

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

February 1, 2005

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 23 members and guests present.

Minutes from the January 4, 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. Duane, N8LDM, said that one of the EMS radio technicians was at the Rockport tower site working on one of their radios, and while he was there he looked at the 147.255 Remote Receiver. From what it looks like the power had been off for quite a while, and the battery may have went dead, before the power was restored. If that is the case the H/T being used as a Remote Receiver will need to be re-programed and set on cross band repeat. Ken is hoping to get down to the site before the next meeting. Ken says he still needs to get to the Williamstown tower site and set that radio for sub-audible tone since it is getting some kind of foreign signal into it, causing the repeater to be keyed up. He needs to get with Nina Yoho, KC8PPS, and Don Williams, N8NUS, make sure their radios are transmitting tone, so they can still use that Williamstown Remote Receiver.

The shelter at Mountwood Park is still on hold, but Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has received a letter from Mountwood Park, and it was signed by Craig, so it looks like he didn't get laid off for the Winter. Ken will get a hold of Craig before the next meeting.

Denise, KC8TUF, hasn't received any more applications for Medical Cards. Ken, WA8LLM, described how the ID Cards of 2006 will be changed. There will be medical information inside the back of the ID Card. The information will not be seen unless the card is cut open. Medical information for the card will be collected during the year and placed inside the 2006 ID Card.

There was a report on the CERT class that was held January 15th and 16th. Ten members from WCEC attended the two day class. Duane, N8LDM, said that Roger Bibbee, talked about making WCEC a CERT Team in itself.

There was a little discussion about a trailer to replace MOBILECOM-1. The replacement is just in the discussion stage at this time. It was discussed that a trailer less than 18 feet which doesn't need brakes on it, be built or bought. Rick, KC8VLM, said he has catalogs from a lot of different trailer manufacturers, with them we might get some ideas.

Dot, KC8HAI, said there is a grant writing class that will be held on the 19th of February, and the cost is 80 dollars per person. Rick, KC8VLM, said that all we need is the grant writing book. Rick has the information of where to order the book. Anna, KC8JWW, said that when she and Sammy, N8SVX, took a grant writing class several years ago, they didn't really learn much from the class, but during the actual writing of a grant. It was agreed to just order a grant writing book, and go from there.

The dates for the Safety Break requests were worked out and the request letters would be mailed before the next meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would contact Craig at Mountwood Park to make sure there is going to be a Volcano Days activity, then he would start working on the BINGO Licenses for 2005.

There was a short discussion about operating Field Day. Everyone is ready go.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Challenge At Mountwood Mountain, Bike Races will be held on April 17th. He also needs to send a copy of the WCEC Logo to Craig so it can be placed on the Race T-Shirts.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Civil Air Patrol is wanting to hold an Amateur Radio class, but no details have been finalized.

The Jackson County Amateur Radio Club is wanting Ken, WA8LLM, to teach a Packet Class. The date has not been announced, but they want to hold it on Sunday. Betty Moore, from the Jackson County Amateur Radio Club, will get the date and location setup and back to Ken. It was suggested that we hold a Packet Class in Parkersburg also. We may talk about a class at the next meeting.

Anna, KC8JWW, said the 4-H is going to have an activity to help pay for their insurance. She thinks the activity will be April 23rd, and they are needing someone to help run the BINGO games for them. Ken, WA8LLM,

will get a hold of them and see what they need.

Rick, KC8VLM, has a idea of holding an auction. He will check into acquiring, or buying items to be auctioned off. He also knows of an auctioneer, Fred Carpenter, who will do the auctioning for 100 dollars. Rick will follow up on the project. Rick will report back at the next meeting, and the organization can decide what they want to do. Rich also has an idea for selling glow in the dark thing-a-jigs. We are always looking for other money making ideas, such as soupbean suppers or ice cream socials.

Dot, KC8HAI, wanted to know what everyone wants to eat for Field Day. A short discussion followed.

There was a discussion about getting more involved with the Red Cross. It was decided that individuals who want to join the Red Cross can do so, but the WCEC organization will just work with the Red Cross and provide them with any communications they need. WCEC will be re-establishing the Communications Room at the Red Cross when the new building is built.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Kyle Riser Unit 299B, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Scott Jones Unit 299C, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Mike Davis KC8SIP/Unit 279, Pam Davis KC8VPN/Unit 281, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294,