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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ray Kassis, N4LEM

I want to thank all members of the FRC who have joined and supported the Council over the years. The staff and directors have done a great job in making our repeater bands useful and orderly. Please encourage other operators to join FRC and keep us informed as to your updates and any pairs that have been dormant or abandoned so that the FRC can make full use of the spectrum.

Remember that your District Director can be of great help to you and any problems that you may have to bring before the Council. On one of my own repeaters, a Ham has been connecting his Echo-link and the results have been great! If this mode and others like it catch on, Florida may develop some interesting linked repeaters. What can or should the FRC do to help or promote this?

73, Ray Kassis N4LEM
FRC President



Communications is the life blood of the Florida Repeater Council

TREASURERS REPORT

Dana Rodakis, K4LK

Balance 2/5/03:	\$7712.99
Income:	\$1612.91
Expenditures:	\$381.58
Balance 8/17/03:	\$8944.32

Minutes of February Board Meetings

**Florida Repeater Council, Inc.
Minutes of Annual Business Meeting
February 1, 2003
Miami, Florida**

The open forum was started at 3:08 PM on February 1, 2003 by President Ray Kassis, N4LEM. The following staff were in attendance:

Directors in attendance were:

- District 1: Nilo A. Hernandez, W4HN
- District 2: Mark Filla, KS4VT
- District 3: Eric Power, KD4DJW
- District 4: Mike Fletcher, NI4M
- District 5:
- District 6: Dave Armbrust, AE4MR
- District 7:
- District 8: Frank Butler, W4RH

Staff Members in attendance were:

- President: Ray Kassis, N4LEM
- Vice President:
- Secretary/Treasurer: Dana G. Rodakis, K4LK
- Database Manager: Dana G. Rodakis, K4LK

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SEPTEMBER FRC MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Melbourne Hamfest on Saturday, September 13, 2003, from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the East Room. The meeting will be held on-site instead of the Hilton Rialto Hotel.

There will be an open forum to allow members to express their opinions and ideas followed by the Board of Directors meeting.

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*Your Staff and
Directors are
willing to help
you. Please
avail yourself of
their services.*

NOTICE

Please send all certified mail to
District 1 Director Nilo Hernandez.
He will sign for the mail and forward
it to the appropriate staff member in
the Council

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2003 DATABASE CHANGES
(1/01/03 through 08/12/03)
(Listed in reverse chronological order)

NEW COORDINATIONS & TRANSFERS

146.970 Perry
 146.865 Port St. Lucie
 146.895 Hilliard
 146.985 Stuart
 145.410 Live Oak
 442.650 New Port Richey
 444.275 Hilliard
 443.325 Palm Beach Gardens
 53.010 Palatka
 146.895 Gibsonton
 443.100 Goulds
 443.975 Goulds
 53.150 Miami
 146.685 Lakeland
 444.925 Boca Raton
 147.300 Bunnell
 444.950 Bartow
 145.450 Hollywood
 442.625 Miami
 146.745 Punta Gorda
 146.610, 146.850, 444.425 Melbourne
 145.290 Crestview
 444.625 West Palm Beach
 442.225 Gibsonton
 147.315 Avon Park
 442.375 Avon Park
 444.400 Jupiter
 444.350 Port St. John
 444.050 Ft. Lauderdale
 146.625 Hialeah
 145.210 Lake Placid
 444.675 Tampa
 145.210 Apopka
 442.175 Orlando
 146.970 Anthony
 442.500 Live Oak
 442.000 Sarasota
 53.310, 147.090, 147.195, 444.050 Okeechobee
 443.200 Bradenton
 443.475 Tampa
 224.700 Tampa
 147.225, 443.250 Ruskin
 146.610 Ruskin
 146.805 Spring Hill
 443.125 Okeechobee
 146.670 Naples
 442.750 Tampa
 146.775 Mims
 145.250 Okeechobee
 1291.500 Tallahassee
 145.410 Pace

444.125 North Port
 442.925 DeLand

FREQUENCY CHANGES

147.120 North Port

DE-COORDINATIONS (new coordination not issued)

145.190 Palm Beach Gardens
 443.975 Altamonte Springs
 442.625 Miami
 223.940 St. Augustine
 444.250 Cocoa Beach
 224.300 Clermont
 147.075, 147.330, 421.250, 444.975 Jacksonville
 224.160 Sarasota
 145.130 Tampa
 03 443.100, 1293.200 Orlando

APPROVED RELOCATIONS

421.250 Laurel
 443.975 Holiday
 145.130 Laurel
 921.700 Verna

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President Kassis welcomed all present and explained that the first part of the meeting would be an open format, where anyone could express any thoughts. This portion of meeting would lead into the formal portion of the meeting where no participation by the members would be allowed.

