



## Chipola Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes For July 18 2006

Meeting called to order at 1906

Prayer giving by KG4ZJT

KG4ZJT discussed what is going on with ARES

Joe Bushel W2DWR retired as SEC

John Warne K4KAM has stepped up from ASEC to SEC

W2DWR will maintain ASEC duties for John

Bill also pointed out that we are going to start collecting the net rosters monthly so accurate records by the Net Control Stations need to be kept with all check-ins and any new persons that check into the net. These numbers will be relayed to the SEC via DEC in the form of NTS traffic. Initially we will start by getting the numbers to Bill who will format them as NTS messages and will pass that information to Ricky on the first Monday of each month. Ricky will then use that data to develop his monthly report to the SEC. Eventually Bill would like all NCS operators to relay this info to him weekly as an NTS formatted message over the AC Net for the previous weeks check-ins.

### Old Business

Field Day – Bill informed the club that the logs and supporting data has been sent to ARRL for W4BKD club station for Field Day. Officially we had 200 contacts (2 CW, 24 Digital, and the rest SSB). Great job to those that were able to participate. And a big thanks for those that showed up to share in fun, fellowship and food.

Echo Link – Bill explained that he too has run into some problems with setting up Echo Link at his home due to Internet Service Provider limitations. He has secured permission from Rodney to host the link to the 70 cm repeater at the EOC. We will be working to get that on line here real soon. We will then schedule some basic training for folks interested at an up coming meeting.

501(c)3 and Incorporating with the State – Bill has been looking into what it will take to gain non-profit status as well as getting incorporated with the State. We are looking at financial outlay of at least \$375.00 for both. It is obvious that this will not be getting done prior to Sunland Fall Festival so appropriate action will be taken to allow us to have our food stand, but we will be paying taxes (which we will incorporate into the cost of the items).

### New Business

JOTA – Jamboree On The Air is coming up in October, we will be planning for this event at our August meeting. Need volunteers to participate and also need some one to take the Reins on this one. This is a great opportunity to expose youth and adults alike to HAM radio.

Sunland Fall Festival – Official invitations should be mailed out 1<sup>st</sup> week of August or there abouts. Planning to take place at August meeting so plan to go over in time a little. We need for this to happen to build the coffers back up and prepare for upcoming expenditures what ever they might be. This will be a good opportunity to pull in a few bucks even with having to pay taxes.

### Member Topics

None noted

### Presentation

Gary WW4JDO – gave a very informative and well put together presentation on lightning protection and effective use of grounding. We will post a copy on the yahoo group and website for those that were unable to attend.

1952 Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved by majority vote.

Pledge of Allegiance

For your approval,  
Bill KG4ZJT