

Minutes:

Chipola Amateur Radio Club Meeting

May 15, 2007.

Meeting was called to order by president Bill Everitt, KG4ZJT.
Opening prayer was by Jeff, WO4J

Sign-in sheet was passed around and the members present were:

Bill Everitt KG4ZJT
Dustin Everitt KI4UJA
David Tomaszek WD4CBZ
Jimmy Adams K4KHV
Gary Brown WW4JDO
Jeff Hagen WO4J
Gene Syfrett WB4PVM
Charles Odom KI4VMK
Mark Nallick WA4MN
Ben Bass KI4OEE

The minutes were read and approved.

A letter was read from the state emergency management concerning the state wide Hurricane drills up coming.

The test for Jackson County will be May 30 and the Hurricane will be called Amy – The Local EOC will be open at 7:30 AM and the radio room open for Activity.

The coordination report from Jeff was ask for and he advised the coordination for the 6 meter repeater was applied for as reinstatment, and the delay is on the state FRC.

Bill, KG4ZJT, reported on the interference to radar installations at military bases and Reminded us of the power level on the 70 CM repeater must be at 20 watts or less for this area. The 440 repeater may be relocated to the EOC for temporary service until such time it can be reinstalled at the Sheriff's Tower.

Echo link is coming and will be up before June 1. (depending on the operation of the 440 repeater and its temporary location.)

There was a report on the "Blitz-Weekend" for the technician licenses training. There were 2 participants and deemed a success. A test session followed on Sunday and we had several to pass and up-grade. The next Blitz will be scheduled in about two(2) months, possibly a test session will follow it.

The next regular test session will be in July, date to be set.

Sky-Warn was discussed and classes and testing is available online. Also local classes were discussed but no definite plans were made for this. We must all be aware of the weather and call the appropriate authorities if we spot anything that will endanger life or property.

The next topic of interest was the local activities on 10 meters and also the band has been opening up some.

Field day planning is next on the agenda.

The day of activity will be Saturday June 23 from 12 noon 'till 10:00 PM.

The location has been selected at Citizen's Lodge on the Caverns road.

There will be a fish-fry and the club will furnish 2 boxes of fish, hushpuppies and cheese grits.

The fish cooking will be done by K4KHV with some help, and KG4ZJT will cook the grits.

The meal will be at noon. The Public will be invited to visit the FD operation from 3:00 until.

The last minute plans for the event will finalized at the June meeting just before field day.

As of now, there will be generators, portable tower, tri band beam, and wire antennas for 80 thru 10 meters

and rigs available to make SSB, Digital,CW, FM and whatever else some one wants to bring.

Some of the operation will be battery operated.

Jeff reported that another weather receiver was needed for the .67 repeater and was reported that Jackson Emergency Managment would be contacted and see if one is available.

We had the Pledge of Allegence was done and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM

Respectfully submitted by Jimmy Adams K4KHV