A moment of silence was observed for past District 4 Director Paul Knupke Jr, N4PK and the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia.

President Ray introduced new District 4 Director Mike Fletcher, NI4M.

President Ray explained that dual February Board of Directors meetings would be held this year to determine the best facilities. Last year we had to meet in a corner of one of the swap table rooms causing the meeting to be very noisy and chaotic.

Larry Mann mentioned he submitted an application for 440 repeater in Miami 3-1/2 years ago. He wondered why it took so long. Coordinator Dana explained that he had forwarded it to the Directors of Districts 1 and 2 for research below 442 MHz. Director Nilo mentioned he would have a pair in about a week.

KD4CPG indicated that he his 443.800 repeater was moved to North Miami but it is still being listed in Pompano Beach. Updates were submitted via email and approved by Director Mark. A written update was submitted at the meeting. The database has been properly updated.

Bill Johnson, W4MOO indicated that he submitted a trustee updated for 146.610 which is currently coordinated to Robert Perrin, W8PCZ. Coordinator Dana will check if it can be relocated. Coordination has been transferred. Bill was advised to keep the repeater active.

An amateur inquired about the purchased software that performs frequency searches. Nothing has been authorized for purchase.

Another amateur mentioned that he has heard strong conversations on his repeater output in Miami. Director Nilo will check.

President Ray took an informal poll to determine the preferred meeting place for the Board. Ray thanked Kevin Scanlon who is one of the Hamboree committee for the terrific meeting room. Miami is able to accommodate us in the future. Considerable discussion followed. President Ray hoped that the Directors were attending local clubs and hamfests to represent the Council. The Directors are able to appoint Vice Directors who are able to vote in their absence.

A repeater owner inquired of the proper procedure for filing status reports. It was clarified by Database Manager Dana.

Director Dave queried the group to determine if we should continue to mail a newsletter to everyone. Someone mentioned that a mass email could be sent indicating the newsletter is available for download. This is not practical since we don't have everyone's addresses. Considerable discussion followed. Director Frank thinks it should continue to mail a newsletter to everyone. Perhaps a checkbox field could be added to the database that indicates a trustee's desire to receive a printed newsletter.

The business meeting was called to order at 3:58 PM on February 1, 2003 by President Ray Kassis, N4LEM, who welcomed all in attendance and thanked those who work for the Council. The Secretary determined that a quorum of qualified Directors were in attendance:

Directors in attendance were:

- District 1: Nilo A. Hernandez, W4HN
- District 2: Mark Filla, KS4VT
- District 3: Eric Power, KD4DJW
- District 4: Mike Fletcher, NI4M
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- District 7:
- District 8: Frank Butler, W4RH

Staff Members in attendance were:

- President: Ray Kassis, N4LEM
- Vice President:
- Secretary/Treasurer: Dana G. Rodakis, K4LK
- Database Manager: Dana G. Rodakis, K4LK

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Ray indicated that after adding CTCSS to his own repeater, he is a firm believer in the benefits that it provides. We should encourage all other repeater owners to do the same.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary Rodakis began reading the minutes of the last meeting that have been posted on the FRC web site. Director Nilo made a motion which was seconded by Director Mark to approve the minutes of the September 2002 meeting as posted. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The FRC Secretary/Treasurer reported the following

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accounting:

Opening balance, 8/6/02	\$8,795.99
Income:	\$1,100.00
Expenses:	\$2,323.00
Balance: 2/1/03:	\$7,572.99

Expenses included printing, collating and mailing two newsletters. The Council receives \$1 per repeater submitted for the repeater directory. An itemized list of transactions was available for inspection. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the treasurer's report.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT:

The Council web site receives 30 hits per day. Spam continues to be a problem. The clickable email links have not been changed to graphics files because it will be inconvenient for users to communicate with the Council. The Council web site is listed in the Google search engine. Web site was updated with repeater listings in late December. A Filemaker Pro database server is running on a computer in Dana's home.

