

May Meeting – 05/20/2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. John welcomed our visitor Dr. Mike Wells, WD4ALL introductions were then made. Minutes were then approved after corrections were made. Pat made the motion and Tim seconded the motion. There was no treasury report as there was no treasurer present. Last official report was on January 21, 2010. At that time there was \$637.00 in the bank. Post office is being checked weekly. John will get in touch with Wayne about our treasurer's status.

Repeaters—Bob has tackled the repeater amp that covers our frequency. Voltage from repeater power supply is 15+ volts. With 100 watts out it is drawing 15 amps with 60 it is drawing 12. Bob has also checked cans and they are out of band so Bob will need to reconfigure and retest the cans. We could put repeater back using separate antennas.

Crestview – Bob has been told that the 36 repeater has been moved to D-Star repeater antenna to get rid of strobe noise. They have taken the D-Star repeater to the 36 antenna.

Opp—John used it coming home from west Alabama. It seemed to hilltop as far as Evergreen. From the intersection of 31 and 84 to Andalusia there is no problems. Can be used as far East as Enterprise.

Hamfest—May 1st 2010, good job Greenville, only problem saw was too many vendors. Tim and Dr. Wells attended the Dayton Hamfest and said that you could get most anything that you would want at this hamfest. Tim said that if he went back he would buy an emergency antenna.

Old Business—none

New Business—Domain for Web page has run out and needs to be renewed. John will check with Jeff Mills about getting in touch with Clay about getting the domain. Pat said that he would talk to Clay also.

Field Day—this is always the 4th full weekend in June. Pat has called Mr. Watson the number is 334-388-0342. Malcolm and Pat have already gotten their reservations. The spaces are \$12--\$14. There are twenty-five to thirty spaces at the camp. Due to the oil spill, Malcolm called John and asked if Catfish would be alright for the Friday night meal. Jr. will probably not be there due to health problems.

The SARC Field Day will be a 2-alpha station. We will use batteries and have a generator as a back up to charge batteries. Invite our local law officers and politicians to come by to visit. Set a goal, put out psa's one to two weeks before event. Main goal is have fun and be well fed.

To acquire bonus points we need public service officials and media personnel. Some things offered to help the public with an interest were to have printed cards that we could give out with our contact information. We need to have an educational activity such as antenna building..... If a GOTA station is used. It will require a dedicated call sign.

Meeting adjourned.