

CARC April meeting minutes

April 23, 2005

Meeting began after eating a fine breakfast at 0930.

Todd read the minutes from the last meeting. The minutes were approved.

Todd gave the financial report and stated that there was a 2454.18 balance in the club checking account.

New business:

Gary took over for old business.

Tailgate is May 28. Alternate locations given for tailgate needed. Bill mentioned the armory parking lot. Louis mentioned Jennings field. Todd mentioned MHS stadium. Jimmy mentioned old Citizens Bank lodge.

Ricky suggested we change the date to the weekend before Field Day. Club agreed to have it at the EOC starting at 0900 on 6/18/2005.

The plan for the 2 meter antenna will be to have it reoriented in an omni pattern and a stand off installed. Gary will check to see if we have a standoff. It is possible we might install an antenna that Ricky would donate. There will be more discussion for this in the future.

Test session report:

Ricky says 6 people took the test. We had two new hams, including Charlie Espey and Bill upgraded to General Class.

Net control operators will be Ricky for June and will for August. We still need someone for July. Gary is tentative for July.

Echolink is up on the 440 machine. Kenny had a family emergency and could not give the presentation. The club was encouraged to experiment with it.

Ricky discussed the upcoming Field Day. The 80 meter HF antenna is already up. Club members will bring radios. Todd needs to put a press release in the paper and on the radio stations. We need to try to get some elected officials to come by. Todd will look into sending a letter to city and county commissioners to encourage them to attend. Gary put the tailgate and field day dates on the calendar. Will suggested we have a 6 meter antenna.

New business:

Club decided to keep net time the same.

Gary wanted club members who are interested in the Data Radio network started. We'll leave this as an open item and let individuals get together to get this started.

Gary wanted input on interest in the club vest.

Todd discussed the bank account situation. We need to have the signature card changed. The club agreed to have Todd Wiggins, W4MMA, Sec./Treasurer added and to have the physical and mailing address changed to Todd's address which is 4385 Deering Street, Marianna, FL 32446. The only other names allowed on the signature card are Jimmy Adams, K4KHV and Gary Brown, W4JDO.

Gary pointed out the back of the newsletter with a couple of projects.

Ricky took the floor to discuss the BPL issue in Graceville. A hand out was given out listing guidance.

The handout can be found at:

http://p1k.arrl.org/~ehare/bpl/Guidance_for_field_trials.html

Ricky touched on various subjects including:

Test could be in more than just one area of county.

Which hams are near the tests?

Document interference so we can file FCC complaints.

If no hams are in the area, we need to get mobile stations to test.

We can go to ARRL website to get complete articles and other articles on the BPL issue.

Ricky says we need to type up a club letter referencing these issues and send it to WFEC.

Jimmy suggesting check the web to find the number of hams located in the WFEC area.

Ricky gave Bill a certificate of appreciation for helping out as assistant EC.

Ricky says a new EOC site has been located. It will probably take three years.

Randy still has his wish list so hams will be able to operate in emergencies as they should be.

Ricky mentioned software for digital radio that has ARRL messaging built into it. He suggested we get a copy of it and experiment using it.

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Gary suggested we form a committee for the BPL issue. Ricky, Bill and will will be the folks on the committee. We put off the Hurricane Prep for the next meeting. we'll bring out the equipment at the next meeting.
Meeting adjourned 1107.