

Meeting minutes for 10/11/2018

Our new president Geno, N4GNO, greeted folks.

We have started a new “repeater bucket fund”. At the beginning of each meeting we will pass a small bucket around, each member is encouraged to donate a few dollars. This money will be earmarked specifically for the care and maintenance of our repeaters. Just two dollars per meeting from each member will fund or repeater needs during the year.

Wearing his MEC hat, Geno mentioned the SET (Simulated Emergency Test) on Sat Oct 27th. Weather bureau at Shelby County airport will have an open house there. 8am to noon on the 149.980 repeater. Information about the National event can be found at: <http://www.arrl.org/news/emergency-preparedness-takes-center-stage-for-2018-simulated-emergency-test> . Information for Alabama can be found here: <http://www.arrl.org/sections/view/alabama> (Expect it to be updated closer to the event).

Treasurer Report

- William, KM4SKC gave his report. There is \$2,213.82 in the checking plus the CD.
- All tickets for the “Side Draw” have now been sold. Thanks to everyone participating, and good luck.

Secretary / Webmaster Report

- HelenaHamfest.com site has had further updates.
- Need to fix the Membership Page with new PO Box for the club. (*After meeting note, this is now fixed.*)

Vice Presidents Report

- Note all presentations are subject to change or be rescheduled due to presenter availability or other issues
- October 25 – Marcus Thomas on Tower Climbing
- Nov 8 – Bill Davidson will talk about RTTY
- Nov 29 – Normally SCARC cancels our 4th Thursday meeting in November due to Thanksgiving. This year we are lucky to have five Thursday’s in November! We’ve decided to reschedule our second meeting of the month to November 29th. Program to be announced.
- Dec 13 – Christmas Party!
- Dec 27 – Depending on interest, we may have a meeting to show off the new toys Santa brought us, or we may just gather for dinner. We’ll decide in an upcoming meeting, but let us know if you are interested.

Net Control

- We are looking for net control operators. The script is on the webpage under Nets & Repeaters. Contact Geno for coordination.
- Geno has an update coming for the net control script. The major change will be to quit using the “This is...” followed by a break then your call sign. Instead we will be omitting the break, and just using your call sign.

Hamfest

Hamfest report:

- We now have Hamfest prize tickets for sale. \$1 each, or fifteen for \$10 and at this meeting we added forty tickets for \$20. (If you previously purchased \$20 worth of tickets and only received thirty of them, let Buddy (KM4SKC) know and he'll provide an additional ten tickets to you.)
- We will be doing VE testing at the Hamfest. 9 am to 11 am.
- We have decided to expand the scope of the silent auction to raise money for the club. This will take two formats:
 - You donate an item to the club and allow the club to keep 100% of the sale price. If it is not sold, it will be returned to you.
 - You have an item you'd like to sell. Tell us the amount you want to receive. This will be the "reserve price", i.e. the minimum amount for the first bid. If the item sells, you will receive that amount, anything above that number will go to the club. If it does not sell, it will be returned to you.
- Winning an auction:
 - All silent auctions end at 11:30.
 - You must be present to win an auction. If you bid, please be there at 11:30 to pay for your purchase. Cash only.
 - If not paid for by 12 noon, it is then offered to the next highest bidder on the list at their bid price, and repeats until sold or we run out of bidders.

Upcoming Hamfests

Oct 20, 2018 - Our own Shelby County Hamfest, Geno N4GNO is the chairman, MFJ and Ham World will both be present.

Nov 10, 2018 – Montgomery Hamfest <http://www.w4ap.org/Events/Hamfest.htm>

Presentation.

No presentation, entire meeting was Hamfest.