

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
November 4, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 29 members and guests present.

Minutes from the October 7, 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. Ken said that he and Dot, KC8HAI, installed the new Diamond CP-22-E antennas on the Elizabeth Hill tower site. One of the antennas will be used for the 147.255 repeater Remote Receiver, and the other one will be used for the Wirt County DAREN NODE. While waiting for the Remote Receiver to be installed at the site, a simplex repeater, for test purposes, was installed, using the Remote Receiver antenna. The frequency was 147.525, but was later changed to 147.585, due to interference by the .525 frequency. It looks like the Elizabeth site is going to be a real good Remote Receiver site. The packet station isn't going to be very good, due to a paging transmitter interference. The tower at the Deerwalk site is complete at 60 feet. There is no antenna at the Deerwalk site yet that will be used for the 147.255 repeater Remote Receiver. Ken said the Remote Receiver has been installed at the E-911 transmitter building, up behind the E-911 Central building. The E-911 tower site seems to be doing a good job for the Parkersburg area. The only problem we are having with the repeater is the UHF Link Receivers getting interference from the 6 or 7 Commercial UHF repeaters in the same building. We need to get a UHF filter built to correct the problem. Ken said that he would get a hold of Earl Hulce, KB8HRG, to see if he can tune another set of filters for the repeater. Ken said that he has also changed the courtesy beep from the letter "N" to the letter "K".

Ken, WA8LLM, passed out the question pool for the Level One Emergency Communications Course. He suggested trying to answer the questions before looking at the answers to see how much they already know before studying for the test. Additional copies will be brought to the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Dot, KC8HAI, went to the Wetzel County tower site to install the cabinet on the side of the building, but since it was such a good day, Ken went ahead and hung the two antennas, one for the DAREN Packet system, and one for the MARS (Military Affiliated Radio System). All that is needed now is to put together a power supply, and batteries, and get a Packet station put together for the MARS station. The DAREN station is already put together and ready

to be installed.

The High School Cross Country foot races were held on November 1st. There were nine radio operators at the activity that provided the Safety Communications for the four races. There were no major problems.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the ten Yaesu FT-1500's are in and some of them have already been handed out. There are five left, and some of the them have been paid for, and some that are being paid for. A record will be kept of those who are paying for their radio, a little at a time.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Boy Scout JOTA. The day could have been much better, but we had four of the five Troop 124 Boy Scouts that communicated with other Boy Scouts that were on the air. One of the Boy Scouts may be interested in getting his license. Dot, KC8HAI, said that she got a telephone call from the local Boy Scout council. They were not able to do anything with the JOTA this year due to short notice, but they may be interested in doing something next year.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Craig, at Mountwood Park, about building a shelter for the Volcano Days BINGO. Craig said that he would bring it up with his eleven bosses, but he liked the idea. There will be a major project planning meeting in February for projects to be done in the Summer. Ken hasn't talked to the president of the Interstate & Exposition Fairgrounds. We're not sure about building a shelter at the Fairgrounds, since we're not sure if we will be the ones doing the BINGO each year, but he will try to get a hold of Mike, who is the president of the Interstate Fair & Exposition this year.

Pictures were sent around for the members to select which one they wanted on their ID Card. The new ID cards will be ready at the next meeting. Be sure to bring in your old ID card.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he provided a canopy for the Red Cross activity on October 24, and 25th, in downtown Parkersburg.

NEW BUSINESS

W5YI VE Testing will be held on December 13th, at the E-911 building.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the new tires for MOBILECOM-1. He needed to get new tires before he could get it inspected.

Blaine Auville, WA8IOE, has donated two Dual Band Handie/Talkies that will be used as Remote Receivers. He was given a Tax Exempt letter, thanking him for the donation.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has installed an APRS (Automatic Position

Reporting System) digipeater at his house. Installing it was part of the deal for getting the Kanawha County DAREN station re-installed in Charleston.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will be taking MOBILECOM-1 to the airport on Saturday, November 8th. The Parkersburg Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol will be holding a Veteran appreciation show, and has asked WCEC to bring MOBILECOM-1 to the show.

Denise, KC8TUF, will head up the Christmas Dinner. The dinner will be held at 6:00 pm on December 2, at the next Business Meeting. There will be a gift exchange. Jennifer, KC8UYB, made a motion to limit the gift exchange, to a maximum of \$10.00. Rick, KC8VLM, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Ken, WA8LLM, read a letter from the Wood County Commission, thanking the organization for their help after a tornado went through the Lubeck area.

There was a discussion about having a CERT class. The class is a 20 hour course, but can be completed in 16 hours. We need to contact Roger Bibbee to get a course scheduled.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit ES-2, Dannie Jones KC8VSR/Unit 260, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Charlie Helmick W8JZN/Unit 286, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 262, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Boyles, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Scott Jones, Ryan Riser, Kyle Riser, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270,