

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

November 2, 1999

Before the meeting got started Jennifer Eaton and Brian Thompson from the Parkersburg Chapter of the American Red Cross talked about an upcoming exercise which will involve opening up shelters in 22 counties and hopefully have Amateur Radio Communications in each one.

Meeting called to order at 7:15 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 12 members and 2 guests present.

Minutes from the October 5th meeting were read and approved.

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Sam, N8SVX hasn't talked to John, who's making up the controllers cards for the new 147.255 repeater, for the last few weeks since he's been out of town, but should be seeing him in the next week or so.

Sam, N8SVX said that he now knows how to get the proper FCC Form to order the GMRS License.

Sam, N8SVX said it looks like the UHF Walkie/Talkies from the chemical plant are going to be on hold for awhile, so it was decided to drop any further discussion about them until sometime in the future.

Sam, N8SVX said all of the places and land that Sam has looked at for a base of operation, has either already been sold and/or is out of our price range.

Sam, N8SVX suggested that we table any further discussion about the antenna on Quincy Hill until next year, since there's so much hand changing of ownership and not much tower work is going to be happening in the Winter. We will still go ahead and work on the remote receivers when time permits.

Ken, WA8LLM says the last five UHF repeaters from AT&T have been picked up from Clarksburg, and four of them have been delivered to him at the Parkersburg telephone office. Joe WA8CND has already picked out the one that he wanted and has it. Now all we need to do is find out how to program the repeaters, get a frequency, tune one up, get an antenna,

and find a location and we could have a UHF Amateur repeater on the air if we want one plus what ever kind of deal we can work out with Miller Communications.

Ken, WA8LLM says that to paint Mobilcom-1 we will have to have a place to put it in for about a month while we do some body work and keep it warm so the paint will dry. We also need to have electricity so we keep the batteries charged up. if anyone knows of a building you might let Ken know. Ken said that he went ahead and sealed the windows so that water would quit coming in an ruining the paneling. He also painted the roof to seal it. For temporary identification of the vehicle strips of aluminium were painted florescent orange and lettered with 3 inch black letters.

Sam, N8SVX said the last of the "EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS" magnetic signs have been delivered, and they had there first showing at the Williamstown Cross Country races October 30.

Ken, WA8LLM mounted the antenna for the Marine Radio on Mobilcom-1, and finished the installation before the vehicle was taken to Tyler County to be shown to the Tyler County Emergency Services Ken said he also installed the antenna for, and hooked up the power to the three scanners that have been installed for a few months. He also mounted a Cellular Antenna on Mobilcom-1 so there would be a better signal.

A report was given on the GE Race for Safety and the Women's Walk for Breast Cancer.

Ken, WA8LLM said that only two schools registered, so the Schoolboy Regatta was canceled, there was no report on it.

Ken, WA8LLM reminded everyone that the Thanksgiving Safety Break is coming up and that we need to get the schedule filled out. A few shifted were filled in but there are still plenty to go.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Williamstown Cross Country races. Since this is the second year for the races, it will go out for bids again. The bid for the races will be done in December and we should know in February where they will be held. There's a real good change that if the races are held in Wood County, they will not be held in Williamstown, since Walker/Parkersburg will no longer let them be held

there.

Ken, WA8LLM suggested the passing around a paper that if anyone wanted to register their licence and Social Security Number with the FCC they could put the required information down. There was a little more discussion about the registering.

The Six meter radio was discussed again. Ken, WA8LLM says he hasn't got a hold of East Coast Radio yet, but there's no rush since the only time that will be used is for Field Day and that won't be for another eight or nine months.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM said that we need to get a copy of everyone Amateur Radio License to be kept in WCEC files.

Ken, WA8LLM wanted to get the registering of all members of ARES. ARES registration form will be passed around. They can be filled out now, or brought to the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM talked about pictures for the ID Cards. Some of the pictures were taken.

Ken, WA8LLM talked about the State Office of Emergency Services Communications drill that will be held December 4th on Saturday from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon, two days after the Red Cross Communications drill.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on a trip that he and Ken, KB8QPW took to Tyler County to show them Mobilcom-1. Ken took Mobilcom-1 up to the Waverly Fire station the next Friday to show another of Tyler Counties radio operators. In the process Mike Barrick, Assistant State Fire Marshall stopped by and looked over the vehicle. He said that he would like to have Mobilcom-1 at a disaster drill in Tyler County sometime before the end of the year. The drill will have something to do with the High School. Ken said he has to stir a little defecation.

Ken, WA8LLM said that new equipment has been ordered to be kept on Mobilcom-1. The new equipment that has been ordered is two pair of 12 X 50 binoculars, two bull horns, a back-up buzzer, and a green strobe light to indicate a Command Post.

The Tyler County Emergency Services Director gave us a copy of a Topo program to that will take the place of a bunch of Topographical Maps. If we can put a CD onto the computer in Mobilcom-1 we will put the program in it. We may purchase a new laptop computer and an external keyboard and monitor and put them in Mobilcom-1.

W5YI testing will be December 11 at 6:00 pm at Eastwood Fire Station.

There was a discussion about starting a Amateur Radio Class. No date has been set, but it may be held on Wednesdays.

Bob, KB8RNE suggested that we get a couple of Hazmat Chemical books to be left on Mobilcom-1. Ken, WA8LLM said the Assistant State Fire Marshall, Bill Barrick was going to get us some newer books. Bob also ask about outside lighting on Mobilcom-1, Ken is going to trying to figure out what kind of lights to put on it.

Ken, WA8LLM brought a variety of T-Shirts for the organization to look at and get an idea what color we want to get. There was a discussion on the color, but nothing was decided on.

Harold, KC8JHG wanted to know if there was going to be a Christmas Dinner. Judy, N8UFQ suggested that we just have meat and vegetable trays. Judy suggested to have Cold Cuts at the December Meeting. There would not be a cover dish dinner. The dinner would be handled by Harold, Judy, and Jennia, KC8JHF

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Chad Lynch KC8JHH/Unit 282, Mike Lot KC8JWR/Unit 267, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tim Dooley KC8JHE/Unit 273, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Ray Bodie N8TWV, Kevin Mills KC8LNE, Ryan Sarvis KC8IOG/Unit 271, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125,