

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
September 3, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm at the E-911 Center, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 23 members and guests present.

Minutes from the August 6, 2002 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 repeater system. The new UHF antenna that is being used to receive the Remote Receivers has been installed at it's temporary location. The new repeater is still at it's temporary location and isn't able to see very many of the Remote Receivers, but it will do until it gets moved back to it's permanent location. One of the main circuits that he needs to build into the repeater is a voltage sensing device. It needs to be able to turn the repeater off if and when the battery voltage drops below 12.0 volts. When the battery voltage drops below 12.0 volts the transmitter keys up, and stays keyed up until the battery voltage goes back to about 12.5 volts. He said he had to drop the project for just a little while to get MOBILECOM-1 ready to be painted.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Ken, KB8QPW, meet with Joe, N8MEV, at Dick's Auto to get the paint for MOBILECOM-1. Joe is planning to paint MOBILECOM-1 Saturday and Sunday, September 7th and 8th.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the area of land which was bulldozed for the base of operations building now has grass growing in it. As you can tell, not much has been done due to the other activities this summer.

Lisa, KB8UER, says she still has to get some locations of the Amateurs in the area for her map.

Ken, KB8QPW, has ordered the domain name for the WCEC Website. The name of the Website is <http://www.wc8ec.com>. It has been purchased for five years. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Valerie Brown called him on the telephone and said there needed to be a little more paperwork done before we could get our Federal Surplus Property request approved. She's going to send him a copy of the paper from the Government Services Administration. Ken told about the organization going over \$25,000.

There was a reminder about the Volcano Days/Pepsi Run September 28,

2002.

There was also a reminder of the High School Cross Country races on September 28th, October 3rd, and November 2nd.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report for Sam, N8SVX, who had planned on being at the meeting, but had to go to class instead. Sam has been digitizing the newsletters so that he can put them on the Website. He's going to keep about five years of the newsletter on the site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the ten county hospital disaster drill has now been changed to six counties and five hospitals. The drill will be held October 16th. Ken says that we need to have communications with the Sistersville Hospital.

Judy, N8UFQ, got a telephone call from Camden Clark Hospital, asking if communications personnel could be available for an in-house disaster drill they were having were having that day. They just needed to be sure communications personnel could be contacted and be available, if they were needed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the trailer that was donated to the organization by Connie, N8TWS, and Aaron, N8NVQ. The trailer has now been transferred to WCEC and it has a license on it. The trailer is being used for storing BINGO equipment and operating BINGO games out of.

A short discussion was held about the trailer PJ2H and chemicals that can be used in it.

Terry, KC8AOF, gave a report on the 30 foot trailer that is being used as a Mobile Emergency Operations Center. It has been named MEOC. The front bedroom has been remodeled to make a small communications room. Terry said it won't be used for a full blown communications center. He would like to use MOBILECOM-1 for communications center and have a telephone line between the two units.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming. He said the crowd seemed to be down from past years, but we made some money. We received one bad check, which has been taken care of.

W5YI Amateur Radio testing October 12, 2002.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report about the Parkersburg Half Marathon. There was some problems with closing the complete race route down at 7:00 am and the mile marker signs. A lengthy discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, KB8QPW, gave information about a No-Code Technician Amateur Radio License class starting September 23, at Pomeroy, Ohio.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about a new report which needs to be filled out and sent to the State Tax Department. He has requested and received a letter of exemption from the tax department about the new report. We got the exemption because we make less than \$25,000 dollars a year.

Ken, WA8LLM, told why we needed to get MOBILECOM-1 painted as soon as possible. He had attended a meeting for an Air Show that will be held September 22, 2002. Wood County Emergency Communications has been asked to help coordinate the communications with the Wood County School Buses, Sheriff's Department, Air Show Officials, Parking Officials, both at the Air Show, and at the two parking areas at Days Inn at Williamstown and at West Virginia University at Parkersburg, and the Airport Control Tower. Since we were going to be in a crowd of several thousand people we needed to make MOBILECOM-1 look good. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, KB8QPW, said that since the State Office of Emergency Services will be activated from September 10, 11, 12, that he would like to have MOBILECOM-1 activated the same time period and set up at the Wood County E-911 Center. A list of names needs to be given to the E-911 Center for those who are going to be operating in MOBILECOM-1.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Harold Dooley N8KO/Unit 266, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Paul Briman, KC8UHH/Unit 262, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Aaron Fleenor N8NVQ/Unit 276, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Scott Jones, Terry Brown, KC8AOF/Unit ES-1, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Brad Caradine, KC8TYU, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Krista Mills, Tricia Mills, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit R-25