

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

March 1, 2005

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 24 members and guests present.

Minutes from the February 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 hasn't been able to make it to either the Rockport or Ritchie County tower sites to see if he can get those two Remote Receivers back on line. Ken said that he did get to talk to Mark, one of the EMS Radio Technicians while he was installing the Civil Air Patrol antenna at the Montgomery Hill tower site. From his conversation it looks like there may not be any major problems with the unit at Rockport, except the power may have been off too long, and the unit needs to be re-programmed. The Remote Receiver at Williamstown just needs to have receiver sub-audible tone turned on, to keep the interference down.

Ken, WA8LLM talked to Craig at Mountwood Park about the shelter. It was supposed to go to the Board of Director's meeting on Monday, February the 28th. Ken will try to find out something before the next WCEC meeting.

Rick, KC8VLM, said that he hasn't been able to find the trailer catalog that we can use to get ideas, to replace MOBILECOM-1. MOBILECOM-1 has been starting okay, but if we take it off the hill, we may not be able to get it back up until the weather changes.

The Grant Book has been ordered and should be here by the next meeting.

The letters have been written and mailed for the Safety Breaks for 2005. On two of the three letters, it was requested that we get either the North or the South Rest Area. The worst that could happen is that we end up with both sides, which last happened in July, 1996.

The dates have all been confirmed for the BINGO games this year. All that needs to be done is apply for the licenses. While talking to Craig, Ken, WA8LLM, got the dates for Volcano Days. The dates are

September 23, 24, 25.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone about Field Day which will be held June 25th and 26th. We will have to set down and talk about what we want to do. We may be running as many as 5 or 6 stations using modes that we haven't used before.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that maybe by next month he will have a form to use to get all the medical information needed to put in the back of the 2006 WCEC ID Cards. He reminded everyone the information will not be seen by anyone unless the ID Card is cut open in an emergency. He knows that some people don't want to give their Social Security Number, but it is a necessary as part of the medical information. When the old ID Cards are turned in, for new ones, that part of the ID Card can be cut off by the owner, and kept, or destroyed.

There was a reminder about the Challenge At Mountwood, Mountain Bike Races which will be held on April 17th. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he sent Craig a copy of the WCEC Logo that will be put on the back of the T-Shirt.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard anything back from Don, N8NUS, about the Amateur Radio class at the Civil Air Patrol.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard back from Betty Moore, KB8ZSJ, about holding the Packet Radio Class at Jackson County. Jeff, KC8EEQ, said that he thought the class was going to be held on March 13th. Ken may go to the next Jackson County meeting if the weather is good enough. It was discussed about holding another Packet Class in Wood County.

It was brought up about helping the Wood County 4-H with BINGO games. A 4-H meeting was being held at the same time as ours. We may find out something about it before our next WCEC meeting. The activity is going to be held in April.

Ray, KC8RUJ, reminded Ken, WA8LLM, about a letter that needs a letter to be written to Dupont to install a Remote Receiver somewhere on their property.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Charleston Hamfest, March 19th. Coonskin Armory.

Day Light Saving Time, April 3rd.

Jackson County Hamfest, May 1st at Ripley Middle School.

W5YI Testing will be held April 9th, at the E-911 Center.

Don Williams, N8NUS, said the Civil Air Patrol building is available, and will be talking with Dan Bartalf, N2RNF, of the National Weather Service, about holding a Skywarn Class there some time in April.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Scott Jones Unit 299C, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAL/Unit 258, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Kyle Riser Unit 299B, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris Unit 299D, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens