

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
April 1, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 30 members and guests present.

Minutes from the March 4, 2003 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. He said that he spent one whole day working on the repeater. He and Ken, KB8QPW, had to replace the power amplifier on the transmitter. The repeater now has a courtesy beep, and the CW identifier is now working again. The weather radio has quit working and is not receiving on either of the two frequencies. An audio amplifier has been added in the audio path so the microphone adjustments could be properly adjusted. The subaudable tones that were going to be used to identify which receiver is on line won't work at the same time as the 123.0 hZ tone that is being transmitted. The 123.0 hZ can be used for those wanting to use crossband repeat. There's a minor problem with the courtesy beep and the CW identifier starting at the same time, but that will be taken care of at a future trip to the repeater site.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that he has talked to Joe, N8MEV, about the Base of Operation building project. Joe wanted to know if we had a Backhoe lined up yet to dig the rest of the basement. Joe says it will only take about a day's work to get the basement dug out. The weather has been dry enough to start on the project again, but now our other activities will start coming up.

Lisa, KB8UER, brought new updated copies of a Map of Area Amateurs that were passed out. If there are any changes or additions to the map, let Lisa know.

Ken, KB8QPW, gave a report on the Website. He said now that the weather has turned better that we need to dig holes to re-guy the tower that is located behind Network Associates. They would like to get the tower job done in the next two weeks. Ken said that is one of the requirements for the use of the website is to re-guy the tower. Network Associates is going to purchase all of the material for the re-guy job. Brian Harper who owns Network Associates is also a ham and has a UHF repeater that he would put on the air if the organization would like to have it.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he never made it down to Dunbar to look around to see what they have. Ken doesn't feel that it's going to be worth while

trying to get permission to purchase the equipment on the Federal Side. Maybe at a later date he will look at getting permission. We have been told that we can purchase equipment through other agencies. The equipment and material needs to be accounted for, for two years and then it is removed from any records.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he hasn't monitored how the Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub is doing with their on-the-air code class. Ken said that we will hold off teaching a code class until the PARK club is finished with theirs.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the selling of MOBILECOM-1, ("On Paper Only") has been completed. The vehicle is now titled in his name, but the vehicle still belongs to Wood County Emergency Communications Inc. The insurance has been purchased for the vehicle. He says that we can not have the WC8EC license plate on the vehicle. The vehicle now has a regular license plate. He has a plan on how to get the WC8EC license on the vehicle at a later date. We may put a WCEC vanity plate on the vehicle later. Ken said that as soon as he got the State Farm insurance on MOBILCOM-1 that he cancelled the ACORDIA insurance. He said that it would still cost 25% even though we cancelled the insurance. We have already paid 373 dollars which is about 25%. We still have to pay the monthly payments until ACORDIA returns the balance of the insurance money.

Ken, KB8QPW, says there's nothing more on the E-Mail addresses. He thinks he has all of them in "Members Only" area of the Website.

Ken, WA8LLM, is still holding off ordering the BINGO licenses until the insurance money has been straightened out and that we have had the Easter Safety Break. Ken said that while he was at State Electric getting the prices for the tower job, he spoke with Jeff, who is in charge of the Parkersburg Homecoming games. Jeff says that we are still locked in for the BINGO games. He says that we have been pretty well locked in for the Interstate Fair BINGO as well.

Ken, KB8QPW, said that about two or three days after the last meeting the Emergency Communications Level I books arrived. The books are all the same. In the books, it says you still have to go on the Internet and look up different answers. Ted, W8KVK, said that Athens County Amateur Association will be teaching the Level I course. Plans are that he and Ken, WA8LLM, are going to take the course in Athens and then Ken, WA8LLM, would take the teaching course so that he can teach the course in Wood County. Denise, KC8TUF, wanted to know if copies of the books can be made. All of the books are just alike, with no tests in the back. If we want to make copies of the book we can do it, as long as we are not going to sell them. The six minute Amateur Radio is also in hand. The video will be shown at the end of the meeting. The

video CAN NOT be shown over the air on television.

There was a short discussion on Field Day. Do we want to operate Field Day? If so, where? Who wants to coordinate it? No one showed any interest in operating Field Day.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the Triathlon which will be held on July 5th. We haven't heard anything about the 4th of July Safety Break, but if we get it, that will only tie up one or two people. They will be using the same route for the bike race part of the event.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the Easter Safety Break. There were still two shifts open.

There was a reminder of the W5YI testing on April 12, 2003.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about having some kind of short class at the end of our monthly meeting. He suggested some ideas for short classes.

There was a short discussion about purchasing an 800 mHz radio to be placed in MOBILCOM-1. The radio would be part of the Joint Emergency Management system (JEMNET). We will start looking for a cheaper way of putting one in the vehicle. We don't need the scrambled system. A short discussion on how the JEMNET is supposed to work followed.

We haven't officially heard from Eastwood VFD about the use of our canopies, tables, and chairs, for their Ice Cream Social.

Charlie, W8JZN, wanted to know about the RACES applications that were filled out and submitted to Wood County Emergency Services. Duane, N8LDM, said that once he is done there will be an acceptance letter into the RACES program. Duane says that he will still hand out RACES applications for those who want them. There is NO requirement for WCEC members to be RACES members.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion on the Challenge at Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. Terry, KC8AOF, said that he would bring his UHF repeater and Ken, KB8QPW, would set up a temporary Remote Receiver for the 147.255 repeater. The race starts a noon, but we need to be there by about 9:00 am. The race is on Sunday.

The Children's Bike Rodeo will be held on May 3, 2003. We will need to have our canopies, tables, and chairs. It was suggested to take MOBILECOM-1 there for show-n-tell. We are also going to set up some Amateur Radio stations. Anyone wanting to come and help is invited.

Athens County Hamfest is April 27, 2003, at Athens, Ohio.

Jackson County Hamfest is May 4, 2003, at Ripley.

Daylight Savings Time will be April 6, 2003.

Since Mike, KC8JWR, has resigned as a Trustee, there was an opening. It was suggested there be two new Trustees. Duane, N8LDM, made a motion to put Roger, KB8QPX, and Terry, KC8TUE, as Trustees. Seconded by Lisa, KB8UER. Motion carried.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Charlie Helmick W8JZN/Unit 286, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Larry Wotring KC8TRQ/Unit 261, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Al Harris N8UBG/Unit R-25, Ted Jacobson, W8KVK, Carol Myers KC8TUD/Unit 293, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Kendale Peterson, Ryan Riser, Kyle Riser, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Phil Newhart KB8GBE/Unit 275, Ed Reno KG8JR, Kirk Greenfield KC8JRV/Unit 280, Terry Brown KC8AOF/Unit ES-1