

Chipola Amateur Radio Club
1/22/05 minutes

Meeting called to order at 0910.

Attendees:

Julian Morris, W4BJE
Joseph Morris, KI4BAM
Bill Wilkins, KO4OY
Ricky Whittington, KD4AST
Todd Wiggins, W4MMA
Gary Brown, WW4JDO
Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT
Wayne Espy, KB4AAC
Rochelle Wagner, WB4NSR
Dick Wagner, W4KCA
Jeff Hagan, WO4J
Jimmy Adams, K4KHV

Prayer was given by Jimmy Adams, K4KHV.

Old business

Fundraising results were discussed. Ricky didn't know the exact figures, but he thought we netted around \$340 from last Boston butt sales.

An update on the repeater situation was given. Gary said he spoke to Landis Adams and the antenna should be worked on within two weeks. The antenna will be moved 5 feet out from the tower and the bays of the antenna will be placed in a more omni-directional pattern.

Six meter repeater was discussed. The current location is not grounded well enough in the opinion of some.

New business

New officers were elected. They are:
President: Gary Brown, WW4JDO
Vice President: Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT
Secretary/Treasurer: Todd Wiggins, W4MMA

Ricky gave his farewell as President and handed over the reigns to Gary.

Discussed possible events which included:

- Having four club meetings for the upcoming year.
- Participating in Field Day in June.
- Participating in Boy Scouts Jamboree of the Air in October.
- Foxhunt during September.
- A tailgate in May.
- Having a booth at the Sunland Fall festival in October for fundraising.
- Selling drinks and food at the RCC Fly-in for fundraising. Dick Wagner, will let the club know when the date will be.

The club would like to have at least two test sessions this year. Gary Brown will develop a calendar of events and ensure our test dates don't overlap other area tests or activities.

The email reflector was given out again. It is chipola_arc_list@yahoo.com. Wayne Espy oversees this.

Our next meeting will be February 17, 2005 at 1830.

Club needs to ensure press releases are given to local press outlets for upcoming events.

The six meter repeater was discussed. Gary will speak with Lonnie Whitehead about placing it on his tower. Lonnie had mentioned this at an earlier club meeting and had offered space on his tower. The club agreed to this based on the outcome of discussion with Lonnie. This may be temporary placement until a better location is found.

The two meter repeater situation should be resolved in two weeks. There was also discussion of linking the two meter repeater with the 440 machine. There was also discussion of enabling Echolink on either the 2 meter or 440 machine. First thing will be to resolve the antenna issue for now.

The club will make more use of the club website which is www.chipolaarc.org. Club updates and information will be available here. Anyone interested in a callsign@chipolaarc.org email address should contact Todd Wiggins.

Assignments for calling the Monday night ARES net were given. The roll and preamble will be posted on the website. It was agreed that amateur radio stations not checking into the net on a regular basis will be removed. Bill Everitt will create a database on the club website that will be updateable to make this upkeep of the roll easier.

ARES Net control operators will be:

January	KD4AST
February	KG4ZJT
March	W4KCA
April	WW4JDO

Meeting adjourned at 1010.

