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Subject: Franklin County Amateur Radio Club

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Dear Franklin County Amateur Radio Club member, and other users of the 146.985 KB1BSS Repeater

As you may know, the FCARC is facing several unexpected expenses this year, and we are asking for your financial assistance to meet a capital campaign of \$3000. When you pay your annual dues this year, please consider making an extra donation of \$100 or \$50 or \$25 or whatever amount you can afford to help meet these expenses.

Over a year ago damage to the Leyden repeater antenna on Frizzell Hill was discovered. After much deliberation the club voted to replace the damaged antenna with a new Hustler G7-144. That installation was done on August 16th. Scott Conti, N1LYW, machined a bracket to firmly secure the upper part of the new antenna to the tower. (The absence of bracing contributed to the damage to the old antenna.) Scott donated both his labor and materials. The new antenna cost \$209. Climbers to install the antenna cost \$300, which is very reasonable because we piggybacked on work that was being done by the tower's owner, WPVQ, at the same time.

In June we temporarily replaced the lightning-damaged Mitrek repeater at Leyden with one of our new Yaesu units, which was moved from Greenfield. The Yaesu unit does not run as much power as the Mitrek, so Bob Dickerman, WA1QKT, repaired the Mitrek unit, donating his expertise, labor, and the cost of a repair manual. Finally, the last week in September, we put it back into service on Frizzell Hill. By most reports, the restored repeater equipment plus the new antenna have brought the system back to its former strength.

The FCARC is now facing another challenge. In June, the Franklin Regional Council of Government (FRCOG) told us that the FCARC's equipment must be removed from the storage container FRCOG owns. At its July meeting the e-board decided to explore the purchase of a utility trailer. The usefulness of a trailer is obvious given the FCARC's need to rapidly and easily deploy its resources to meet regular as well as unplanned public service events. FCARC has received a generous offer from a local amateur to provide free space to park a trailer.

The FCARC has benefited greatly over the years, and continues to benefit, from the free use of facilities for club board and member meetings, and for planning and training. We now are faced with a considerable expense (at least \$2000, less if we can) in acquiring a suitable trailer to satisfy our current and longer-term needs. FCARC needs your help in securing this necessary and valuable asset. The continued improvement in the resources FCARC employs and the continued training of its volunteer members in radio skills and emergency services has inescapable financial requirements. Please be as generous as you can.

Thank you,

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FCARC Club Secretary on behalf of the Executive Board

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