

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

April 5, 2005

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 27 members and guests present.

Minutes from the March 1, 2005, 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 has not been able to make it to any of the tower sites, but if the weather stays the same as it is, he will try to visit some of them. Ken was going to convert the Kenwood TM-732A radios, which are located at the Williamstown, and E-911 tower sites, to sub-audible tone receive, but they need to have an optional TSU-7 tone board installed. The Kenwood Radios are about 10 years old, and sub-audible tone on receiver was not provided without the option. Ken explained what happened to the two TM-732A radios, which were purchased at the same time. One of the radios was destroyed when the batteries at the Rockport EMS Tower site exploded, and the other one, which was located at the St. Marys tower site was ruined when it housed a bunch of ants, and was sprayed with Ant Killer.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the shelter at Mountwood Park. Craig Pyles, Director of Mountwood Park, said they did have the meeting about building a shelter, and they're very interested in building it. The only problem at this time is trying to acquire additional funding for Park projects.

There was a reminder of the Challenge At Mountwood Mountain Bike Race. The race will be April 17th. The race starts at 12 noon. The radio operators need to be on their location by 11:30.

There was a discussion about a trailer to replace MOBILECOM-1. On their way to the Charleston Hamfest Ken, KB8QPW, Ken, WA8LLM, and Dot, KC8HAI, stopped at the trailer sales in Ripley to look at the trailers. They do have a 16 foot by 6 and a half foot flat bed tandem wheel trailer for 860 dollars. If one of the trailers was purchased, it would be used to haul a building that would be built as a mobile communication center. Ideas are still being put together.

The Grant Writing Book, which was ordered, has arrived. Now we just need to start looking for grants to acquire.

There was a discussion about Field Day. It was suggested that we have a Field Day meeting to figure out what we're going to do. Field Day will be held on June 25th and 26th. Anna, KC8JWW, said that as far as she knows, her son Mark, will have the Field mowed again this year. If the same amount of area is mowed, we will spread the radio stations out.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed out the medical forms that need to be filled out. The information on the form will be placed in the back of the ID Cards, and won't be seen by anyone, unless the ID Card is cut open. The forms need to be filled out and returned by November, so the information can be put in the 2006 ID Cards. When the old ID Card gets turned in at the end of the year, the information section can be cut off and destroyed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard from Don, N8NUS, about some members of the Civil Air Patrol wanting to have an Amateur Radio Class. Ken said that he will have to hold at least one Amateur Radio Class to get some of the Health Department employees licensed, so they can operate the Amateur Radios that will be installed at their locations.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Packet Radio Class that was held on March 13, in Jackson County. A couple of days after the last meeting, Ken was notified when and where they wanted to class to be held. Ken said that he would like to hold another Packet Class in Wood County.

Jackson County Hamfest will be held Sunday, May 1st at Ripley Middle School, Ripley, WV.

Athens County Hamfest will be held Sunday, April 24th, at Athens Ohio.

There was a reminder of the W5YI testing Saturday, April 9th, at the Wood County E-911 Center.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ken described a new Alinco Two Meter Radio, the DR-135 , which the Wood County Health Department has purchased 12 of. Alinco also has a DR-435 radio that is just like the 135, except operates on 440 mHz. The DR-135 and DR-435 both have a DB-9 accessory plug on the back which has a

600 ohm, 100 milliwatt, audio input and output for interfacing with different equipment such as a Packet TNCs. The accessory plug also has a pin that provides a ground when there is a received signal, and a Push-To-Talk pin. Ken described how the two radios could be tied together to make a remote receiver that would receive on 147.855 MHz and transmit on one of the UHF Link Frequencies. It was asked why we don't use a dual band radio and put it into crossband repeat. The problem with most dual band radios is that they use one antenna jack for both VHF and UHF. A diplexer to separate the signals would have to be added to receive the Two Meter signal from one antenna, and send the UHF signal to the UHF Beam antenna. Sammy, N8SVX, made a motion to purchase one DR-135, and one DR-435, to be used as a Remote Receiver. If the VHF/UHF combination works then we would try to get a grant to purchase several more of each. Rick, KC8VLM, seconded the motion. It was a unanimous vote to purchase the two radios.

There will be a CERT class held on Saturday and Sunday, April 9th and 10th at the Wood County E-911 Center. The class may already be full.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Joe, N8MEV, knows a company that is willing to donate rain jackets to all of the members of WCEC. We just need to get a list of sizes and give them to him. A list was passed around to have names and sizes.

Bob, KB8RNE, wanted to know if there is going to be any additional advanced CERT training. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would check with Roger Bibbee to find out.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that while he was at the Charleston Hamfest he acquired three more Motorola UHF Walkie-Talkies, like we have in MOBILECOM-1. They have already been programmed and put in service.

River Sweep will be held on June 19th.

Ken, WA8LLM, introduced the new Emergency Services Directory, Ed Hupp. Ed talked to the group.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Ryan

Riser Unit 299A, Kyle Riser Unit 299B, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267,  
Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263,  
Mike Davis KC8SIP/Unit 279, Pam Davis KC8VPN/Unit 281, Roger McGee  
KB8QPX/Unit 271, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Emily Bodie KB8YPB/Unit 288,  
Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Larry Lee KC8YMQ/Unit 254, Denise  
Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Tricia  
Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Judy Peterson  
N8UFQ/Unit 255, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282