



Southern Crescent Amateur Radio Club / Clayton Amateur Radio Emergency Service Meeting Minutes

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Subject:	Monthly Meeting
Date and Time:	01/26/10 07:00 PM
Location:	Eagle Landing First Baptist Church
Meeting Manager:	Roy Baker AJ4GT
Attendees:	Butch Nitz, Roy Baker, Mike Crowe, Belinda Baker, Dean Robbins, Paul Carrin, Bruce Butler, Noel Jacques, Max Hill, Nathan Hill, Charles Jackson, Dan Darsey, Jesse Porter, Mike Cone(1 st Visit)

Meeting Items:

1. Meeting comes to order
2. Pledge and prayer
3. Introductions
4. Announcements:
 - (a) Ham Cram and VE Testing, February 6th 9:00AM @ Eagles Landing First Baptist Church.
 - (b) March 20, 2010, Boy Scouts Merit Badge Day. We will be operating out of Spalding County High School.
 - (c) Severe Weather Awareness Week. Test alert 9:10AM on Wednesday February 3rd.
 - (d) February 27th Dalton Ham Fest see <http://www.daltonhamfest.com>, March 20th Kenehoochee Ham Fest see <http://www.w4bti.org>
 - (e) Relay for Life, March or April 2010. Still trying to find out who to talk to about this event.
 - (f) HF frequencies have returned to normal use, however some nets are still in operation in with Haiti.
 - (g) WX4NHC frequencies: 14.325MHz hurricane net, 7.268MHz water way net, and 3.815MHz Caribbean net.
 - (h) Weather outlook: El Niño is in effect, expect more wet weather.
 - (i) Hurricane forecasting has improved to the point that watches can be issued 36 hours in advance and warnings 24 hours in advance. This is a 12 hour improvement.



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5. Admin Report:

- (a) Please report and ARES related activity to Roy or Noel, even if it is just resetting the APRS digipeater.
- (b) We have been asked to coordinate an area net for district 4 which includes Henry, Butts, Spalding, and Troop Counties.

6. Secretary Report:

- (a) Secretary reads the minutes from the November Meeting.
- (b) Motion to accept the minutes. Motion carries.

7. Treasury Report:

- (a) Treasurer was absent.

8. Technical Team Report:

- (a) Net report: We averaged 16 check-ins for the month.
- (b) Repeater group: We will be presenting a option for building a non-Icom DSTAR repeater at the next club meeting.
- (a) Digital Communications group: Still working on some problems with the APRS Digipeater.

9. Clayton County Report:

- (a) Showed up to the State ARES meeting.
- (b) Clayton County has contacted GEMA is is supposed to receive a DSTAR communications package. GEMA wants Henry County to get one as well.

10. Henry County Report:

- (a) The design process for the new EOC is moving forward.
- (b) Henry EOC is working with Area 7 Coordinator to obtain the GEMA provided DSTAR radio.
- (c) Reminder: Severe Weather Week I February 1st -5th.
- (d) Storm Spotter Training Corse February 4, 2010 9AM and 6PM, presented by the National Weather Service – Peachtree City Office. Contact Christ Berry to register for class 770-288-7877 or email cberry@co.henry.ga.us.

11. Damage Assessment Training – Thursday January 28, 2010. Individual Assistance Training and Public Assistance Training.

12. Clayton Board of Health: Nothing to report.



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13. Henry Medical Center: Paul is trying to get the network cables run to the rack.
14. New business.
 - (a) Field Day preparations: Paul has said we can operate from HMC again this year. We may have some visitors from the Newton County club.
 - (b) We are trying to start a monthly breakfast meeting, no firm schedule has been set.
15. ARES / RACES
 - (a) By the end of the year all GPB towers will have a full DSTAR repeater system, covering 90% of the state.
 - (b) Open discussion about the state ARES meeting.
16. Motion to adjourn. Motion carries
17. Meeting adjourned.

Future Meetings:

Date	Time	Place
02/23/10	07:00 PM	Eagles Landing First Baptist Church