WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC April 2, 1991

Meeting called to order by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were ?? members present

Minutes from the March 5th meeting were read and approved

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The Mid Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club voted last month to remove any ties with Wood County Emergency Services and Wood County Emergency Communications. In the process, they have removed all of their equipment from the Emergency Operations Center and from the 146.745 Mhz repeater, leaving the repeater inoperative. With the separation of the club, several members dropped the registration with Emergency Services and the RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service)

There will be a SARA Title III communications subcommittee meeting held May 4th at the Wood County EOC at 10:00. This is the planning meeting for the 21 county, 3 state exercise to be held September 7th, 1995

There was a reminder of the disaster drill scheduled for July 13th at WVU/P. Communications will be needed at the EOC

Also on May 4th there will be a regional meeting held at the EOC. It will be held after the SARA Title III meeting. This meeting will discuss all forms of communications for Amateur Radio

There was a reminder of the County Wide Disaster drill to be held at WVU/P July 13th

There was a reminder of the March of Dimes Walk-America that will be held April 28

There was a reminder of Volcano Days BINGO September 27th, 28th, and 29th at Mountwood Park

There was a reminder of the Freedom Festival June 29th at the Vienna Fire station

NEW BUSINESS

Since the Mid Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club has disassembled the 146.745 Mhz repeater, and Wood County Emergency Communications and Services no longer have a two meter Amateur repeater, Ken WA8LLM/Unit 251 has suggested purchasing the parts necessary to re-assemble and recrystal the old 146.745 Mhz repeater. There was a discussion and the group decided to get a repeater in operation for Emergency Services and the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES). Duane N8LDM/UNIT 261 and Ken have already been to the tower site and tested for a possible repeater frequency. Ken said he would get the paper work started to coordinate the new frequency

Bill WF8U/Unit 253 resigned from the organization and as Wood County RACES Officer and Assistant Communications Officer

With the loss of several radio operators and workers, Leo WA8BMA, who been an auxilirary member for several years said he would like to become active in the group. Since he has retired he can commite to helping a lot more. Leo said he would help coordinate activities should as Runs, walks and Regattas

The Parkersburg High School, School Boy Regatta committee has ask us to provide communications again this year. The event will be April 13th at 8:00 am. Those wishing to help should be at the "Point" at 7:00am for assignment. Be sure to bring warm clothes

Aaron N8NVQ has applied for membership in the organization. He hasn't been able to help much since he's been going to collage out of town. He finished now and would like to help with communications

Ken WA8LLM/Unit 251 said that Artsbridge has contacted Wood County Emergency Services asking for the help with communications at the annual Bed Race, called Main Street Mania. The races are scheduled for June 1 between the Court House and the Parkersburg City Building

Wood County Emergency Services has got a notification from the FCC about the new public safety repeater frequency which was applied for some time back. There seems to be a problem and Randy WB8OHX/UNIT 252 is working it out

The next wood county firefighters association meeting will be April 8th at the Waverly Fire station.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE