WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC December 6, 2007

After a great Christmas Dinner was eaten by all, a short WCEC business meeting was called to order, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 33 members and guests present.

Minutes from the November 6, 2007, 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 he has noticed a low audio problem with the repeater. It seems like one of the Remote Receivers is having a problem. If he gets a chance he will try to figure out which receiver it is.

Grant Reports were held off until the January meeting.

Members Hours reports were held off until the January meeting.

Copies of the modified By-Laws were passed out for the members to read over. The By-Laws will be discussed, and maybe voted on at the January meeting.

Scheduling a work party for the plastic J-Pole antenna was held off until the January meeting.

Any additional E-Mail and telephone numbers information was held off till the January meeting.

The meeting with the County Commission is on hold, until Ken, WA8LLM, can talk to Randy Kinsolving, WB8OHX, about the security cameras that will be installed at Fort Borman Park, and Ken can get on the County Commission Agenda.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Thanksgiving Safety Break. No one had any outstanding events during the Safety Break.

The new ID Cards were passed out to those who had turned in their modified, or verified Medical Form.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the "I R PHONE" Communications Exercise that would be held on Saturday, December 8th. He read some E-Mails, and a list of some of the agencies that said they are going to participate in the exercise. Everyone that would be available, should try to attend.

There was a reminder about the Christmas Parade that would also be held on Saturday, December 8th, at 2:30 pm. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Terry, KC8TUE, have been working on a way to have Packet Radio operators at both the communications exercise and the parade.

There was a reminder that W5YI VE Testing would be held on Saturday December 8th at 6:00 pm at the E-911 Center. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he may hold the testing in MOBILECOM-1 since the meeting room will be cluttered with new 911 communications equipment.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has been too busy getting everything ready for the communications exercise and the parade, that he hasn't had time to get the new T-Shirts ordered. He hopes to get them ordered before the next meeting.

The free 200 foot tower is on hold.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to know if everyone got a copy of the November Minutes, and the December agenda. There are some more E-Mail addresses that needs to be entered into the system.

Since the Christmas and New Year Safety Break schedule were passed around last month, we got a letter saying that we did get the Christmas Holiday, but we didn't get the New Years Holiday. There are still three shifts that need to be filled on the Christmas schedule.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the ARRL RADIOGRAM Class that was held on November 17th, even though it wasn't scheduled. Ken thought that with the exercise coming up that as many people as possible should know how to fill out the RADIOGRAM in case there would be traffic passed. There 23 or 24 people that took the class. Ken said those who took to class should be getting a certificate.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Terry, KC8TUE, went to the Doddrige County Amateur Radio Club Meeting, November 29th, and taught the same RADIOGRAM class to the members who were there.

Information about the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) was on hold until the January meeting.

There were additional Medical Forms available for those who haven't filled one out and turned it back in so their ID Card could be made.

Since Duane, N8LDM, wasn't at the dinner/meeting there were no new RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) forms available.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Ray, KC8RUJ, provided a GPS Receiver that will be kept in MOBILECOM-1.

NEW BUSINESS

Bob, KB8RNE, wanted to know if we need to bring something to eat at the Communications Exercise. Ken, WA8LLM, said that there would be coffee and donuts for breakfast, and they would have box lunches for dinner,

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he got a letter from the Department of High Ways saying they will be opening the Williamstown Rest Area for use as a Safety Break, starting January 1, 2008. There was a list of Safety Break dates with the letter.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Colt Wotring Unit 299G, Kymber Wotring Unit 299J, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris Unit 299D, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Joshua Morgan, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Ryan Thomas KD8EMM/Unit 353, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Mary Smith Unit 299F, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Jim Peterson, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263