

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC  
March 6, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 7.04 PM by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 10 members present.

Minutes from the February 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 has the transmitter tuned up and installed on the repeater bay. The transmitter is only running about 60 watts for now. The repeater has been connected to a temporary antenna for testing purposes. The link receiver cards still need to be assembled.

In the absents of Sam, N8SVX, Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the GMRS and Business Licenses. Ken said that we are not going to apply for a GMRS license since it would have to be in the name of an individual. Since Ken already has a GMRS license that he isn't using at the time, and another situation has arisen, it was decided to use his GMRS license for the organization. The situation will be brought up under new business. Ken has the Regency repeater that is already tuned up on the GMRS Channel 1 frequency, that was taken off the air. He is going to make sure that it is in good operating order and use it as a portable repeater. Ken also has another UHF repeater that will be crystaled up and go on one of Camden Clark's repeater frequencies. It will be a portable repeater for CCMH.

Joe, N8MEV, still has not shown up to look at MOBILCOM-1. He needs to get some measurements and ideas on how to get it painted.

Ken, WA8LLM, has already drilled out two printed circuit boards for the clocks for the road races. One of the boards has been etched. He just needs to put the parts on it and work out any problems before making any more boards.

Mike, KC8JWR, gave a report on a piece of property on Dallison Road, but didn't meet what we are looking for.

Ken, WA8LLM, asked for suggestions on what should be put on the banners that will be used for Field Day. The banners still need to be designed and ordered. Any ideas should be brought back to the next meeting. Information such as the ARES and WCEC logos, Amateur Radio Field Day, Visitors Welcome, and the organization's name, should be put on the banner.

Mike, KC8JWR, and Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report that 24 of the chairs that were purchased in June, 1999, have been painted.

Due to other projects of more importance the area map of Amateurs has been put on the back burner, unless someone else is interested in taking on the project. There was a short discussion about using the Quad Maps that was part of the Southern Wood County Emergency Preparedness (SWEP) program.

John, KB8ZPZ, said that he was going to talk to Ken, KB8QPW, and try to figure out what they want to do for a Web Site. There is a lot of information that we would like to put on the site. Information like our By-Laws, Roster, DAREN information, who we are, etc. Followed by a short discussion.

There was a short discussion about the IRS Hardship form that should be ready by the first safety break this year. It would be nice to have the form made up with a computer program.

Don, N8NUS, gave a report on the CPR class that was held February 24, 2001. Don handed out the CPR cards to those who attended the class. Don will talk to Terry Brown, KC8AOF, about holding a Hazmat class. It was decided the monthly classes should be held on the third Tuesday of the month instead of Saturdays. We should try to hold the Hazmat class on March 20th between 7 and 9 pm.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there will be a table top exercise in Wirt County May 3, 2001. They want to test several parts of their emergency plan. One part of the plan they want to test is communications. Athens County disaster drill will be held May 12th.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, brought up for discussion about Wood County Fair BINGO. The fair has given us the first refusal to hold the games. The organization needs to decide whether we do the BINGO or not. There wasn't enough members at the meeting to make a decision. There needs to be some telephone calls made to find out.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the organization now has 16 Motorola HT-600 Hand Held UHF radios. The radios were purchased from Miller Communications at \$100 each. The radios will be programmed for the GMRS Channel 1 frequency that was talked about in the "old business". The radios have 6 channels. Channel 1 will be GMRS Ch 1 repeater with tone, Channel 2 will be GMRS Ch 1 Simplex, Channel 3 will be GMRS Ch 1 repeater without tone, Channel 4 will be CCMH Ch 3, and Channel 5 will be GMRS Ch 8,

which matches the UHF system that Don, N8NUS, uses at Diabetes Camp. This way he will have additional radios to use. Channel 6 might be programmed for one of CCMH's business frequencies which they rent from Miller Communications.

Craft 2000 wants to borrow our canopy for their Craft Show. The show will be a two day event held on May 5th and 6th, 2001. The Bike Rodeo is to be held on May 5th, which also uses the canopies. There was a discussion about using the canopy at both locations. Ken, WA8LLM, mentioned about building another canopy. Ken said that he's been wanting to make another canopy that would be easier to transport and put together. A short discussion followed.

There was a short discussion about those who want to go to the Dayton Hamfest.

Al, N8UBG, talked about trying to get a better Packet Radio link to the Concession Trailer during the Safety Break. Al says he can hit Ray, N8TWV's station. Maybe we can get Ray to leave his station on the DAREN frequency during the Safety Break.

#### 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, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, John McKown KB8ZPZ/Unit 287, Don Williams N8NUS/Unit 1111, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit 1125