Montgomery Hamfest  
November 19, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Dennis Littleton, K4DL at 12 noon.

Minutes from the Huntsville Hamfest were reviewed and approved.

Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ presented the Treasures Report. As of November 19, 2016:
Checking Account: $3465.95  Savings Account: $5788.10

President – Dennis Littleton, K4DL
Dennis mentioned that the ARRL is changing the process to submit repeater information for the ARRI Directory. Emails were distributed for everyone to review, and attached to this document for the record.

Normally information for the Directory are submitted from each local frequency coordinating body. The Directory will now get supplemental information from online RF Database. This will now include data from the coordination body of approved repeaters, but also accept private submissions of any repeater, coordinated or not.

The ARC does not submit data through this process, we will not receive the ARRL payment for data, and data will still be submitted through private entries into RF Database. After discussion, it was understood that even submitting information, ARC would not release any data that include locations, lat/long of repeater sites.

Dennis is having great success with booths at Hamfest throughout the state.

Vice-President – No Report
Discussions concerning filling open slot at Huntsville 2017 Hamfest.

Director Reports:
Tommy Golden – Camden antenna is broken. Working on resolution
Wiley Boswell – Some antenna issues in the Montgomery area.
Bob Luman – UHF site back online after having power and repeater issues.
Grady Evans – Lamar Co. antenna and coax are being changed over the next few weeks.
James E Nelson – Waiting for Motorola equipment at Ozark site. 2 Repeater owner changes in Dothan

Frequency Coordinator – Howard Grant, K4WWN
Printed report attached to minutes.

Special Guests – Frank Butler, W4RH
President, Florida Repeater Council has died, and new assignment forthcoming.

Old Business:
Tri-fold repeater listing: Kirk, N4KRJ working on getting prepared and printed for Birmingham, 2017
Lifetime Membership: No further discussion. Issue tabled.

Meeting was adjourned at 1PM

Respectfully Submitted
Kirk R Junkin, N4KRJ

Those Attending:
Kirk Junkin, N4KRJ  Kris Kirby, KE4AHR
Tommy Golden, W4WTG  Michael Spanos, KA4VCA
Dennis Littleton, K4DL  Grady Evans, W4GLE
Bob Luman, W4MPQ  Mark Eastwold, AF4PV
Frank Butler, W4RH  Wiely Bosewell, KE4LTT (10.00)
Eileen Sexton, KM4ASJ  Howard Grant, K4WWN
Mike Shaw, NR4B  David Gunter, KK4ICE
James E. Nelson, KE4GWV
November 8, 2016

Changes in Data Processing for the ARRL Repeater Directory

For more than 30 years, repeater coordinators and the ARRL have worked together to assemble information for publication in the ARRL Repeater Directory. Thanks to your diligence and cooperation, the Repeater Directory has enjoyed a long history of being among the most popular publications in Amateur Radio.

This year we modified the format of the Directory to make it more appealing to readers. We also enlisted the assistance of DHF Systems to improve the efficiency of our data processing. Unfortunately, despite these efforts, the Repeater Directory continues to struggle.

In the hope of retaining the Repeater Directory as a financially viable publication, we must make the following changes:

- RFinder Inc., acting as ARRL's agent with respect to the aggregation of repeater database information for ARRL publications, will supply the listings for the next edition of the Repeater Directory. Although RFinder's data is primarily user supplied, in the spirit of extending support to the repeater coordination community, RFinder will also accept data from repeater coordinators. Every coordinator who supplies data to RFinder will have their repeater listings credited in the RFinder app listings as being coordinated repeaters. These listings will be credited in the printed Repeater Directory as well. To begin the process with RFinder, please visit http://coordinators.rfinder.net.

- All coordinators who upload listings to RFinder will receive the usual $1 per-repeater-listing honorarium payment from the ARRL, according to the terms of the current Repeater Directory licensing agreement.

- The DHF Systems Repeater Directory database will be taken off line. All information in the database will be erased and will not be shared with RFinder.

The ARRL supports the need for repeater coordination and we will continue to encourage repeater owners and trustees to seek coordination. Since the new Directory will include information that may concern repeaters in your area that are unknown to you, we hope you will be able to use it as a resource to persuade owners of those uncoordinated repeaters to apply for coordination.
We thank you for all these years of dedicated service to the repeater community, and we trust it will continue. Yours is a thankless job, working behind the scenes to create order out of chaos, and it is deeply appreciated.

73 . . .

Rick Roderick, K5UR, ARRL President

Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, ARRL Chief Executive Officer
COORDINATED: UHF ONLY 444.7750 KOM EML
N More EMERGENCY Agency COULD NOT PROVIDE UHF PIES
App on Hands: The problem-
TYLER TIBBETS - 1 M Y PAC
UHF ONLY - Harvest AZ

App on Hands-
WYFN - Deep South Arc
Initial APP for 147.015 - No-
APP NOT AVAILABLE
Probel VHF in 1 M
Also Coordination to N5NPU-
Norman WAPP - 27 miles

New App - Will Accept Any
UHF CAN coordinate
Likely CAN thin Front-
Deep South Arc
W8PDZ submitted App through Seat
Sent E-mail and MAILED notice to Seat ABC Hop

VHF for 222 MHz
Trace 0-
He is in mobile

W4PNC - Sent APP
W4HAT CORDINATED
222 FOR TAILADOG
WAS A TRANSFER FROM Hop
ONE TRANSFER SENT
NOT CORDINATED

KILYCE - Dan Gunther
Cordination of UHF
TRANSFER FROM - N4THT Frank McKeen
2.14 MILE MOVE - OIR-
Within 3 miles accepted by ARC