

THE LISTENING POST

Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club

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147.18 - - 88.5 tone

442.50 - - 88.5 tone

October 2010

The September meeting was great and it was nice to see all the faces there and hear of all the ham radio activity during the past month. We had some good discussion during the program on antennas and feed lines. We still have a couple of good programs left for the balance of the year and of course the Christmas Party and hopefully most of the members are planning on participating.

Now I need to turn your attention to an important subject and that is the subject of **CLUBMANSHIP** – what it means to be a member of a club. Being a club member falls into two classifications – those in **LEADERSHIP** and those in **FOLLOWERSHIP**. Those in leadership lead the club in accordance with the purpose of the club and in a way that all members have an equal opportunity to participate. Some people seem to think the leadership does all the work but this is false and treating the leadership in this manner by the membership tends to runaway the good leadership. Followership means supporting the leadership and supporting the other members by participation in club meetings, club functions and in general ham radio. So as a member you let your fellow members down when you do not participate in club activities. Each of you have only 3 more opportunities in 2010 to support your fellow members, two meetings and the Christmas Party – failing to attend lets your fellow members down! The current nominating committee is having a difficult if not impossible time finding people to fill the ballot for the leadership positions for 2011 and the general reason stated is that they feel the membership will leave them holding the bag.

November is the meeting for elections and this is a very important meeting for the whole membership – not a handful of members, so plan now to attend. As we think about leadership lets look at the positions and their responsibilities. **PRESIDENT** – Presides over club meetings, represents the club as the club official and sees that the offices of leadership perform their functions so every club member has an equal opportunity to participate. **VICE PRESIDENT** – Responsible to oversee (not perform) the activities of the club such as Field Day, Battleship events, light house operations, club meeting programs, etc. and fills in for the President when they can not be present. **SECRETARY** – Takes care of the records of the club and records the minutes of the meetings. **TREASURER** – Maintains the financial resources of the club, prepares a budget for the club each year and controls the expenditures of the club in accordance with the budget and the votes of the club. So the leadership keeps the club functioning but the club is what the membership does not what the leadership does. If any of you are interested in any of these jobs please contact Bill Usher, Chairman of the Nominating Committee and let your desires be known so that committee can consider all potential candidates.

There are two very important other positions that are not elected but must be filled each year to serve the club. Those include the Webmaster (Jack, WD4OIN) and the Newsletter Editor (currently unfilled but published by the President).

In 2011 we need more FOLLOWERSHIP. Typically the best part of each meeting is when club members introduce themselves and talk about their ham radio activities in the past

month. If you don't come to a club meeting and participate you cheat your fellow club members by not sharing and you yourself are cheated because you don't get to share in what others are reporting. We can use people who will share in Newsletter articles and club programs. Many have the capability to contribute significantly but are holding back. We need much, much more participation in club events such as Field Day, Battleship Operations, Lighthouse Activities, Boy Scouts, etc. So as we close out 2010 and begin 2011 I would like to see each member pledge to increase their FOLLOWERSHIP.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, October 19 at 7 PM at the Cape Fear Community College North Campus! And don't forget your Parking Pass

<http://ac4rc.org/parkingpass.doc>

73, Charlie Vaughan K4UWH

Christmas Party

Make your plans now to attend the ACARC Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 7 at 6:30 PM at the Carolina BBQ on College Rd. (north) at Murrayville. This is a dutch treat and is for not only members but also their families and any guests. Remember we have committed to a minimum number of people and if you don't show the club has to pay and that is a waste of money and food. The club voted for this activity and this location so make sure you attend and support the club.

ACARC Club Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the September club meetings have been published on the club website and are available there for you to read. Follows is the link directly to them: <http://ac4rc.org/Club%20Meeting/meeting%20report2010.html>. If you have any questions regarding them please bring them to the meeting on October 19.

AC4RC Website

Check our website often. Changes are made routinely and it is a source for information on club activities. WD4OIN does a fine job keeping it running.

Bayshore Weather Station

Hutch, NK0S has his weather station up and online. The URL is <http://www.weatherlink.com/user/nk0s>.

Solar Update

Solar activity is improving, and while not great or stable, the higher frequencies are improving. At times they still suffer from lack of activity. However, if you check the higher bands during some of the activity events you will see a difference and can work some good stations. After

early December we will enter the winter doldrums and you will need to migrate back to the lower frequencies but don't expect them to be quite as good for the long haul as they have been the past two years. **Wow** – I just got on 15 meters and heard an OK2 very strong so I called and worked him and was called by a DF2, worked him, was called by a DL3/QRP worked him, was called by a 4X, worked him and was called by an LZ3. After working the LZ3 I tuned up the band and heard 5V7TT working split – tuned the split and worked him first call. PJ6A in a huge pile-up on 10 a little later. Now this is what things are supposed to be like and this on a Monday – not the weekend or a contest!!

2010 ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Each Monday Evening – 9 PM local – 146.18 Repeater - - ACARC Local Net

HAM FEAST – Typically Saturday Mornings 8AM - K&W Cafeteria, Oleander Dr.

Friday Noon Lunch Bunch – As announced – Contact W3NZ for current week

Get Active and Get on the Air!!!

October

16&17th ACARC Sponsored JOTA at White Oak, NC

19th Club Meeting – Some Thoughts On Operating Activities – K4UWH

24th 10-10 International CW

30th CQ World Wide SSB

30th 10-10 International Digital

November

6th ARRL Sweepstakes CW

20th ARRL Sweepstakes SSB

23rd Club Meeting – A Homebrew Project Review – NK0S

23rd Club ELECTIONS - Attend

27th CQ World Wide CW

December

3rd ARRL 160 Meter Test

7th CHRISTMAS PARTY, 6:30 PM, Carolina BBQ on Hwy 132 N at Murrayville

11th ARRL 10 Meter Test

21st NO REGULAR CLUB MEETING THIS MONTH – Next 1/18/2011

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

We welcome anyone who would like to become a member of the Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club. We also try to maintain an e-mail mailing list for anyone that would like to keep track of our activities. Keep your e-mail address up-to-date.

CLUB MEETING

The next club meeting is October 19, 2010 at the Cape Fear Community College North Campus – 7 PM. The room is typically on the 3rd floor but ask security. ***BE SURE TO PRINT A PARKING PASS FOR YOUR CAR, FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS AND PLACE IT IN CLEAR VIEW ON YOUR DASHBOARD.*** Just As we did at the last meeting, we will have introductions and while we want to know your Name and Call Sign, please come prepared to mention something about your ham radio activities in the last month. The monthly meetings are becoming a place where “Ham Radio is Spoken”. So this is the place to let people know what you are doing and get your questions answered. No one gets a free pass so come prepared. **Looking forward to seeing all of you there.**

73,

Charlie K4UWH