

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
December 4, 2001

Before a short meeting was held, the group enjoyed a Christmas Dinner at Mary's Plane View Restaurant at the Wood County Airport.

The meeting was called to order at about 7:30 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 32 members and guests present.

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

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that a lot of the old business such as the new 147.255 repeater, painting of MOBILCOM-1, area map of Amateurs, Web Site, and updating the ARES plan, would be held off until the next month's meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he had talked to Sam, N8SVX, about a person that he works with has a Bulldozer he may talk him into bringing his Bulldozer out and digging the basement for the base of operations.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he talked to Joe Thomas, N8MEV, about getting the Easy Rider Bus garage as a meeting place. He said that Joe Lockhart wasn't too receptive about the idea. Terry Brown, KC8AOF, suggested that we meet at the E-911 Center on Core Road.

W5YI testing this coming Saturday December 8th.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Thanksgiving Safety Break.

Ken, WA8LLM, said we have the New Year's Safety Break coming up starting December 28 through January 1, 2002. A schedule was passed around for everyone to look at and fill in a spot if they could.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed out the new ID Cards that had been made up and said there was a few members at the dinner that needed their pictures taken. Pictures would be taken after the meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that some of the unpaid bills have been paid out of the money that was made at the Thanksgiving Safety Break, but there is still a few that needs paid. Some of the money from the safety break was used to restock the safety break supplies, and to buy the material to put the aluminum on the concession trailer, followed by a description on the covering of the trailer.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he, Harold, N8KO, Ken, KB8QPW, and Lisa, KB8UER,

made a trip to the government surplus store at Dunbar. We are now on the list to purchase material the West Virginia surplus, but we have to get a letter from the Wood County Commission saying that we are an integral part of county before we can get permission to purchase material from the Federal surplus. We need to type up a letter and get the County Commission to sign it, then go back to Dunbar and get new pictures taken.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Dana, WV8G, about some kind of certificate that may already made up for those taking and passing 5, 13, and 20 Word Per Minute code tests. Ken, said that he will work on a certificate and get some printed up.

NEW BUSINESS

It was discussed about starting a Amateur Radio Class, since some people stopped at the Christmas Parade and was wanting to know how to get their Amateur Radio License. If we can find a place to have. Terry, KC8AOF, also suggested to the use of the E-911 training classroom.

The January WCEC meeting would normally be held on the first Tuesday of the month, but since that is New Year's day and that we would be just getting finished with the safety break, it was decided to hold the meeting on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that at the last Half Marathon meeting, it was said there would be no Parkersburg Half Marathon in 2002. He explained why it was being cancelled. He was told that some time in the future it may be started again.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that we have a possibility of picking up eight High Band Public Safety Handie Talkies, with a multicharger rack. Ken has got to make an appointment to go to the person's house and pick them up. If they are what Sam, N8SVX, thinks they are, then are Kenwood radios and they are capable to being programmed for the Amateur Radio band.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he's not for sure if he will get it or not, but the telephone company made an offer that he couldn't refuse. He handed his papers in to retire from the company. If he gets to retire, he will be off the payroll December 29th.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about a public forum to be held at the Washington State Community College on December 5th. It is open to the general public.

A surprise presentation plaque was given to Ken, WA8LLM, for 18 years of over-seeing Wood County Emergency Communication Inc. The plaque was

presented from the group by Terry, KC8AOF. Kirk Greenfield, KC8JRV, was present and video taped the event for television.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Jeannia Dooley N8JMD/Unit 269, Harold Dooley N8KO/Unit 266, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Wayne Yoho, Laura Yoho, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 262, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Jim Peterson, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Kelly Yoho KC8PZL, Nina Yoho KC8PPS, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Pam Riffle KC8NLD, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Nicole Williams, Debbie Williams N8VOW, Leo Pabst WA8BMA/Unit 259, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Myers, Jeff Newton N8WQO, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Terry Brown KC8AOF/Unit ES-1, Daniela Jones, Scott Jones, Phil Newhart KB8GBE, Kirk Greenfield KC8JRV/WTAP-TV News.