Alabama Repeater Council Meeting
BirminghamHamfest, April 7, 2015

The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. with David Drummond, W4MD presiding.
David commented on the topics of the Montgomery Hamfest in 2014, and offered
time to review and comment on minutes from Montgomery. Motion and Approved as
submitted.

Presidents Report –
♦ Reminded everyone that New Year was time for renewal of membership dues.
♦ Huntsville 2015 will see elections of President, VP, Secretary/Treasurer and 4
  Directors slots.
  ◦ Ralph Hogan, Lester Crane, Tommy Golden, Ben Baldwin
♦ Currently no one serving as VP. Bill Clingan, KC0ONR stepped down.
♦ Led discussion about Greenville, AL Hamfest. Will not be a meeting for
  Southern Section since Greenville will not happen. There is a possibility for a
  meeting at the Mobile Hamfest, in April 2015, or use a Goto-Meeting for
  conference call.
  ◦ Ben Baldwin extended invitation on behalf of Mobile Hamfest for
    ARC to hold meeting. Further discussion, with Dennis, Duren,
    KE4ROA motion to meet at Mobile Hamfest. Ben Baldwin,
    WX4MOB second.
  ◦ David, W4MD will be in contact with Ben and Mobile Hamfest about
    securing time and room assignment for ARC Meeting.
♦ David introduced Owen Holland, N3NH as wanting to address the meeting,
  concerning IRLP / EchoLink and will have discussion later in the meeting.

Vice President Report - No current V.P. serving

Treasures Report –
♦ EOY Report for 2014:
  ◦ Checking EOY Balance: $3300.85
  ◦ Savings EOY Balance: $5787.01
♦ YTD Report for 2015:
  ◦ Checking Balance of March 7, 2015: $3241.86
  ◦ Savings Balance of March 7, 2015: $ 5787.10
♦ No major expenses: Printing, paper, envelopes and postage paid for Howard
to mail out Repeater Coordination Update Requests in 2014 cost about $450

Frequency Coordinators Report –
♦ Howard has worked about 12/14 applications since Montgomery, and
  included rundown, that is attached to the original documents.
♦ Still working through the repeater updates from 2014. Sent out 667 update
  requests for repeaters; had 341 replies
  ◦ Of total of 63 DStar, 7 had de-coordination requests
  ◦ An additional 28 requests for de-coordination on other bands.
  ◦ No action take as of yet, to allow others to respond. Will send out
    second round of requests soon for those who failed to respond.
Frank Butler, W4RH gave an update regarding the Statewide Florida UHF repeater system and net. Goal is 28 repeaters throughout Florida, with 19 online.

Owen Holland, N3NH addressed ARC about his concern over IRLP, EchoLink and such aspects of Ham Radio. The concern was that operators of such technology can just arbitrarily choose a simplex frequency to operate RF links, and in some cases, could cause interference with repeaters or other stations closely. David, W4MD led discussion over possible ways to organize such frequency use, with Frank, W4RH also saying the topic has been discussed in Florida, but there are no plans for Florida Repeater Council to coordinate such frequency usage. Howard Grant, K4WWN and others commented that as hard as it was to get good documentation from repeater owners, it would be very difficult to get similar information from simplex IRLP nodes. It was also noted that those type technologies also have online databases that list nodes and frequencies, and if nodes go offline for a period, the frequency is removed from the database. Owen wanted ARC to be aware that as different technologies continue to expand within the hobby, some additional data collection may be necessary to manage frequency use and avoid interference issues.

Directors Reports –
♦ Lester Crane, all is quiet, no report.
♦ Tommy Golden, no report.
♦ Wiely Boswell, some discussion around Troy, for Fusion repeater system
♦ Bob Luman, lots of radio activity going on, no issues he is aware of.
♦ Ben Baldwin, Mobile will be glad to host ARC in April.

Discussion –
♦ Frank, W4RH also added that Milton and Crestview, Florida had Fusion systems, and the Ft. Walton Hamfest was two week away.

Meeting concluded at 10:55

Dues Paid: ($100.00)
Bob Luman, W4MPQ – 10.00       Lester Crane, WA4CYA – 10.00
Howard Grant, K4WWN – 10.00     David Bash, KI4IKM – 10.00
Tommy Golden, W4WTG – 10.00     AB4BR Repeater – 10.00
Grady Evans, W4GLE – 10.00
Randy Scott (Blount County ARC, Inc – W4BLT) – 10.00
Christopher Johns, KI4GGR – 10.00
Brewton Amateur Radio Union – 10.00

Ben Baldwin, WX4MOB, 750.00 to help offset ARC Officers travel to Mobile, AL Hamfest, April 11, 2015.
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Attendees:
Kirk Junkin, N4KRF
Owen Holland, W3NH
Bob Luman, W4MPQ
Lester Crane, WA4CYA
Dennis Littleton, K4DL
David Bash, KI4IKM
Charles Arthur, KI4SSX
Mike Smith, KD4COO
John Melcher, N8JVC
Dennis Buren, KE4ROA

Brian Poellnitz, N4BW
Ben Baldwin, WX4MOB
Howard Grant, K4WBN
Grady Evans, W4GLE
Zac Hollingwort, W4ZAC
Chris Johns, KI4GGH
David Key, KD4LZN
William Lowery, KK4CWX
Frank Butler, W4RH
Tommy Golden, W4WTG
12 APP since
Montgomery
Dec.

Two Transfers

W4F: K1R to KB4MOD
145.27

W4AAP - 146.79

KC4U6 - UHF VHF D-Star - Vernon to West at PMC
145.120
444.5000

KK4UWF - UHF Skyline
444.2500

W4ZRK - 141.9170 - 6-Meter
53.9500/52.9500 Split Site
30 Mile Split

Active APP - Norman NYPD
147.0500 - 132.00 Waco
North of Bay Minette
App tour H45B - Mounton
For Chopped OBC Area
Met Littleville AC -
and VHF available
Did not request VHF

Ron Shaffer - W4RM -
Back 147:14 - wanted to

Was a 147:135 in TN -
Moved back to Huntsville as 147.14
Was there previously before transfer to TN

\begin{itemize}
  \item 442 C - 442.4752
  \item Re-locate & Change Freq
  \item Kellen
  \item WHWA - Jasper Walker Co., Ames
  \item 442.300
  \item Old W5IU Repeat - He gave up
  \item Ben - WX4MOR - ReLocate
  \item 6 meter to CITRONE
  \item 53.750
  \item KH40WL - 224.400
  \item Vincent AC - Miller Ridge AC
  \item W4FMX - Mark Bond
  \item 224.300 - Huntsville AC
  \item W43X - Josh Hatton -
  \item ReLocate 145.13 + 444.875
  \item Crooked Oak - Nor L'ecolouire
  \item My QTH - 53.030 Center AC -