

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
December 2, 2003

The Annual Christmas Dinner was held prior to a short business meeting.

The meeting was called to order at about 7:05 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 38 members and guests present at the dinner and the meeting.

Minutes from the November 4, 2003 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the Elizabeth tower site going to be a good location for a Remote Receiver for the repeater. He has ordered duplexers to be used with the two dual band walkie/talkies that were donated by Blaine Auville, WA8IOE. One of the radios is going to be installed at Elizabeth Hill and the other one will be installed at the Rockport Tower site. Ken, KB8QPW, has been playing with the two Handie/Talkies, trying to make them crossband repeat, and seems to have them working like they should. Hopefully by Saturday December 13th, we will have the two Remote Receivers in operation. It sounds like there might be some kind of trouble on the E-911 Remote Receiver. Early in the mornings the repeater starts keying up about every few seconds. We need to find out what that problem is. Ken says that he has the UHF filter that Earl Hulce, KB8HRG, has put together, and tuned up, ready to be put on the UHF Link Receivers. Ken will get the filter on as soon as he can get the time to take it to the repeater site.

There were a few more copies of the ARRL Level One question pool passed out. Ken WA8LLM, said he may be taking a trip to Philippi on December 29th to take his Level Three test. Whenever several people think they are ready to take the Level One test, Ken will try to get a testing team to come to Parkersburg and administer the test.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the two Packet stations at the Wetzel County tower site, one on DAREN system, and the other one on MARS system are up and running, and working good.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that all of the Yaseu FT-1500, which were purchased for the members to buy, have either been delivered or have been spoken for.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has talked to Craig at Mountwood Park about building a permanent shelter to play the BINGO games at Volcano Days. Craig was interested in putting one up, but he needs to get his eleven bosses to approve it. Mountwood will have their major project planning

meeting sometime in February. Ken hasn't talked to the president of The Interstate Fair and Exposition about building a shelter there yet. Ken is concerned that WCEC may not always get the BINGO games since the president of the fair can change every year and WCEC may not get the games.

The new ID cards have been passed out except for a couple. If you have an old ID card, it needs to be turned in. There are still a couple more ID cards that need to be made up.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report about MOBILECOM-1 being at the airport with the Civil Air Patrol. He said several people went through MOBILECOM-1, including several Civil Air Patrol members.

There was a reminder about the W5YI Amateur Radio VE testing to be held on December 13 at the E-911 buliding.

Ken, KB8QPW, said that we are still having problems with the Wirt County DAREN Packet station. The station has been taken off of the DAREN system, and put on the MARS (Military Affiliated Radio System, but it doesn't seem to be any better there.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't seen or heard from Roger Bibbee, about the CERT classes. Roger has been taking classes himself to get ready to teach the classes. It may be another month or so before we will get any schedules of when he will be teaching the CERT classes. Any one wanting to take the class, can take it with any other group.

NEW BUSINESS

Phil, KB8GBE, asked to have the members present to thank Denise, KC8TUF, Dot, KC8HAI, and anyone else who helped put together the Christmas dinner.

Schedules for the Christmas and New Years Safety Breaks were passed around. Even though the letter said that we have permission to set up for three days, we are going to schedule the breaks for all five days, just in case we are the only ones schedules to be down there.

There will be a Christmas Parade on December 6th. The parade will start at 2:30 pm, but we need to have communications people there by about 10:00 am to start preparing for it. Ken, WA8LLM said that we need to expose ourselves in public, or at least make our presence known, so those needing help will find someone to talk to. Sammy, N8SVX, will give us the UHF frequency the Radio Station will be using on the Walkie/Talkies so we can be in communications with them.

Denise, KC8TUF, talked about putting together Medical Cards that can be laminated and put with our ID Cards. Since we could be in locations

that might be harmful, those who may need to help us would know of any medical conditions, medicines, or other medical information.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Ryan Riser, Kyle Riser, Kendale Peterson, Mike Davis KC8SIP/Unit 279, Pam Davis KC8VPN/Unit 281, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Larry Wotring KC8TRQ/Unit 261, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Scott Jones, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Pam Riffle KC8NLD/Unit 272, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Steve Ashcraft, KC4URI, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Kathy McGee, Phil Newhart KB8GBE/Unit 275, Danni Jones KC8VSR/Unit 260, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit ES-2, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Bolles, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Jim Peterson,