

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

December 5, 1995

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 4 members present.

Minutes from the November 7th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a reminder of the Safety Breaks over the Christmas and New Years holiday weekends. Schedules for both breaks were passed out for those wishing to choose their shifts. All members were reminded to call the safety break trailer for any supplies they may need to take before going on their shift. It was suggested to bring the Orange and Coffee Urns in at night to keep them from freezing.

There was a discussion of the Christmas parade which was held December 2nd.

There was a discussion about the Christmas dinner which was also held on December 2nd.

The Winnebago which is going to become a communications command post vehicle has been worked on and the bill has been paid. The bill for the rebuilding the brakes, installing new rear seals, carburetor work, and installing an electric fuel pump came to \$1163.96. There was a discussion as to what needs to be done to it so that it can be inspected and put on the road. It was suggested that a new holding tank be found when the bathroom is rebuilt.

Ken reminded everyone that W5YI testing is being held this weekend, December 9th at the EOC.

A second two meter radio has been installed in the Communications Room. It has been installed in the relay rack and can be operated from the consoles, just like the public safety radios.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken said he would like to have a class on the operation of the radio consoles since they are back in good working order.

The Camden Clark Hospital is putting an Emergency Operations Center in the area of the Engineering section of the hospital. They are going to buy two antennas to replace the ones that are already installed at the hospital. The old ones will be left in place in case we have to operate from that area of the hospital.

Ken reported there was no more FEMA money available for installation of the DAREN project. However there is still money for the maintenance of the equipment that is in place. At the present time there are DAREN NODEs in 34 out of the 55 counties.

It was asked that anyone having ideas for anything at the EOC or the new communications vehicle, get together with some of the other members and start on the projects.

A last minute advertisement from Amateur Electronic Supply had shown the price of the Alinco DR1200T had dropped from about \$285.00 down to \$199.95. The radio is going to be discontinued. Since it is a good radio for both voice and packet it was decided to purchase three of them from the money of the Thanksgiving Safety Break.

Pictures need to be taken for new ID Cards which will expire on December 31, 1995.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken WA8LLM/Unit 251, Sam N8SVX/Unit 256, Bill

N8KMN/Unit 254, Al N8UBG, Ken KB8QPW/Unit 268, Leo WA8BMA/Unit 259, Bob KB8RNE/Unit 264, Roger KB8QPX/Unit 263, and Brenda Carpenter.