

# SOUTH ALABAMA RADIO CLUB

September 18, 2008

**Call to order:** By Pat Henagan KG4LNX at 7:06 pm

**Welcome members and visitors :** Pat Henagan KG4LNX welcomed Members and visitors.

Jeff Mills KI4QBT Pat Henagan KG4LNX John Brown KE4HIE  
Zack Brown Mike Dixon W4JZZ Nickie Alday KI4YKR  
Wayne Alday W4WEA George Wheeler KI4RNQ Bob Lawrence KI4RWL  
Bob Sullivan W5RE Tim Trent KI4JDV Michael Vigor KJ4DPX

**Reading of minutes from previous meeting :** Bob Lawrence KI4RWL made Motion to the Minutes handed out with two corrections. Tim Trent made a second **Treasurer's report :** Given by Wayne Alday of \$510.00

**Old business:** John Brown KE4HIE Had been talking to Bill in Elmore County about a 4 bay antenna that we maybe able to get to use for a back up antenna when Repeater is looked at .Mike Dixon W4JZZ said he would make plans to pick if John Brown KE4HIE needed him to at next Troy Meeting.

Repeater reports

**Opp repeater:** Bob Lawrence gave report Echo link is down Signal is good

**Crestview repeater :**Bob Sullivan Gave report No change- D Star Coming

**Chris Johns Repeater-** N/A

**Brewton repeater-**N/A

**Andalusia repeater :** No change still waiting on Climber to Find Problem

## Committee Reports

John Brown Covington County Emerg. Communications Coordinator

1. Grant money for ham equipment at EOC all equipment has been bought and installed and tested and Antenna are left disconnected and ready to hook up and turn on one power supply to make all radios ready for service.
2. EMA plan waiting to be updated.

**Program Committee** Bob Lawrence Presented (SOB V Pictures) by the way of power point projector slide show as Pat Henagan gave us info about the Balloon Launch went 68,684 feet . was launched at 7:05 am Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 the flight went

1 ¼ hours Flight was success and they had no damage to equipment and great in flight photo's.

**New Business** John Brown had made suggestion for FOX hunt 3-6 pm on Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 2008 and a picnic at 1 pm that same day. He mentioned that the State EMA SET was planned for Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> 2008 John Suggested to do ours Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 2008 the same day as picnic and He would test and monitor at Ema during the SET

**Any unique or long distance contacts made by group?**

N/A But Special Events Station Up coming by Oarc Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 2008-at Opp Fest Montgomery Hamfest Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 2008

Bob Sullivan brought up that Chayne has been a member of NOARC for several years...now is the club Secretary..... and with the assistance and prodding of many club members...

he completed his Eagle Review this week and will have his official induction ceremony early in October.

Chayne's project was building some high gain RDF antenna's for the Crestview Fire Department and the Okaloosa County Emergency Services to use with their (just below 220mhz) Project Lifesaver receivers.

Project Lifesaver provides a small wrist band transmitter to Alzheimer patients so if they were to wander away from home, or otherwise get lost the Project Lifesaver Equipment can be used to find them.

The 3 element hand held RDF antenna's from the manufacturer have a couple of blocks range. His 4 element design had a much better coverage area.

Bob Sullivan Invited all to come to next Crestview Meeting they would have a Red Cross speaker .

**Club Members wants or needs (antennas built, towers erected, etc)**

John Brown still needs Rotor rooted and replaced .

Pat Henagan mentioned that Jeff Mills Knew of a tower that needed to be taken down.

**Adjournment:** Bob Lawrence made motion to adjourn Mike Vigor made a second meeting adjourned. Time not Recorded.