

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

July 5, 2005

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 29 members and guests present.

Minutes from the June 7, 2005, 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. Ken said on Sunday, July 2nd, at about 6:20 pm plus or minus a few minutes before the voice net, lightening hit the repeater tower site. He said the lightening took out one of the UHF Link Receivers, which timed out the repeater, and made it inoperable. He and Ken, KB8QPW, went to the tower site and got the repeater back in operation. Ken said that he hasn't had time to make it down to the Rockport tower site to find out what might be wrong with it. During the net on Sunday, it sounded like the Williamstown Remote Receiver may have been off the air. Ken said the Ritchie County DAREN NODE/PBBS, which is located at the repeater site, was also taken off the air by lightening. He will try to get to all the repairs done before the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, read the July 3rd ARES Bulletin, which didn't get read on the Sunday night net.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he never made it up to Rinky Dinks to look at the trailer that was for sell.

Ken, WA8LLM, pasted around a part of the Field Day report. He explained some of the highlights of the report, he said that he will have a complete copy of the report at the next meeting. There was a discussion about some of the problems that were encountered, and how to make it better next year. Ken asked for any information as to what went wrong during Field Day so that we would try to correct it for next year.

Ken, reminded every one about the medical information, he needs to start getting the information typed up so that it will be ready when the new ID Cards are printed at the end of the year.

There has still been no planning when there will be an Amateur Radio Class. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he still needs to get the radios installed at the Health Department offices, and get some of the employees ready for a class.

There was a discussion about getting a grant to purchase enough radios to put together at least 16 Remote Receivers and 4 stand-by receivers for the 147.255 MHz repeater. Several ideas for grants were discussed. Harold, N8KO, said that every time we have an activity where we provide some kind of service for another organization, that we should get a letter from that organization so that we can show others that we are a vital source of communications. Ken, WA8LLM, said that we should put all the letters in one place, or in a folder of some kind.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Joe Thomas, N8MEV, about the rain jackets. Joe said that if he wasn't at home, to just put the list of Rain Jacket sizes in his mailbox, he would see about getting them.

There was a report on the River Sweep. Anna, KC8JWW, said there was about 43 people that showed up for the activity in Williamstown. Ken, WA8LLM, said there was fifty maybe sixty people that signed up at the Parkersburg Point Park location. We were signing up everyone including the city trash haulers, and fire and rescue personnel, to get the numbers up.

There was a reminder about the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition which will be held July 18th through July 23rd. Last year it was our largest fund raiser. The BINGO games will run from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm Monday through Friday, and from 2:00 pm to 11:00 pm on Saturday. There was a discussion about changing the workers radios which operate on the FRS frequencies and start operating on the GMRS frequencies. Ken, WA8LLM, will try to build up an interface that will work with his small GMRS radios.

There was also a reminder about the BINGO games that will be operated at the Parkersburg Homecoming August 19th, 20th, and 21st.

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There was a reminder about the Parkersburg Half Marathon which will be held on August 20th, we need to be on our location by 8:00 am. Anyone

who is wanting to help should let either Ken, WA8LLM, or Judy, N8UFQ, know as soon as possible. We need to know by July 15th because that is the day the T-Shirt Sizes have to be turned in.

There was a reminder that the August WCEC meeting will be a picnic/meeting. It will be held at the Parkersburg City Park, shelter number 9. We should be there at about 6:00 pm and should be able to eat at about 6:30. There will be a short meeting after the picnic, to make the meeting official.

Sam, N8SVX, said that Fenton Art Glass dropped the idea of holding BINGO games at their anniversary activity since they didn't feel they had enough time to get it set up.

Bob, KB8RNE, wanted to know if the radios that are being installed at the Health Departments were going to be a part of a state wide network. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has heard that 17 other counties in West Virginia are looking at Amateur Radio voice, not packet, as their back-up communications.

Harold, N8KO, ask about the communications for the Red Cross. Ken, WA8LLM, said that Sharon Kesselring, wants to know when we will be coming down to install the radios in their newly acquired building. We need to get down there when things slow down a little. We need to install the 800 mHz radio, the 2 Meter Voice and Packet stations, and an HF antenna, that can be used when an HF radio is brought in during an activity.

NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed about going to a parking lot or a public park and setting up a bunch of Amateur Radio equipment for show-and-tell. It was suggested that we get the other Amateur Radio groups in the area together to have enough different displays. Mike, KC8SIP, said he would talk to the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub about participating in a show-n-tell. It was suggested to hold the activity around the middle of September, maybe September 10th. The activity should be available for the public to view from about 9:00 am in the morning until 5:00 pm in the evening.

Ken, WA8LLM, explained that by the end of 2006, all members of all agencies who will be working with public safety agencies will need to have been trained on NIMS (National Incident Management System). While

Ken was in a meeting with Roger Bibbee and Ed Hupp, it was suggested that WCEC members also be trained in NIMS. The NIMS training can be taken on the Internet for free. Ken said he would contact Roger about setting up a class. Duane, N8LDM, said the class is long and boring, but it is interesting.

W5YI VE Testing will be held at 6:00 pm at the E-911 Center on August 13th.

Denise, KC8TUF, said that she has Wood County Emergency Communications license plates, with your WCEC Unit Number available for \$12.00..

After the meeting was closed down there was a 50/50 drawing, which Larry Lee, KC8YMQ, won 15 dollars.

Mike, KC8SIP, had a Show-n-Tell, of an antenna that he made up for portable use.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Kyle Riser Unit 299B, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Mary Smith Unit 299F, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Jeanna Dooley, N8JMD/Unit 269, Harold Dooley, N8KO/Unit 266, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Scott Jones Unit 299C, Mike Davis KC8SIP/Unit 279, Pam Davis KC8VPN/Unit 281, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Larry Lee KC8YMQ/Unit 254, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270,