

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
October 1, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm at the E-911 Center, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 22 members and guests present.

Minutes from the September 3, 2002 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 repeater system. Due to the Air Show, it was decided the repeater needed to be placed back at the Mountwood Tower site. There needs to be a lot of work on the repeater to get the quality like it used to be. There were several problems spotted that needs to be corrected. Ken said there was a loose connection on the power supply at the Ritchie County Remote Receiver site, which was corrected, but the receiver still doesn't work the way it should. The UHF Walkie/Talkie that is used as the link transmitter at the St. Marys tower site is not putting out any signal and is not transmitting back to the Repeater Transmitter. At the present time there are only four Remote Receivers on line, and they need to have the audio level adjusted properly. Ken said that he was about to put a tone decode board on the Rockport Receiver site because he thought it was the one that kept keying the repeater up, but after a trip to the site it indicated the problem was at the Mountwood tower site, and that he would work on it before the next meeting. Al Harris, N8UBG, had several questions about the repeater.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the painting of MOBILECOM-1. He said that it is done, and has been lettered. The name on the vehicle was spelled wrong. It was supposed to be spelled without the E, but it's going to be left the way it is. Also the flags were put on wrong, we will decide what we're going to do about them. Ken brought MOBILECOM-1 to the meeting to allow those who haven't had a chance to see it, do so. Kirk Greenfield, KC8JRV, from WTAP took video pictures MOBILECOM-1, and the Wood County Emergency Services Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC).

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Joe Thomas, N8MEV, made a trip up to the location of the Base of Operation building. Joe said the hole for the basement wasn't deep enough. It looks like the hole is just deep enough to put a regular house, with no basement. He said that we could rent a back-hoe and dig it a lot deeper. We will have to wait for the rain to stop and the ground to dry up.

Lisa, KB8UER, gave a report of the Map of Area Amateurs. She has added

some more locations to the map.

Ken, KB8QPW, gave a report on the Website. He has added the Wood County ARES Plan, the WCEC By-Laws, the WCEC Operation Plan, and DAREN Plan. The plans are all in PDF format. He is also posting the weekly DAREN News, and the monthly WCEC Newsletter on the Website. He brought his laptop computer to the meeting and displayed the Website on the meeting room video screen. A short discussion and demonstration followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, read a copy of the letter from the Government Service Administration explaining why we are not eligible to purchase used equipment from the Federal surplus at Dunbar. Ken says he needs to write a letter to the County Commission explaining who we are and ask to be included as a part of Wood County in the form of a written resolution.

There was a report on the Volcano Days/Pepsi Trail Run held September 28th. There were ideas of planning out the races a lot better by looking the course over a day or so before race day.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report for Sam, N8SVX, on the Cross County races held on the same day as the Volcano Days/Pepsi Trail Run.

Nothing has changed on the six county disaster drill. The drill is still going to be held October 16th.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Wood County Air Show held on September 22, 2002. MOBILECOM-1 was positioned just behind the Emergency Services Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC). There was a telephone line connected between MEOC and MOBILECOM-1. There was radio communications between the Airshow Command, Days Inn, WVUP, the Airport Control Tower, the school busses, and the school bus garage. Two UHF repeaters were in operation, one for Command and Control, the other one for the Parking Attendants. There was a little problem communicating with some of the busses with MOBILECOM-1's radio, when they were at some locations, but the bus garage relayed information when it was needed. We think the problem is with the antenna not being wide banded enough to use the radio on 39 and 47 MHz, we may have to install another antenna and an antenna switch. A lot of people stopped by to look over MOBILECOM-1 now that it is painted.

There was a reminder of W5YI testing on October 12th.

There was a reminder of the Cross Country State Championship races on November 2, 2002.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has a list of 13 radio operators for the Lubeck Fun Run which will be held on Saturday, October 5th. Anna, KC8JWR, reminded everyone about the pancakes after the race. After the Lubeck Fun Run, he's going to take MOBILECOM-1 to the Fire Power 2002 event in Vienna for Show-and-Tell. A short discussion followed.

There were several changes to the membership roster.

Kirk, KC8JRV, said that he shot footage of MOBILECOM-1.

Mike, KC8JWR, gave a list, by month and year, of how much money that we had made and spent if anyone wants to look it over.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Mike Lott KC8JWR/Unit 267, Paul Brilman KC8UHH/Unit 262, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Boyles, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills, Tricia Lee Magyarosi, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit R-25, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Kirk Greenfield KC8JRV/Unit 280, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Terry Brown KC8AOF/Unit ES-1