



Central Arkansas Ultra High Frequency Group

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 4, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.;

Location: Larry's Pizza, 12911 Cantrell Road

The meeting was called to order by Steven Hicks, W5NLR, Vice-president.

Mr. Hicks sent a message from Club President Randy Wright, AE5RW. Randy cannot attend tonight due to the death of his father, Charles R. Wright, Sr., KC5TXN. We have a sympathy card for anyone who wishes may sign it—please include your CALL SIGN.

In the 4th Quarter of 2015, new officers were elected. They are as follows:

- President – Randy Wright, AE5RW
- Vice President – Steven Hicks, W5NLR
- Secretary-Treasurer – Margie Wofford, KG5EPM
- Immediate Past President – Jim Golden, K5MID
- Board Members: Sam Baldwin, N5SRB; Joel Echols, N5QLC
- Chief Engineer: Joel Echols, N5QLC
- Repeater Trustee: Timothy Leet, K5TEL

Memberships expire December 31. Please pay your dues by cash or check. Margie is processing the payments. If your payment received tonight, we will PRINT and HAND YOU a membership certificate, suitable for framing—you can hang this in your shack.

Also, you can renew or join online with Paypal® by going to CAUHF.org and clicking on the JOIN OR RENEW tab. We need your support as active members and we to help defray the costs.

Dues money is used to cover costs such as the new Kenwood TK-850K commercial repeater that we installed on Shinall, that was \$1185.30

You are also encouraged but not required to become an ARRL member.

Treasurer's Report – Margie Wofford, KG5EPM

Ms. Wofford reported the Q4 2015 Treasurers report. There was a deposit of \$975 from TeleTouch®. Expenses included rental, equipment purchase, and meeting prizes that totaled \$2251.94. Our ending balance on December 31, 2015 was \$1188.06.

Repeater Report – Joel Echols, N5QLC

Mr. Echols reported....

Guest Speaker

Steve Drillette, Meteorologist-In-Charge, National Weather Service Forecast Office, North Little Rock, AR. Mr. Drillette spoke of severe weather in Arkansas, tornado rating scales, post storm assessments, and the confidence placed in field storm spotters provided by the National Skywarn® Program. He shared his appreciation of amateur radio advocates.

Website update (<http://cauhf.org>)

In 2015, we had 7,572 views from 2,979 visitors. This is down from 2014, when we had 9,314 views from 2,934 visitors. The lower number of visitors is likely due to the fact that we shifted from monthly meetings to quarterly meetings at the beginning of 2015.

We are still hearing on air discussions regarding the place, time and guest speaker for the next meeting. The solution simple—just go to www.cauhf.org.

- Remember about our email list: **go to our website, click on the E-MAIL TAB at the top of the screen and follow the instructions. This ensures that you will be notified about any club activities.**
- We are requesting contributions, articles, and suggestions from any member.
- We have a job opening for Club Photographer and keeper of the Club Flickr page. We want to link the Flickr Page to our website, so that the photos display/rotate on the Flickr App.

Weekly AR Links Net

Tim Leet oversees the ARLinks System Net, held on Tuesday nights, 8:00 p.m. on most all of the ARLinks System Repeaters.

Quarterly Meetings

In 2015, we revised the meeting schedule. Meetings are held quarterly instead of monthly.

We welcome your input:

- If you have a request for a presentation on certain topic, please contact the Vice-President
- If you wish to make a share information and make a presentation to the club (5 minutes – 45 minutes), please contact the Vice-President
- Meeting location(s) – suggestions for change in 2016
- \$1.00 Raffle drawings; we re-instituted the raffle drawings for 2016. Each drawing costs the club approximately \$80.00 but it usually brings in \$80.00 to \$100.00.

Door Prizes

This meeting door prize for the \$1.00 Raffle drawing grand prize of a Baofeng® UV-82 dual band hand held radio went to Dan Cassidy, N5DBC. Congratulations, Dan!

Respectfully submitted,

S/Margie Wofford, KG5EPM
CAUHF Secretary-Treasurer