

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

June 1, 2004

The meeting was called to order at about 7:30 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 25 members and guests present.

Minutes from the May 4, 2004, 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. There have been reports the Core Road Remote Receiver may not be working properly. Duane, N8LDM, said that he was told the antenna mast is leaning, and may be the problem. It was discussed there's a possibility of putting a Remote Receiver at the Dupont Plant or on Dupont property. Ken just needs to get a letter typed up and turned into the Dupont officials.

The shelter at Mountwood Park is on hold until the administration problems have been settled.

Denise, KC8TUF, said there are no new medical cards. Anyone wanting a medical card to go with their ID Card should fill out a form and give it to Denise.

There haven't been any reports about any CERT Classes.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those purchasing the FT-1500, we need to get some money in the checking account.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Artsbridge communications. The officials wanted a communications person to shadow some of the more important officials. By the time the day was over, the communications people were doing what they normally do. A new table and radio shelf was setup with a banner that clearly identified the communications center. There were 773 students, 196 teachers & aids, and 90 volunteers at the activity. There were 42 schools represented. There was no major incidents.

The BINGO licenses for the Interstate Fair, the Parkersburg Homecoming, and Volcano Days have been ordered and should be in hand in a week or so.

The Federal Income Tax report has been submitted.

There has been no report back from Lou Molinaro about the T-Shirts from the Vienna River Road Run.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to order two new 24 X 40 canopies before the fair and homecoming. We want to set up 120 feet of canopy at the homecoming this year and block off 40 feet except during the Saturday BINGO games.

There was a reminder that Eastwood VFD Ice Cream Social will be June 5th. We need to have our tables, chairs and canopies over there, to be set up on Friday night.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there needs to be some help June 12th at the Deerwalk VFD Ice Cream Social. We will have our tables, chairs, and canopies there too. We will also be operating the BINGO games at the Ice Cream Social.

There was a reminder about W5YI Testing at 6:00 pm on June 12th at the E-911 Center.

The Ohio River Sweep will be held June 19th. Anyone wanting to help with it can show up at one of three places, at Point Park in Parkersburg, the Foot of 19th Street, Parkersburg, and the boat landing in Williamstown. Ken, WA8LLM, said you didn't have to do a lot of work just communicate between clean-up locations. There will be food at the end of the event. Judy, N8UFQ, said that if you don't get enough to eat there, that you could go to Kendale's Birthday party that same evening.

There was a reminder of the Parkersburg Half Marathon that will be held August 21st. Anyone wanting to help let either Ken, WA8LLM, or Judy, N8UFQ know, so we can get the right T-Shirt sizes.

Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO will be held, August 20, 21, 22.

Interstate Fair & Exposition BINGO will be held, July 12th through 17th.

Multiple Sclerosis MS-150 will be held September 18th & 19th. There

needs to be communications people at every water stop, which is about every ten miles. Ken, WA8LLM, gave a description of the routes that will be taken over the two days.

There was a discussion of how we need to set up the communications, using simplex and FRS radios.

The Wood County Air Show will be held on Sunday September 26th. We need a few people to help provide the communications and also workers for BINGO for Volcano Days.

There was a reminder about Field Day being held on June 26th and 27th, on Hendershot Farm Drive, off of Laurel Creek Road.

NEW BUSINESS

There will be an Independence Day Safety Break on I-77 at the South bound Rest Area. The Safety Break will start at 12:00 noon on Friday, July 2nd, and run until 6:00 pm on Sunday, July 4th. We need to get member to sign up for the shifts. There was a discussion about how to schedule the shifts. It was also discussed about changing the shifts back to 6 hours like it was before we went to 8 hour shifts. The shifts would be from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm, 6:00 pm to midnight, midnight to 6:00 am, and 6:00 am to 12:00 noon. If we change the shifts we will need more people to work them. It can be discussed before the next Safety Break.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was going to leave it up to the organization about working the Triathlon which will be on July 3rd. Since a lot of people will be out of town, working the Safety Break, and other activities, anyone who wants to go to Mountwood Park to provide communications can do so, but he wasn't going to commit the organization.

While at the Dayton Hamfest, Ken, WA8LLM, managed to purchase an 800 mHz transceiver for 150 dollars, for his personal use, which Sam, N8SVX, has programmed for the JEMNET system. It also has all the 800 mHz services in the area programmed in it. The organization will have access to it any time they need it. Any time that MOBILECOM-1 is placed into operation, the 800 mHz radio will be with it. There's no permanent antenna mounted on MOBILECOM-1 yet, but when it gets installed, the radio will be mounted on a slide-in mount so that it can be installed easily.

The State Business License has been reordered.

Charlie, W8JZN, brought in an old radio for show and tell.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Danni Jones KC8VSR/Unit 260, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Ryan Riser, Kyle Riser, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Charlie Helmick W8JZN/Unit 286, Harold Dooley N8KO/Unit 266 Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Mark Stull KC8ZON/Unit 298, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Pam Davis KC8VPN/Unit 281, Mike Davis KC8SIP/Unit 279, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Phil Newhart KB8GBE/Unit 275, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit ES-2, Scott Jones, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ, Colt Wotring, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251