

South Alabama Radio Club
February 18, 2010

Meeting called to order by John at 7 p.m. Minutes from last meeting was read and John asked for any corrections or discussion on them. No corrections noted. Tim made the motion and Bob Sullivan seconded. Minutes approved

There was no treasure's report made as Wayne was not present. Balance as of last month was 637.00. At last meeting, Wayne had given Pat a check to pay the post office box. The amount of the check was for \$44.00 which pays for the whole year. Pat had also checked the post office box Thursday. It was also stated that Wayne had given Joe Rose a check for the light bill at repeater site. This check was in the amount of \$120.00. Alabama Repeater Council dues are \$10.00. Estimated balance is approximately \$463.00.

Old Business; Advanced Spotter Class, John has talked with Jeff Garmin on Friday, February 12, 2010 to give our local snow report and they confirmed the date of March 18, 2010. This class will start at 6p.m. rather than at 7p.m. due to the distance that Jeff will be traveling. Class will last about two hours and refreshments will be provided. This class will be more on the technical side of weather spotting than the basic spotter class and everyone is welcome to attend.

Repeaters: Pat had given Bob Sullivan both Micor Repeater books after last meeting. Bob S. was unable to find the parts that he needed at Orlando Ham Fest. The problem seems to be in the power control board. We apparently have three amps, one complete and two partials. Two of the amps use 162 to 174 MHz and the other uses 132 to 152 mhz. The part that Bob S. tried to buy was the control board, could not find one, John said that he had a whole box of parts at the house and would go thru them. The numbers that John is to look for is TLD 5960A or TLD 8620A, with TLD 5960A being the preferred number. We have one working amp that we can use if necessary Bob S. has not yet checked the duplexers but will do so soon.

OPP repeater is working fine as John had checked it as far as the county line toward Evergreen and it worked well.

CRESTVIEW Analog repeater no change and they will soon have their D-Star repeater working on all three phases, this includes the 440, 2 meter and 1.2. The D-Star in Greenville is now only on the 2 meter but will soon be on the 440 and 1.2. Enterprise will also have a D-Star repeater up and running.

We are trying to get the past Field Day logs recorded on Eqsl.cc. Use all lowercase letters when accessing this website. John is still working on that project.

Field Day 2010: Pat has heard back from Tom Watson about the use of Point A camp grounds for this years Field Day. Mr. Watson says that he has no knowledge of any one using the house at the campgrounds on the last weekend in June. Pat asked that it be reserved for us. We will be able to use the cabin at \$50.00 per night. If we have at least six campers at this year's field day, the house will cost us nothing. Campsites will be between ten to twelve dollars a night. The name of the campground is now called Sweet Home Alabama Camp Ground. Debra asked those present what we wanted on the menu for this year?

Nothing has been discussed about Jota. Fort Walton Beach ham fests will be two days this year. March 19th and 20th 2010.

To change the custodial call sign Pat will need a copy of the Club license. John will scan and email it to Pat.

There will be a SSB 160 meter contest this weekend.

Meeting closed at 8p.m.

John presented a short program on what to include in a "To Go" Kit.