

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

July 29, 1997 (for August 5, 1997)

The August meeting was held a week early since too many people were going to be out of town in the next two weeks. The September meeting would be held at the regular time and place.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 8 members present.

Minutes from the July 1st meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Leo, WA8BMA said he had only 25 names confirmed for the communications of the Parkersburg Half Marathon. Bob, KB8RNE said we might want to send a thank you letter to all of those that help with the race, that way they might want to come back next year.

We have the BINGO licenses for the Parkersburg Homecoming and Volcano Days games in hand.

We still need commitments from those who are willing to help run the BINGO games.

Nothing to report on the By-Laws.

Nothing new to report on the status of RACES.

Nothing new has been done with MOBILCOM-1.

Another letter has been sent to the National Weather Service to get permission to have a Weather Transmitter in Wood County.

Still need the folding chairs worked on and painted.

Amateur Radio classes at Eastwood Fire Department haven't been planned yet. After all the other activities are over we might look at having the classes in the winter time.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM wants to get a work party to go to Red Hill tower site to get the grass cut. Rockport tower is already cleaned up.

There will be a work party at McGuffy Tents on July 30th to make the new canopy tops. A map was given to everyone that wanted to help. John McGuffy said if there were 4 or 5 of us to work on the tops that he would only charge us for the material that was used. The new canopy tops are necessary so that they meet National Fire Prevention Agency (NFPA) approval for the Parkersburg Homecoming.

Sam, N8SVX has been talking to Dan McPherson about getting insurance for the activities that we have and for the Mobile Communications vehicle, MOBILCOM-1. He thinks we might be able to get it for 3 or 4 hundred a year with any luck.

Ken, WA8LLM said he is building new lights that are needed to be used for BINGO in the new canopies that we are building.

It was suggested that we make two separate cup holders for use at the Safety Breaks, one for cold cups and one for hot cups. The cups would be located closer to each of the Urns to keep people from using the wrong cup for the wrong drink.

Ken, WA8LLM said an old trailer is being rebuild so that it can be used to haul the tables to different activities.

Ken, WA8LLM said the Red Cross is having a Skywarn class on Thursday July 31st at the Red Cross building at 8th and Market. If anyone wants to go to call them in advance. There will be a covered dish dinner from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm, and the class will be from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Ken, WA8LLM showed an example of how the ID cards are going to look. They will have your first name in larger size and no Social Security Numbers.

Ken, WA8LLM talked about a balloon launch that will be held August 2nd.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Anna Hendershot, Unit

262, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Ruth Anne
Oliver KA3PCS/Unit 266, Ann Laign Unit 267