format newsletter in the future would let us know.

Pat H. Took calendar that Jeff M. Brought and they are going to try to make a Sarc planning Calendar to have at meetings for preplanning to try to not have conflicts with other events. Like discussion of planning picnic to be in spring instead of Fall and to plan out events in advance to help attendance.

Pat H. also urged Members to think about making a readiness Folder that would be made out of a d-ring binder which would have tabbed dividers for Freq. Sections By laws section, and emergency plan also band plan to have in our go kit.

Jeff M brought up and Pat H. mentioned that much needed monthly volunteers to call the NCS SARC 2-Meter Net and John B. volunteered to finish out January.

Tony B. asked about links for home brew Antenna projects and Bob S. told us to try AC6V.com for Amateur radio formulas for antennas Etc.

John B. brought up about the echo Lunar experiment this weekend the 18th and 19th to listen on 6.7925 & 7.4075 if anyone wanted more info about times and dates let John B. Know and he would email Info.

Also in New business Pat H. passed out a hand out sheet that Tim Trent and he had been discussing about letting the local community know that SARC is active.

Club Members Wants and Needs

Steve S. Brought up he needed help in Building a 2-Meter Antenna at his house.

Bob S Urged us to all to have build your own classes and for us to try to build some type of equipment and talk with it this year

Adjourn

Pat H. adjourn Meeting at 8:05pm

