

HCARES Meeting Notes – January 2005

- Meeting called to order by Steve Quear, WA9FTT, at 10:00 AM at the Noblesville Police EOC.
- Arnol Cook, N9ACC, was the recipient of the Larry Fawbush award for 2004.
- The HF Wire antenna on top of the EOC has disintegrated and come down. The club discussed how to replace this antenna. Dave Bice, KC9AMV, stated that EMA would consider paying for the antenna replacement. The club approved spending up to \$ 100 to cover the cost of a GR5V and rope. This expense may not be necessary if the County replaces the antenna. Arnol Cook, N9ACC, will follow up with the purchase and replacement of the antenna. The Fire Department has a ladder truck (Ladder 71) that can reach the 90 mark which might be used to put back this antenna on the tower.
- The club participated in a discussion on solving the loss of the high profile tower use for the Skywarn Net. The situation with the current repeaters was considered and coverage is not complete for the county with a single repeater. Currently the club will use the 453.500 MHz repeater that is near the top of the 120 foot tower located at the Noblesville Police Department. We are not sure at what height the antenna is at. There are three hard lines going to the tower at 3 different heights. The club discussed many alternatives. The county was represented by Jeff Hendricks, KB9MHW, and Dave Bice, KC9AMV. They want proposals before the third week in January to present to the county. Those involved in the repeater situation will work on getting several proposals together before the deadline to solve this problem. The county would like this situation solved before the severe weather season this spring.
- The club wanted to know where the 145.170 repeater is and what is going to happen to it.
- The club approved moving the HCARES Saturday morning meetings to the EMA building on Pleasant Street.
- Suggestions for Club meeting topics
 - EOC Room Training (May)
 - Severe Weather Spotter Training (March)
 - Field Day Preparation
 - Viper Weather Radar Demo
 - Tour of Channel 8 Studio's
 - ARES Training
- We need a volunteer for managing field day. Please contact WA9FTT, Steve if you have an interest.
- Dave Bice will arrange to get the field day site reserved for the new building at Morris Park.
- Eric Eilers, K9ZX, said that there is a 100 foot self supporting tower available

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