DATABASE MANAGER/COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Data is due to the ARRL for the next repeater directory by February 7, 2003. Seventy-nine coordinations or transfers were completed last year. Also, two frequency changes were approved. Thirty-five repeaters were de-coordinated, four approved relocations. There are 1,111 repeaters in database. There is a backlog of 85 applications to be processed this week. Director Mike asked if there was a way for the short-form updates to happen automatically. There is no way unless all amateurs are allowed modify access to the Filemaker Pro server. Director Mike indicated that his club is considering the use of PayPal to accept member dues. Perhaps the Council could do the same. He will report back at the Orlando meeting.

REPORTS OF DIRECTORS:

District 1: Working to get repeaters updated or de-coordinated.
 District 2: Have had requests for new pairs based upon new coordination distances.
 District 3: The 146.94 repeater has been moved to Cocoa.
 District 4: Mike expressed appreciation for the appointment as Director. The 145.130 repeater in Tampa was transferred and moved without approval. It should never have been coordinated due to co-channel conflicts. The FCC has been notified. Both trustees have been notified that the coordination has been revoked.
 District 5: No report
 District 6: An uncoordinated repeater has been placed in-service on 147.105 in Port Charlotte with IRLP running and no CTCSS. It is causing a problem with the co-channel in Tampa.
 District 7: No report
 District 8: Director Frank indicated that he submitted updates

for several repeaters and was concerned that they be included in the next Repeater Directory. He also requested that trustees indicate what city a repeater is close to. Database Manager Dana explained how repeaters were assigned their regions. Director Frank requested that the website's district map be updated to include the sub-regions. He also mentioned that AA4PZ passed away.

OLD BUSINESS:

Funds of \$1,800 were previously allocated to purchase Filemaker Pro for all Directors. To date only two copies have been obtained. They are both in Dana's possession. Instead of issuing copies of expensive software and then retrieving it when a Director leaves the Council, the Database Manager has setup a server at home for the Directors to search and print database records from any web browser. A couple of the Director's have tried it with success. The webmaster will re-send access instructions to the Council staff. A decision will be made at the Orlando meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to direct the Coordinator to allocate a pair in the sub-442 pair for state-wide emergency use. Not completed. A request for four frequencies has been submitted to FADCA. Considerable discussion followed.

The CTCSS requirement for new coordinations on 144 and 440 MHz is now in effect. All documentation has been updated. No complaints or problems to date.

New co-channel repeater distances take effect when the Coordinator has adequate search capability. It's a possibility by 3/1/03. Considerable discussion followed concerning grandfathering existing repeaters. Should the height of these existing repeaters be considered when searching for available pairs. This issue is tabled until the Orlando meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

All new business was tabled until the Orlando meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 PM by President Ray Kassis.

Respectfully submitted
 Dana G. Rodakis, K4LK
 Secretary/Treasurer

Florida Repeater Council, Inc.
Minutes of Annual Business Meeting
February 8, 2003
Orlando, Florida

The open forum was started at 2:08 PM on February 8, 2003 by President Ray Kassis, N4LEM. The following staff was in
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attendance:

Directors in attendance were:

District 1:

District 2: Mark Filla, KS4VT

District 3: Karen Power, KD4DJX

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Staff Members in attendance were:

President: Ray Kassis, N4LEM

Vice President: Ira Bickham, K8HRR

Secretary/Treasurer: Dana G. Rodakis, K4LK

Database Manager: Dana G. Rodakis, K4LK

President Kassis introduced himself, welcomed all present and said that he is honored to serve as President although elections will occur later. He explained that we had a meeting the previous week at the Miami hamfest and there was considerable discussion of the choice of meeting places. Miami provided us a good meeting place. The first part of the meeting would be an open format, where anyone could express any thoughts. This portion of meeting would lead into the formal portion of the meeting where no participation by the members would be allowed. No roll call is conducted during the open forum but the districts are well representative.

