

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

June 7, 2005

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 30 members and guests present.

Minutes from the May 3rd, 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 said that he was able to use parts out of the old Remote Receiver from St. Marys, to repair the one at the E-911 Center. Ken said that all of the Remote Receivers, which are in operation, are now equipped with sub-audible tone.

Anna, KC8JWW, said the workers at Mountwood Park have been doing some landscape work in the area where we normally setup the BINGO tent, at Volcano Days. We may not have to think about a shelter for BINGO for awhile. Ken, WA8LLM, hasn't heard anything back from the park officials about the building of a shelter.

There was a short discussion about a trailer that may be used to replace MOBILECOM-1. Lisa, KB8UER, saw a flat bed trailer that was for sale at Rinky Dinks for 450 dollars. She took a picture of it, and it was passed around at the meeting. Ken, WA8LLM, said that if he gets a chance, he will go up and look at it, to make sure that it's what we are looking for. At the present time we are still just getting ideas. Ken, KB8QPW, had an idea of using metal studs to build a communications room on a trailer. Ken said the studs are available at Lowes. The metal studs are a lot lighter and easier to work with.

There was a discussion about Field Day. Anna, KC8JWW, said that Mark Hendershot has been working on his tractor and has it running. He should have the area for Field Day cut before we get there. Ken, WA8LLM, said that letters need to be sent to the Wood County Commissioners, Sheriff, Emergency Services Director, E-911 Director and the News Media inviting them to visit our Field Day activity. There was a discussion about holding a Field Day meeting as soon as possible, before the activity. Denise, KC8TUF, said that she would locate a meeting place.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about the medical information for the new ID Cards.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Don, N8NUS, hasn't said anything else about wanting to hold an Amateur Radio Class for the Civil Air Patrol. Ron Harmon, Commander of the Parkersburg Wing, of the Civil Air Patrol, is also interested in taking the class. Ken said he also has to teach an Amateur Radio class to some of the employees of the Health Department. Ken said that he has already picked up 12 Alinco DR-135's, 6 Kantronics KPC-3's, and a power supply that he will be installing at 6 Health Department locations. There will be a 2 Meter Voice station and a Packet station at the Health Department offices in Calhoun, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Wirt, and Wood Counties. There needs to be at least one Health Department employee at each location with an Amateur Radio License.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the BINGO license for the three activities are in hand. The license is different than usual. There is one license with three different dates.

There was a discussion about getting a grant to provide money to purchase enough radios to build at least 16 Remote Receivers for the repeater. The grant would be for about \$15,000. There was a short discussion on what would be needed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't talked to Joe, N8MEV, about the rain jackets lately. The last time that he talked to Joe, he had been in the hospital with heart problems. Ken will try to talk to Joe before the next meeting.

Susan McCloud, of the Department of Natural Resources has made contact with Ken, WA8LLM, about the River Sweep. The activity will be held from 9:30 to 11:00 am on May 18th at Point Park, and the boat landing at Williamstown.

There was a report on Artsbridge which was held at WVUP on May 24th. There was only one minor incident during the activity. Ken, WA8LLM said that he heard a report there was close to 700 students at the activity.

There was a reminder that W5YI testing would be held on Saturday, June

11th at the E-911, at 6:00 pm.

There was a reminder about the Parkersburg Half Marathon which will be held August 20 during the Parkersburg Homecoming. Two more helpers were added to the list. A Half Marathon meeting was being held at the same time as our meeting.

Sam, N8SVX, gave a report about the Fenton Art BINGO. Fenton's may have found someone to get the BINGO license. Ken, WA8LLM, said there needed to be a face-to-face meeting between all of the organizations involved with the BINGO games.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report about the Eastwood Volunteer Fire Department Ice Cream Social. It was suggested that we get Eastwood to help set up the canopies for the Parkersburg Homecoming.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, has rented shelter #9 at the Parkersburg City Park for the organization's annual picnic. The meeting/picnic will be held on August 2nd at about 6:00 pm to eat, followed by a short business meeting.

Bob, KB8RNE, ask about the 50/50 drawing. Ken, WA8LLM, said that we haven't held a 50/50 drawing in a long time, but we still have the tickets. Since Harold, N8KO, was absent at a few meeting, the 50/50 drawing fizzled out. Harold said that he would start it back up at the next meeting.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Scott Jones Unit 299C, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Harold Dooley, N8KO/Unit 266, Jeanna Dooley, N8JMD/Unit 269, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris Unit 299D, Stephen Ritchie KB8CCQ, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK, Ray

Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293