

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

October 5, 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 12 members and 4 guests present.

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

The Treasure's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Sam, N8SVX talked about the new controllers cards that have been designed by a friend of his. He is having six sets of controller cards made up for replacement or other projects that might come up. Each of the cards will have their own access code.

Sam, N8SVX says the UHF walkie talkies from the chemical plant is still up in the air and out of his control. He does, however know how to get into the internet and find out more on acquiring the proper form to get the GMRS License.

Sam, N8SVX hasn't found any other land yet to look at to build a base of operations. Ken, KB8QPW and Ken, WA8LLM did look at a building that is located in town, but there is no property to go with it. The building at the Airport was also discussed, but there's just not enough room for everything we need to keep there and the antenna restrictions wouldn't let us put up enough antennas.

Sam, N8SVX says the tower on Quincy Hill is still up in the air for now since no one knows for sure who owns the new tower and when anything else is going to be done with it. That gives us more time to get the remote receiver for Quincy done before we have to move off the old tower.

Ken, WA8LLM says the last five UHF repeaters from AT&T haven't been picked up from Clarksburg. The AT&T representative will be out of town for about a week. When he comes back Ken may be taking a trip with him to Clarksburg and pick them up. One of the repeaters needs to go to Joe, WA8???. Joe was the technician who maintained repeaters, and helped to get them given to WCEC. That was part of the deal for getting all of the repeaters. Joe has also given us the programming software and instruction book. Ken also suggested a trade for one of

the repeaters for a smaller, 12 volt repeater that could be made portable. The big repeater would be put on his GMRS frequency of 462.55 Mhz. The smaller repeater would then be crystalized for another frequency and made portable. He said he would bring it up in a future meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM says the painting of Mobilcom-1 has been delayed since it is being used about every weekend. The last time that it will be used for any activities, this year, will be October 30th, unless an emergency comes up and it is needed. After that date we will look at trying to get it painted.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on Volcano Days BINGO. While at the activity canopy parts for a 10X10 and a 10X20 canopy which will be left in Mobilcom-1. With the extra money, we also bought three 50 foot heavy duty extension cords for Mobilcom-1.

Ryan, KC8IOG gave a report on the Special Event Station which was operated during Volcano Days.

The Six meter radio came up for discussion again and where to purchase it. If it is bought direct from MFJ the price will be a lot more. It was suggested to check on the price of the MFJ Six Meter Radio with East Coast Radio, where we bought the MFJ-259B.

Sam, N8SVX brought one set of 2 "EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS" magnetic signs to the meeting. He said the other nine sets are on order and should be here by the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM has already mounted the Marine Radio in Mobilcom-1. It hasn't be hooked up to the 12 volt power source, and there is no antenna installed. It should be in operation for use at the Schoolboy Regatta.

Ken, WA8LLM said that we still need radio operators for the GE Race for Safety. The race will be held October 9th starting at the City Park starting at 8:30am. The officials said they are needing help with traffic control and wanted to know if we could help. The officials were told that WCEC doesn't normally due traffic control, but they would help if they weren't working at large intersections. Those helping with the GE race can come back to the park, after the GE race,

and help with the Walk For Women Breast Cancer which will start at 9:30am.

Since Ken, WA8LLM will be at the schoolboy regatta, he needs someone to oversee the GE race and Women's walk at the park. Mike, KC8JWR said he would take care coordinating of the city park activities.

Ken, WA8LLM discussed about the committees. He has already assigned some of the committees. Sam, N8SVX said to put him down for the Information Book committee and help with the Safety Break committee. Harold, KC8JHG said that he and Gina, KC8JHF would chair the Christmas Dinner Committee.

Ken, WA8LLM reminded everyone to look at the Thanksgiving Safety Break schedule. The safety break will run from Wednesday, November 24th through Sunday, November 28th. Ken said we also need to work on the TNC for the packet station, in the concession trailer, to find out why we can't read the messages directly from PBBS. Tim, KC8JHE said he and Harold, KC8JHG would take all of the first shifts on safety breaks.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on Airport Disaster drill held on Thursday September 16th, followed by a discussion. Ken said there was a good write-up in the newspaper.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the Williamstown Cross County races held September 18th. Sam, N8SVX and Mike, KC8JWR operated the time clocks for the officials. There were 55 schools and over 1100 runners showed up for the races.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report on the GE Plastics/Camdern Clark Hospital drill. Ken and Sam, N8SVX were asked to show up for the drill to observe. But instead they were ask to help make sure communications went smoothly. At the criquite a week after the drill Ken handed out a list of equipment that is on Mobilcom-1, including the Status Boards which were needed at the drill. Because Mobilcom-1 wasn't taken to the drill the status boards weren't available. Ken said that won't happen again, Mobilcom-1 will be taken to all future disaster drills in which Wood County Emergency Communications will be involved.

The Lubeck Fun Run was held on October 2nd at the old Lubeck Fire Station as opposed to the new one. Ken, WA8LLM reported that 9 radio operators showed up. Officials at the run ask for help with traffic

control since there wasn't enough fire and rescue people there.

Ken, WA8LLM said the new Cellular Telephone is mounted in Mobilcom-1. It will be taken out of Mobilcom-1 and taken to the Safety Breaks. The telephone number on the cellphone is 481-0611.

Ken, WA8LLM said he hadn't found out anything about the registering the license with the FCC. Ken, KB8QPW said that he has already registered himself and Roger, KB8QPX. If we get everyone's Social Security Number and a password we will try to get them registered.

Al, N8UBG reminded everyone about the reimbursement to Ken, WA8LLM for the copy machine that was voted on a few meetings back. Ken said that he hasn't been able to find the receipt, but it was around 741 dollars. Al suggested that a check for \$741.99 be written. Ken said the check would be written before the next meeting in that amount unless the receipt is found before that.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM said that three new 50 foot extension cords have been purchased for Mobilcom-1. There was also enough canopy parts purchased to put together a 10 by 10 and a 10 by 20 canopy.

Harold, KC8JHG brought up for discussion about purchasing solar panels to place on Mobilecom-1 to keep the batteries charged when the vehicle is just sitting, and not on commercial or generator power. A motion was made by Harold and seconded by Ryan, KC8IOG to purchase the solar cells and install them on Mobilcom-1.

There was a discussion about purchasing T-Shirts for the organization that would be worn at social events such at fire department ice cream socials, while working BINGO games, and other such activities. Ken, WA8LLM said that his cousin prints shirts and would get them at a real good price. His cousin could buy the shirts for about three dollars each and would silk screen them at a reasonable price. Each member would be issued two T-Shirts each. The shirts won't be used for everyday use and when it's worn out, it will be turned in for a new one. A discussion followed about the shirts and the making new vests. The color of the shirt and letters were discussed, but no decision was made.

Ken, WA8LLM talked about building 12 timing clocks that would be used

for road races. The electronics for the clocks are the same as the ones that was at the old EOC. He is hoping to make the clocks so they can be started by remote control. He's hopes to have them ready by the Mountain Classic 10K run in June.

At the close of the meeting Ken, KB8QPW showed off his arrow antenna that he had built which was inspired by Al, N8UBG.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Mike Lot KC8JWR/Unit 267 Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Tim Dooley KC8JHE/Unit 273, Ryan Sarvis KC8IOG/Unit 271, Ray Bodie N8TWV guest, Archie Carpenter W8GWR guest, Matt Doyle KC8FSI guest, David Stevens Guest