The choice of meeting place was discussed. Last Orlando hamfest, we were placed in the corner of a swap table room, and it was very noisy and nearly impossible to conduct a meeting. Several suggestions were made. The subject will be discussed via email and announced in the newsletter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wally Cashwell complained that his name was misspelled in the December 2002 newsletter. Wally explained the technical operation of his repeater. Considerable discussion followed.

George Jones W4AQR indicated his 444.000 repeater in Seffner was coordinated but somehow got dropped from the database. Since then, another repeater was coordinated on the same frequency. He reminded everyone that not all owners have access to the web site and de-coordination paperwork needs to be mailed. Director Mark mentioned that paperwork mailed typically gets returned and is no longer sent. George stated that he recently sent an application for a new pair. The database manager stated that the 1993 database was the last in which George's repeater was listed.

The staff was thanked for all the hard work.

A co-owner of the WA4HJM repeater in Dundee mentioned that his repeater will be dropped from the repeater directory. The staff informed him of his responsibilities to report repeater status. Considerable discussion about dealing with paper repeaters followed.

President Kassis thanked all who attended and expressed their opinions. The Directors introduced themselves to the group.

The business meeting was called to order at 2:55 PM on February 8, 2003 by President Ray Kassis, N4LEM. The Secretary determined that a quorum of qualified Directors were in attendance:

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The meeting was then turned over to Vice President Ira Bickham Jr., K8HRR who entertained nominations for President. Director Mike nominated Ray Kassis. Nomination was seconded and approved. President Kassis re-appointed Vice President Bickham then entertained a motion to re-appoint Dana Rodakis, K4LK as Secretary, Treasurer, Coordinator, Database Manager, and Webmaster, Matt Bush, KA9RIX as 6-meter coordinator; and to re-elect the Directors of districts 2, 4, 6 and 8. All nominations were seconded and passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary Rodakis read the minutes of the business meeting held last week in Miami. The minutes have been posted on the FRC web site. Director Nilo made a motion which was seconded by Director Mark to approve the minutes of the

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February 1, 2003 meeting as posted. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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Income from the ARRL in April will be \$883.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT:

The Council web site receives 30 hits per day. Repeater listings updated. Region names have been expanded so that they sort properly. The FRC district map has been updated as requested. The red and white in the map does not print well and needs a little more work. The Directors praised the website for the wealth of information it contains.

DATABASE MANAGER/COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

All applications and updates have been processed except those that required a search to be presented to an applicant. Waiting for responses from the applicant. Two are in district 8.

Ninety-nine coordinations or transfers were completed last year. Also, three frequency changes were approved. Forty-four repeaters were decoordinated, four approved relocations. There are 1,114 repeaters in database.

The repeater listings on the web site are now filtered to include only those that have filed the required updates. The database still contains all known repeaters.

Motion was made to accept these reports as read. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF DIRECTORS:

District 1: No report.

District 2: Nothing new since last week.

District 3: Director Karen received the returned newsletters and contacted the trustees to send updates. Frank Bryne has passed away and should be de-coordinated. Eric Power was named Vice Director of district 3.

District 4: Nothing new since last week. Mike requested the Board of Directors acknowledge Tony Stone as Vice Director of district 4.

District 5: No report.

District 6: Director Dave indicated that the 145.21 in Lake Placid was relinquished by Steve Wilkins and Bill Dibble would be applying. The Coordinator indicated that he has not received anything to date.

District 7: Reviewed the returned newsletters and has submitted recommendations to the Database Manager.

District 8: Nothing new since last week.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Coordinator was directed to allocate two pairs in the sub-442 band for state- wide emergency use. A request for four frequencies has been submitted to FADCA (Russ Oder, N4KOX). President Ray asked Bill Sinbine, N4XEO to check into it. A motion was made by Director Dave that no further coordinations be issued on 146.940 MHz until this issue is resolved. It will be discussed via email and decided at the next meeting. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.

