

# 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 on the 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 doesn't 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 Hamfests throughout the state.

### Vice-President – No Report

Discussions concerning filling open spot 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

Tommy Golden, W4WTG

Dennis Littleton, K4DL

Bob Luman, W4MPQ

Frank Butler, W4RH

Eileen Sexton, KM4ASI

Mike Shaw, NR4B

James E. Nelson, KE4GWW

Kris Kirby, KE4AHR

Michael Spanos, KA4VCA

Grady Evans, W4GLE

Mark Eastwold, AF4PV

Wiley Bosewill, KE4LTT (10.00)

Howard Grant, K4WWN

David Gunter, KK4ICE



**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

Header Fox WX4Fox  
444.725 Request FREQ  
PRATTVILLE

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ARICA  
PELL  
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COORDINATED: UHF ONLY 444.7750  
KCYEM 6-

EMORE CO. EMERGENCY AGENCY  
COULD NOT PROVIDE UHF FREQ

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App on Hand - no problem -  
TYLER TIBBETS - KM4PAC  
UHF ONLY - HARVEST AZ

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App on Hand -

K4ENI - Deep South ARC  
Initial App for 147.015 - NO -  
FREQ NOT AVAILABLE

Problem with us -

Also coordinated to N5NPO -  
NORMAN KWAPP - 27 miles

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New App - Will accept any  
VHF CAN COORDINATE  
Lipely CAN find Freq -  
Deep South ARC

N8PQZ Submitted App  
through SEAR -

Sent E-mail & MAILED  
NOTICE to Sent-ARC Hop.

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VHF for 222 MHz  
TALLADEGA -

It is in mobile

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W4PIC - Sent app

Without COORDINATED

222 FOR TALLADEGA

WAS A TRANSFER FROM HOP

NO TRANSFER SENT  
NOT COORDINATED

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K1YIC - DAN GUNTER

COORDINATED A UHF

TRANSFER FROM - N4THT FRANK McLENNAN  
2.14 mile move - OR - McLENNAN

Within 3 miles Accepted by ARC

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