

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC  
April 3, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7.05 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 16 members and 4 guests present.

Minutes from the March 6, 2001 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the new 147.255 repeater. He had to put the repeater on hold for a short time while he builds the frame for the new canopy. The repeater is still fired up and still connected to the temporary antenna. Ken brought one piece of the new canopy for "show and tell".

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Sam, N8SVX, decided not to apply for a GMRS license since it would have to be in an individual's name. He would explain under new business.

Ken, WA8LLM, says Joe, N8MEV hasn't been out to look at MOBILCOM-1 yet, and that the person who was going to loan Joe his garage to paint it is still in business. Joe said he would be there before the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the clocks for the road races are also on hold until the new canopy is completed.

No additional land has been looked at for the building of a base of operations.

It was discussed on what needed to be put on the banners for Field Day. Ken, WA8LLM, said he would put the information together and then get them ordered as soon as the Regatta and canopy projects are done. Mike, KC8JWR, suggested the adding of towers on the banners.

Mike, KC8JWR, said the painting of the chairs purchased in June, 1999, are on hold for now because the garage is being used for building of the new canopy.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the map of the area Amateurs is on the back burner since it is not a high priority and there are other activities that are more important. He said that if someone else wanted to work on it that would be fine.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on a web site that Sam, N8SVX, is working on. He said that it's hard to get into at the present time. Harold, KC8JHG, said that Ray, N8TWV, may have an idea on how to get to the

site through QSL or something like that. Ray said he would try to find out something. Judy, N8UFQ, has taken pictures of the communications equipment in MOBILCOM-1 with her digital camera. These pictures will be put on the web site. Sam has a few things like "Who Is WCEC", a "Schedule of Events" and a "Roster of Members" on the web site.

Ken, WA8LLM, asked if anyone had a good computer program that could make a "Hardship" form. Al, N8UBG, said he would try to work on the form. He was told to call the form what ever he wanted to call it.

There was a discussion on the training classes. The last class was on was HAZMAT. Those who attended the class should be getting a certificate. Ted, W8KVK, said there is a home study course on the Incident Command System (ICS) that can be taken. Ray, N8TWV, suggested

about getting hold of Connie, N8IO, about a message handling class. If we don't get a First Aid class Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would get hold of Connie to see if she would teach a class.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the Wirt County Table Top Exercise which will be held May 3, 2001.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the Athens County Disaster Drill will be held May 12. MOBILCOM-1 will be taken to the drill.

It was discussed about having the BINGO games at the Wood County Interstate Fair. Ken, WA8LLM, said he would get a hold of Pete McMullen of the fair board and see if they are going to rent a tent, or if they want to use our canopy. The group said that if the fair wanted to use the canopy, that we would set up our tables. The times of the games was given out. The date is not for sure.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the canopies for Craft 2000 on May 5th and 6th, and the Kids Bike Rodeo on May 5th.

#### NEW BUSINESS

W5YI VE Testing April 14, 2001 at the Easy Rider bus garage 6:00 pm.

Ken, WA8LLM, explained the bill from Miller Communications about 16 Hand/Held radios. He showed the group what the radios looked like and how they would be programmed. He explained about using Sub-Audible tones to use the main repeater and carrier squelch for the 10 watt portable repeater.

Artsbridge at WVUP on May 24, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm.

There was a discussion of the Brundage School Boy Regatta April 28, 2001. Ken, KB8QPW, said that his camcorder was broke and wouldn't be able to use it. Judy, N8UFQ, said she has a camcorder that could be used. There was also a discussion about using Amateur Television on a Helicopter for sky shots.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Jeff at State Electric told him that WCEC has been approved to operate BINGO at the Parkersburg Homecoming.

Ken, KB8QPW, said that we did not get the Easter Safety Break.

Tim, N8WO, said that he is leaving the area and will have to give up the Trustee position. Ken, WA8LLM, asked if anyone wanted to take Tim's place. Mike, KC8JWR, said that he would take the position.

Harold, KC8JHG, said that since Tim, N8WO, would be leaving the area, that he would like to have someone help him on the first day of the Safety Breaks. Harold and Tim usually take the first shift of the first day of the Safety Breaks. Anyone wanting to help Harold should get a hold of him.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Jeannia Dooley N8JMD/Unit 269, Harold Dooley KC8JHG/Unit 266, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 264, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268. Guests were: Ivan Logsdon, KD8BW; Ted Jacobson, W8KVK; Matt Doyle, KC8FSI; and Kirk Greenfield, KC8JRV.