

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

December 1, 1998

Before a short meeting was held, a Christmas Dinner was enjoyed by all that was in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 7:45 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 15 members and 5 guests present.

Minutes from the November 3rd meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken WA8LLM reminded everyone to look over the By-Laws. There will be a discussion at the January Meeting.

With other activities not much has been done with the new 147.255 Mhz repeater. For the time being the old one needs a little attention to get noise interference. Ken WA8LLM to check on Rockport receiver and get it back on line.

Sam N8SVX reported that he couldn't find the right kind of adaptors to convert the three scanners in Mobilcom-1 to regular coax. Ken WA8LLM will see what kind of modifications can be done to be able to use regular coax connectors.

Miller Communications hasn't installed the batteries at the Summit Tower site yet, so until they are installed we won't be getting a bill for them. The cost of the batteries is about \$117.00 dollars a piece for the two batteries.

Nothing has been decided on the purchasing of any UHF Walkie Talkies at this time, followed by a short discussion.

Equipment that has been added to the inventory list are 10 magnetic mount antennas, a weather station, an MFJ-259B, the eight radios from the EOC, and eight Hi Band Walkie Talkies and a charger we got from Camden Clark Hospital.

FINDER-1 may be in operation by the next meeting if we get to leave the Packet Radio at the telephone company building.

The 75 and 40 meter antennas are still in Mobilcom-1 and should be installed before the Christmas Parade.

W5YI testing December 12, 6:00pm at Eastwood Fire Station.

Christmas and New Year Safety Break schedules still need to be filled in.

The MFJ-259B antenna analyzer that was just purchased was passed around for everyone to look at. The price is listed as 249.00 dollars, but Lisa KB8UER found the same unit in another catalog for about 190.00 dollars.

The ten magnetic mount antennas are available anytime they are needed. Some of them will be kept in Mobilcom-1.

The weather station was brought to the meeting for everyone to look at. A heat shield needs to be purchased so the heat/humidity sensor will work properly. We also need to purchase a compass so the wind indicator will be pointing in the right direction, and a level to make sure the rain gauge is adjusted properly. A box will be built to store all of the equipment in.

Ken WA8LLM hasn't been able to get a hold of the Larry Stevens who is the Commander of the local Civil Air Patrol about the use of the building at the Wood County Airport. Maybe by the next meeting we will know something.

Still need some ID pictures taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on a project that he and Ken KB8QPW were working on. They have put an experimental Simplex Repeater on the air, using a controller which was purchased from Radio Shack. The repeater is on the Simplex Frequency of 147.525 Mhz. A demonstration was given on how it works and how it can be used on other frequencies.

The Christmas Parade will be December 12th. We need to be at 13th and Market Street around Noon to get ready.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris

KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lot KC8JWR/Unit 267, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 263, Phil Newhart KB8GBE/Unit 275, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Mary Smith Unit 952, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277, and Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262. Guests were: Pam Riffle, Kathy McGee, Shawna Mercer, Shannon Yoho, and Debbie Williams N8VOW.