

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

June 1, 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 10 members and one guest present.

Minutes from the May 4th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Work on new 147.255 repeater continues on at a slow pace around other activities.

Due to High School graduations, Sam N8SVX wasn't at the meeting to give a report on the UHF Walkie-Talkies or the GMRS license.

Ken WA8LLM said he hasn't found the power cable for the radio that is going to be used for the back-up ARES/Data system, FINDER-1, but is did acquire a computer that could be operated on batteries as a backup in case the commercial power was to go off during a disaster drill or actual emergency. The computer operates from a 16 volt power supply, so a 16 volt string of batteries was hooked up in parallel with the power supply to have uninterrupted power. He said he hopes Arch W8GWR isn't mad at him for out bidding him for the computer. The computer is now being used on the original ARES/Data system, FINDER. The ARES/Data system worked just fine during the CCMH/GE Plastics disaster drill held on May 18th with no fear of losing the system.

Sam N8SVX had told Ken WA8LLM that he works with a person that has a piece of land that might be a good place for a building a base of operations, but he hasn't went to see it yet. The land isn't on top of the hill, but a tower could be placed on an adjacent piece of land. Ken isn't too crazy about putting a tower on someone else's land without having a long term written agreement so that it wouldn't have to be taken down in a few years.

There was no report on the antenna on Quincy Hill since Sam N8SVX wasn't at the meeting. He might be able to give us an update next month.

Judy N8UFQ says she still needs quite a few helpers for the Half

Marathon which will be held August 21st. The T-Shirts will have to be ordered from the Half Marathon Committee.

Ken WA8LLM says the Mountain Classic 10K Road Run June 12th is at 8:00 am, not at 10:00 am as he reported at last month's meeting. It is a new route that starts and finishes in the Parkersburg City Park. He gave a rough description of the new race course. Ken will redraw the map and hand it out at the pre-race meeting the morning of the race. Anyone wanting to help should show up at Hardee's on Seventh Street at 7:00 am. We will try to use a simplex frequency again this year. Ken says he still has to get the T-Shirts ordered.

The Challenge at Mountwood Down Hill Bike Race will be at 2:00 pm on June 12th, the same day as the Mountain Classic 10K race. The 8, 16, and 24 mile Cross County Bike Race will be held the next day.

Anna KC8JWW, Harold KC8JHG, and Tim KC8JHE gave a report of the Artsbridge activity where they provided communications for the activity

officials. The activity was held on Thursday May 27. Ken WA8LLM said that he talked to Ruby Ruble a few days after the event, and she said that it may become an annual event.

There is W5YI testing at 6:00 pm on June 12th at the Eastwood Volunteer Fire station.

Ken WA8LLM says the letter asking for permission to use shelter #4 at Mountwood Park on June 26th and 27th for Field Day activities has been sent to the director of the park.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on the Dayton Hamfest. Ken said one of the best buys that he brought back from the Hamfest was the Uninterrupted Power Supplies that operate from 12 volts. He said that he installed two of them in Mobilcom-1, one for working and one for a spare. He said the UPS was powered off the 12 volt power in Mobilcom-1 for ten hours during the CCMH/GE Plastics disaster drill. He said that he didn't see any Silent-700 and only one Radio Shack Model 100 computer.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on the CCMH/GE Plastic disaster drill. There needs to be more than four people working out of Mobilcom-1 when it is at the scene of an incident, two or three operators in Mobilcom-1 and

two or three operators acting as shadows for disaster scene officials.
Anna KC8JWW and Ken KB8QPW added other information to the report.

Reports were given about the Memorial Day Safety Break.

A short discussion was held about the fiberglass layup sticks that are used by the power company and telephone company.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken WA8LLM showed the group the 12 new Family Service Radio Walkie-Talkies that were purchased from Big Lots. The radios are supposed to be usable up to two miles. They will be good to be used for unlicensed radio operators when at a disaster scene and also can be used when operating the BINGO games. Don N8NUS will be using the new FRS at an activity where he used to use commercial radios, since they will no longer be available to him. We need to find earphones to be used with them. Harold KC8JHG suggested that we buy batteries at Universal Supply. Any batteries can be used for many things, so they can be cheap ones. Ken also talked about how we used to use the 49 Mhz radios to do training on handling messages etc. without interfering with any actual radio traffic.

Ken WA8LLM handed out a schedule for the 4th of July Safety Break. It needs to be filled in as soon as possible. The break runs from 0600 Friday July 2nd to 1800 Monday July 5th.

The Triathlon will be held July 10th. Ken WA8LLM gave a for those who are going to help and going to the island need to be on the boat at the point by 8:15 am.

Letter to the newspaper telling about the Field Day activities needs to be written up and delivered.

As stated in Old Business Ken WA8LLM acquired a computer for use on the ARES/Data system "FINDER". The computer only cost \$41.00 dollars.

Ken WA8LLM told about purchasing two 10X20 and three 10X10 canopies at a flea market.

Ken WA8LLM said that 5 water life jackets were purchased that will be used when communications personnel is on the river at regattas or any time they are on or near the river.

Ken WA8LLM gave a report on the body work that has been done on Mobilcom-1. He is hoping to get it painted before winter. Shelves have been installed in the area over the driver and passenger seats. The shelves are used to hold spools of wire and rope. There are also six box type drawers used to store such equipment as writing paper and tablets, vests and any thing else that will fit there.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Tim Dooley KC8JHE/Unit 273, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Ryan Sarvis KC8IOG/Unit 271, Jeff Newton N8WQO/Unit 277, Jack Hyson Unit 955, Guest Ray Bodie N8TWV