

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
July 3, 1990

Meeting called to order by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/UNIT 251 President.
There were ?? members present.
Minutes from the June 5th meeting were read and approved.
The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The 146.745 Mhz repeater did some strange things June 9th when a lightning storm came through the area. Some how it changed frequencies, but came back on frequency a couple hours later. A few hours later it moved off frequency again and a trip had to be made to the site.

Bill WF8U/UNIT 253 gave a report on his trip to Shadyside after an intense storm flooded the small community, washing away almost everything in its path.

Ken reported about the BINGO games at the Vienna Freedom Festival and the severe storm that hit the Parkersburg area June 30th. After tearing down the BINGO equipment several radio operators headed for the Emergency Operations Center. By the time the operators had got to the EOC the Wood County Rescue and Parkersburg Police were there waiting to get inside. The storm caused power outages in the city and the Parkersburg Police and Fire repeaters were off the air. The EOC was in operation for about three hours.

Randy WB8OHX reported that the WXIL tower was hit by June 6th. The lightning knocked the radio station off the air for a short time, but the lightning took out the Emergency Services repeater and a remote receiver for the County Fire Repeater.

Bill WF8U/UNIT 253 gave a report on the ARRL Field Day activities that was held June 23rd and 24th. He wanted to thank all of those who helped operate the stations.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mid Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club will be hosting a regional meeting on July 22. The meeting will be at the Emergency Operations Center at 2:00 pm. Items like Emergency Communications, Amateur Television, Repeaters, linking, Portable Repeaters, Packet Radio, Amateur Radio in schools, and anything else can be discussed.

The Parkersburg Homecoming and Half Marathon are scheduled for August 18th. There will need to be several radio operators for the event. The Mid Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club is asking for help to provide the communications. Anyone wanting to help contact Bill WF8U/UNIT 253 or Tom NO9S.

Bill WF8U/UNIT 253 suggested that a Skywarn Net be started on the 146.745 Mhz repeater. Since several Amateur Radio operators have attended the Severe Storm Watchers classes, now would be the time to put the training to work.

Ken Unit 251 reminded everyone that the organization would be operating BINGO at the Parkersburg Homecoming Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Bill WF8U/UNIT 253 said the Jackson County Amateur Radio Club will be holding a Storm Spotters Class at 7:30 pm on October 4th. They have invited anyone interested to come.

To help get the Mid Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Club Hamfest a little attention, it was suggested that the Radio Shack HTX-100 which has been sitting around the EOC be raffled off. All in attendance agreed. The radio will be given away at the hamfest on August 11th.

Waverly Volunteer Fire is going to have an Ice Cream Social August 4th.

Eastwood Volunteer Fire Department will be holding a weekly drawing for a rifle starting August 4th. Tickets for the drawing will be 30 dollars.

Bill WF8U/UNIT 253 said he has been contacted by the Amateurs of Ritchie County asking for help with a 5K road run in Harrisville. The run will be on August 1st. Anyone wanting to help should let Bill know.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken WA8LLM/UNIT 251, Bill WF8U/UNIT 253, Judy Peterson Unit 255, Bill N8KMN/Unit 254