

Central Georgia Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

Oct. 9, 2014

The meeting was called to order by club president, Dave, KN4DS
Introductions were made by all present. There were 13 members present.

Announcement(s)

We will have the elections at the Nov. meeting
The Dec. Meeting will be held at Old Times Country Buffet on Russell Parkway at 6 PM. (Dec. 11)
Dues time is coming around again

Hamfests Lagrange/Augusta 10/11 Rome 10/18 Lawrenceville 11/1

There was no VE Session

Secretary / Treasurer Report - Robert

Expense - Telephone Bill \$41.88

Income - Late Dues \$20.00

CGARC	HC.ARES	Repeater	Bank	Petty
Balance	Balance	Fund	Balance	Cash
\$1,626.60	\$132	\$182.00	\$1,940.60	\$21.00

Repeater Report by Robert

The link radio was replaced with one from Jimmy Burgamy (Thanks!). Unfortunately, the radio needed some repair to work properly. The Weather interface to the APRS locked up and kept the APRS radio keyed. There was no damage to the radio. The interface has a bad PIC computer chip. A replacement has been ordered.

Thanks to those who have volunteered to help me out with the repeaters and serve as control operators. I have been tied up with personal items and I will get together with you and give some introduction to the repeater and the control methods.

The coax repair has been put on hold for a while.

EchoLink

The Echolink radio is up and running. It is located at my house. It is listed as AB4RT-L. Gene - Do you want it back at your house? If not, our web pages (and the Peach State Intertie's) need to be changed to show my callsign and EchoLink node number.

A "rogue" ham operator from a linked system in New York accessed our Echolink from his repeater and tied the two together. This capability is useful if you can access a repeater somewhere and you want to talk back to the 850 machine. This ham left the ink in place for 5 1/2 hours. Everything on either repeater was transmitted to the other one. This link was placed on the "do not connect to" list.

Net Reports

VHF - Preston - 16 checkins including 4 new hams.

6 Meter - Preston - 32 checkins

SET - Bob Head - The SET had good participation on both the VHF and HF nets.

Equipment Report

The items that could not be located have been removed from the equipment list and will be removed from the insured list. (Bird Watt Meter, Heathkit Deviation Meter). , We still have 700 feet of LMR400 and 700 feet of LMR240 coax for sale. connectors are also available.

Unfinished Business

Christmas Parade - We will be participating in the Christmas Parade. A fee of \$125 was paid by Dave Stewart. A sign up sheet was passed around. Clyde will need some help to get the vehicle ready.

We need volunteers to help

New Business

I would like to discontinue the telephone service to the 850 repeater. This is almost \$500 a year. The only benefit is to allow me to program/control the repeater without going to the site. Most of this can be done on the repeater input frequency (at late hours). The failure that we had a couple of months ago left the controller out of service and kept the repeater keyed. The phone line was of no use in shutting down the transmitter. I had to go to the site. I would like to add a small DTMF control (about \$35) connected to one of the spare 2M radios and establish a control link. This would provide the capability to remotely shut down the repeater. The frequency and access code would only be given to the control operators. I would also like to do this to the Cochran repeater. I will probably use a homemade J-Pole or I will donate a 2m Ringo Ranger.

Discussion: This will remove the autopatch capability which no one is using. Robert was asked to check on possibly using the link radio for the control (no radios or antennas would be needed). Robert stated that this would have to be coordinated with Jimmy Burgamy who administers the Peach State Intertie.

Motion: To discontinue the phone service to the Warner Robins repeater and to allow Robert to spend up to \$100 on establishing the control links to Warner Robins and Cochran.

By Robert AB4RT Second Larry Adams The motion passed.

Robert also requested reimbursement for repair parts for the repeater. (\$18 on replacement semiconductors and \$21 on the controller repair). Dave KN4DS instructed Robert to write a check for this amount (the amount is under the Presidents spending authorization) The receipts will be placed in the records.

Nominations:

The following nomination were taken:

(Dave indicated his preference to not run for President)

President: Preston Morgan nominated by Larry Adams
Larry Adams nominated by John Louth

Vice President: Preston Morgan nominated by Preston Morgan
John Louth nominated by Leon Tompkins

Secretary / Treasurer: Robert Tuck nominated by Robert Tuck

Board Of Directors: (2) Brett Bundrick nominated by Leon Tompkins
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Ham of The Year: Robert Tuck nominated by Brett Bundrick

Honorary Member: Dave Stewart nominated by Leon Tompkins

Life Member : There were no nominations.

The bold underlined names will fill the respectful positions. At the Nov. meeting, will elect the President and Vice President.

The meeting was adjourned.