

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
July 1, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 24 members and guests present.

Minutes from the June 3, 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 system. He said that it seems the Williamstown Remote Receiver may be out of operation. Neither Nina, KC8PPS, and Don, N8NUS, are able to get into the repeater. He says he knows the power is down on the transmitter. He said that it went from 15 watts down to about a hundred milliwatts. The first chance he gets, he will make a trip to the site and try to do something with it. He says the Rockport site seems to be working pretty good. The voter still needs to have the levels set. Some stations with high audio causes the repeater audio to chop. If the audio chops and you back off the microphone, it seems to work just fine. It's probably just one Link Receiver that needs to be adjusted down.

Ken, WA8LLM, says that while he was taking equipment to the Field Day site, that he ran into Jimmie Harper. Jimmie had some heavy equipment that he was using on his property. He asked Jimmie what he would charge to come up the hill after he was done with his work, and dig out the basement for Base of Operations building. Jimmie said it wouldn't be very much. The very next day Jimmie had already loaded up the equipment and left. There is no more reason to acquire his assistance.

All the BINGO licenses for the County Fair, the Parkersburg Homecoming, and Volcano Day are in hand.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a quick report on the results of Field Day. He will give a complete report at the next meeting. He suggested that we have a post Field Day meeting. A lengthy Field Day discussion followed.

There was a reminder of the Triathlon on July 5th, at Mountwood Park. Ken would find out the time that we need to be there.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Eastwood and Deerwalk Volunteer Fire Departments Ice Cream Socials.

There has been no more information about the Jessica Lynch homecoming.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Mountain Classic 10K Road Run. There

were no major incidents at the race.

The Accordia Insurance has all been taken care of. There should be no more bills from them.

The Lee and Lloyd Middleton dolls will be on display, and tickets will be on sale, at the West Virginia Interstate Fair.

There was a reminder the August meeting of WCEC will also be the picnic at the Parkersburg City Park. Be there about 6:00 pm

There was a reminder about the Parkersburg Half Marathon on August 16, 2003.

There was a reminder about the Lubeck Volunteer Fire Department Ice Cream Social. The social will be August 9th, 2003. There will be no Fire Works this year. The fire department uses the organization's canopies.

There was a report on the River Sweep. A lot of people thought the activity was postponed till a later date, so the attendance was down.

NEW BUSINESS

Duane, N8LDM, brought up for discussion, about adding links from the WC8EC.COM website to the Emergency Services website, and have information about ARES and RACES. Ken, KB8QPW, will work on putting a RACES webpage. It was also discussed about putting a RACES registration on the WCEC ID Card. It will be added to the 2004 ID Cards.

Mike, KC8SIP, brought up for discussion about the ARRL Certification Courses. Ken, WA8LLM, said there will be Level One tests given at the ARRL West Virginia State Convention being held on August 23rd and 24th. Ken said that he wanted to take the Level One test so that he can teach the course and then the test could be administered in the area.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the keys for the pad locks that fit all of the pad locks we have, including the one that will be used on the gate at the County Fair. Since it is a long ways to the fair, those who will be driving needs to keep track of their mileage to the fair so they can be reimbursed at 10 cents a mile.

Someone asked about when the next Advanced Skywarn Class would be heard. Duane, N8LDM, was wondering about any funding that might become available from the government since the ARRL has signed an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security.

Judy, N8UFQ, said the Kelly, KC8PZL, is back in town for a few days.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit ES-2, Dannie Jones KC8VSR/Unit 260, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Ryan Riser, Kyle Riser, Cathy Harris KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Scott Jones, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Mike Davis KC8SIP/Unit 279, Pam Davis KC8VPN/Unit 281, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287,