

CCARC MEETING OCTOBER 29, 2005

Hello Everyone,

the CCARC meeting was called to order by Tim Armagost, Chairman of the Colorado Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, at 1000. We met at the Colorado Springs Falcon Division Police Station at 7920 Goddard Street in Colorado Springs, Colorado 80920.

The Meeting began with introductions of those present.

They were>

Dave Newmyer PCH/CMRG N0KM

Dan Scott PPRAA/CMRG KB0PPM

John Maxwell RM HAM CLUB N0WBW

Dwight Maxey PUEBLO RADIO CLUB N0OUH

George Sedlack PUEBLO RADIO CLUB KY0D

Ted Lungwitz PUEBLO RADIO CLUB KC0TED

Dave Sloan PPRAA N0EOP

Jeff Ryan ARRL K0RM'

George Packer BARC WB0CDI

Albert Straub BARC WB0CJH

Wayne Heinnen GMCC N0POH

Tim Armagost DRL WB0TUB

Gerry Villhauer DRC W0GV

Bryan Steinberg DRC KC0CUA

Christopher Taylor PPRAA NC6T

Sharon Agun BSARC KC0PBR

Paul Shackelford Summit County ARC WB0QMR

David Novothy CMRG WA6IFI

Judy Hilton PCRC KC0HVD

-----READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE SPRING MEETING (SECRETARY'S REPORT) BY JUDY HILTON, KC0HVD

-----A motion was made by Jeff Ryan to not read the minutes of the spring meeting.

-----TREASURERS REPORT- WAY HEINEN, N0POH

Ending Balance at Spring Meeting.....\$6587.03

Total income.... 363.80

6950.83

Total Expenses..... -690-70

Ending Balance.... \$9260.13 **this item is a typo and should read \$6260.13. Changed by vote at the April 29, 2006 meeting. WB0TUB**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Antenna Legislation Committee Ron Klein W0OSK Ron was not present at the meeting

FREQUENCY COORDINATOR'S REPORT Doug Sharp, K2AD Doug was not present at the meeting, he emailed his report to the Board of the CCARC

Normal Coordination Activities

* New applications have been on hold for a few weeks due to a database issue. This issue should be resolved as soon as I will be back on-line.

* I continue to receive applications for the new VHF (two meters) repeaters in the Denver Metro area. There are no frequencies remaining as available that meet the CCARC Frequency Coordinator

Coordination Policy (FCP) guidelines. These applications are being placed on a waiting list for available frequencies.

Activity Monitoring / Unused Frequency Pair Reclamation

* I have successfully identified a number of paper repeaters on UHF that are either unused, inactive, or the trustee is no longer in the area. These frequencies have been returned to the available pool.

* The effort to identify paper repeaters will expand to the other areas of the state, and other bands (specifically VHF).

* I am currently working to obtain additional support (people) to assist with this task.

Annual Update and ARRL Repeater Directory Submission

* *The annual update will be mailed in early November. All repeaters will be surveyed for activity using a brief update form similar to last year's update.* Repeater trustees must respond to the brief survey either electronically using the web page address provided in the mailing or return the form by U. S. mail.

Any repeater not returning the requested information will be marked as "overdue", and based among monitoring activities may be de-coordinated. This is an important process as it updates our database and should require repeated trustees to spend no more than a minute or two per repeater to update our records. Any updates received prior to December 31, 2005 will be included in the ARRL Repeater Directory,

* I will require authorization from the executive Board or General Membership to cover the cost of \$250 of photocopy and mailing expenses for the mailing.

* The ARRL Repeater Directory submission will be made approximately January 1, 2006. Per CCARC Delegate direction, I will only submit information for repeaters that are "current and updated:within one year of the Repeater Directory.

* Last year I had a number of complaints from the groups that their repeater was not included in the Repeater Directory. In all cases these groups sent their updates back well after the reply deadline. We make only one submission to the ARRL, and due to their production schedule this update is now made earlier than in previous years. It also takes me a considerable amount of time to proof the submissions to remove any errors. I am sorry, but I can not include submissions made after the deadline.

902 MHz Letter to the FCC

* The October 29 agenda includes an agenda in regarding "Letter RE: 900 MHz to the FCC (Doug ?). This item traces back to the April 23, 2005 Minutes of the Meeting, Item 7, which included discussion of the portions of the 902-928 MHz band that are restricted throughout much of Colorado and Wyoming. These restrictions are due to governmental agencies having equipment operating in portions of the 902-928 MHz. These restrictions are due to governmental agencies having equipment operating in the 902-928 MHz.

* Being that these governmental systems are regulated by the NTIA and NTIA license data is not published in the public domain, we can not determine the status of these licenses. My current belief is that these government systems are still in operation, so a petition to the FCC to remove the restriction would be inappropriate at this time. I will request assistance and guidance on this matter from a member of the CCARC Frequency Coordination Committee that also has professional work experience with NTIA regulated systems. That individual will not be able to give us exact information, but will be able to advise us when the 902-928 MHz band is likely to clear of these government systems, and thus when we should petition the FCC to remove the restriction.

Staffing

* I have found a volunteer to assist with some of the frequency coordination activities. I am currently working with him to determine which tasks I can either off-load or obtain assistance.

* I am looking for people to assist with activity monitoring and general frequency coordination activities across the state. The FC must carefully coordinate records since they contain non-public information regarding site and control information. With this in mind, I am accepting volunteers from those personally known by me, as well as volunteers submitted and endorsed by CCARC Member Club delegates.

Submitted 29 Oct 2005

Doug Sharp, K2AD
CCARC Frequency Coordinator

Colorado Section Report, Jeff Ryan, KORM

Go to the ARRL webpage about Hurricane Wilma. The FCC has stopped all vanity call system. There is no data on lifting the freeze on vanity call signs.

In Louisiana all call signs have been extended. The Salvation Army has a Toy Drive, please go to the ARRL webpage. The scores for Field Day 2005 have been posted. Congrats to the Pikes Peak DX Group for posting an overall 9th place and the Colorado QRP club for an 11th place finish nationwide. BPL has caused a lot of problems, Fort Collins agrees with ham radio.

HAMCON-spread the word. the website is www.hamconcolorado.org If the hotel is booked, Hamcon becomes more successful, the facilities and rooms will be free. Riley Holloingsworth is the best speaker for Friday night. There is a shuttle to and from the KOA campground.

Old Business

We are running out of CCARC maps. Doug Sharp suggested that the information will be current at the end of the year and to hold off on printing new maps until all information is current. Everyone agreed.

----Letter RE: 900 MHz -to the FCC (Doug ?)

See Doug's report

New Business none

Sort Break

Program.....TBD

The meeting was closed by Tim Armagost, Chairman of the CCARC at 1225. Brian (M). Dave (S)

Thee next meeting in April 2006 will be in Boulder, Colorado.

See You there.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Hilton, KC0HVD

Secretary of the CCARC