Grandfathering of existing repeaters needs to be considered when determining co-channel repeater coordination distances. Considerable discussion followed. A motion was made by Director Mike, as follows:

All existing coordinations issued prior to March 1, 2003 are grandfathered with the coordinated 85 mile radius of protection until February 28, 2006, provided that no technical changes are made to the repeater (only trustee, callsign, sponsor or feature changes are allowed). At that time, the new separation distances take effect for all coordinations. New coordinations issued as of March 1, 2003 are performed with the new separation distances. Only the highest existing repeater is considered when determining separation.

The motion was seconded and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Create a procedure to deal with paper repeaters. This issue will be discussed via email and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

The Database Manager has setup a server that allows the FRC staff to search and print database records. This server is limited to 10 different IP addresses in a 12-hour period. An unlimited version of Filemaker Pro costs \$1,000. The server could also be the FRC Web server if a fixed IP address is assigned. This issue is tabled until the next meeting. The Directors will try the server to see if the IP limit becomes a problem.

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Decide on permanent meeting place for the annual meeting. This issue is tabled until the next meeting.

Costs of printing and mailing twice-a-year newsletter have reached \$1,900. A motion was made, seconded and approved to continue mailing a newsletter to all coordinated trustees by first-class mail.

We could use PayPal to accept member dues. We would be assessed a fee by PayPal. The fee could be passed onto the member. Director Mike is in the process of implementing it in his local club. The fees are 2.9% plus 30 cents per transaction (total of 59 cents). A commercial account is required. A motion was made, seconded and approved to implement on-line donations.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM by President Ray Kassis.

Respectfully submitted
Dana G. Rodakis, K4LK
Secretary/Treasurer

FRC Dues

The mailing label shows the year [in brackets] through which your dues are paid. Clip this coupon and mail with your \$10.00 annual dues. Your cancelled check is your receipt. **This coupon is NOT a substitute for your repeater update. Payment of dues is not required to receive the services of the Council. Thank you for your support.**

Dues can be submitted online using PayPal. Visit the FRC web site for and click the "Donate" link at the bottom of the menu bar.

Name: _____
Callsign: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
E-Mail: _____
Repeater callsign: _____
Repeater City: _____
Output frequency(s): _____

Signature: _____

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FROM THE DATABASE MANAGER

Due to the tremendous growth of Amateur radio, especially 2 meters, there are few (if any) repeater pairs available in most areas in the state. Many of the coordinated repeaters are inactive, or are being used for other purposes, such as simplex autopatches. Some repeaters have no inputs and their outputs are simply re-transmitting other active repeaters simply to generate activity. Some amateurs simply like to hoard repeater pairs for future use. In addition, repeater licensees are relocating their repeaters or increasing the antenna height or output power without authorization from the FRC Coordinators - in direct violation of FRC Coordination Policy.

Please notify the appropriate FRC Coordinator (see the Directory of FRC Staff and Directors), if you suspect that a repeater is inactive, is no longer in its coordinated location, has an abnormally large coverage area, has no receiver, or is being used for a simplex autopatch.

The FRC needs your help in locating the repeater pairs that are being used for anything but legitimate full-duplex repeaters, so that they may be re-coordinated to amateurs who will use them properly.

The frequency of repeater status reports has changed. In

odd-numbered years, reports are due from even-numbered districts and in even-numbered years, reports are due from odd-numbered districts.

A LIST of repeaters that WILL NOT BE INCLUDED in the next report to the ARRL for their 2004-2005 ARRL Repeater Directory (due out Spring 2004) can be accessed by visiting the FRC web site at the following URL: <http://florida-repeaters.org/rptromit03.pdf>. Either these repeaters are uncoordinated or the required bi-annual update HAS NOT BEEN received from the coordinated trustee. If any of these repeaters are familiar to you, then please urge the trustee to submit the required update by December 31, 2003.

The Council web site contains a wealth of information, including the latest repeater listings, Council By-Laws, coordination policy, minutes of the Board of Directors meetings, and links to other coordinating agencies and pages of interests to the amateur radio operators. For the most up-to-date repeater listings visit the following URL: <http://florida-repeaters.org/dblist.htm>

Repeater status reports and applications for new or changed coordinations can be submitted on-line by visiting the following URL: <http://florida-repeaters.org/frcappl.htm>
