

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

May 3, 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 April 5, 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 the new Alinco DR-135 and the DR-435 radios, which were ordered after the last meeting, have arrived, and have been wired together to make a Remote Receiver. The transceivers work great as a Remote Receiver for the repeater. It was planned that if the DR-135 and DR-435 radios worked together as a Remote Receiver that we would try to get a grant to purchase several more units. The Remote Receiver that was located at Williamstown tower site was taken to the Rockport tower site, which caused more trouble. The Rockport Remote Receiver was receiving so well that it was hearing mobile units in Kentucky, which are on the same repeater frequency. Sub-Audible Tone Board units were ordered for the two remaining Kenwood TM-732 radios, the one at Rockport, and the one at the E-911 Center. The Tone Board unit was installed at the Rockport tower site, and just before the WCEC meeting, the Tone Board unit was installed in the radio at the E-911 Center. But, something happened when the transceiver was being put back together which caused it to smoke. Ken said he thinks the radio can be fixed. If it can be fixed, he will re-install it at the E-911 Center before the next meeting. Ken explained what happened to the other two Kenwood TM-732 radios which were owned by WCEC. Ken said there was nothing wrong with the Hand Held radio which was being used as a Remote Receiver at the Rockport tower site, before it quit working. The radio just needed to be re-programmed. Ken will put it at his house for a little while to see how it works. If it works okay he's going to take it to the Ritchie County site. Ken says he still has to setup the Sub-Audible Tone on the Repeater Transmitter.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't heard back from Craig Pyles, about the shelter at Mountwood Park.

There was a report on the Challenge At Mountwood Mountain Bike Race, which was held April 17th. There were several accidents, but only one incident which required the rider to be taken to the hospital, with a possible broken wrist.

There was a short discussion about a trailer that may someday replace MOBILECOM-1. Ken, WA8LLM, talked about building a small building that would slide onto a flatbed trailer.

There was a reminder about Field Day. We're not for sure how much of an area we will have available for at the Field Day site, since Mark Hendershot's tracker is broke down. But, we will do something to get the grass cut to have enough area to hold the activity.

The forms for the medical information needs to be filled out, and handed back in by October or November so the 2006 ID Cards can be created. There will be a reminder at each meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Civil Air Patrol does want to have an Amateur Radio Class. Ken will be putting the class together. Don Williams, N8NUS, said that he would like to have the class held on Thursday evenings. Ken has already made 20 copies of the Question Pool. He also said that he's going to hold a class for the some of the employees of the Health Department so they will be able to operate the Voice and Packet Radios which will be installed at six county Health Department offices. Amateur Radio is the primary back-up communications system for the Health Departments.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the BINGO licenses for the West Virginia Interstate Fair, Parkersburg Homecoming, and Volcano Days, have been ordered and should be back in a few days.

The IRS 990 Tax Return form has already been sent in.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Roger Bibbee about additional CERT training. Roger said that he's thinking about having some special training for CERT members, but he hasn't figured out what it will be yet. He will let us know when he gets it ready.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he's been trying to contact Joe Thomas, N8EVP, about the rain jackets. Ken said the last time he talked to Joe that he had been having heart problems.

The Ohio River, River Sweep will be held on June 18th. Susan McCloud should be contacting us before long.

There was a discussion about the Vienna River Run. No one was ever contacted, so WCEC didn't work the activity. Duane, N8LDM, said he didn't think that Wood County Rescue had been contacted for their help either.

There was a Skywarn class at the Wood County Airport last Tuesday, April 26th.

NEW BUSINESS

Artsbridge at WVU-P will be held on Tuesday, May 24th. Those wanting to help, need to be there by 8:00 am.

W5YI VE Testing will be held June 11th, 6:00 pm, at the E-911 Center.

Deerwalk VFD Ice Cream Social will be June 11th.

Eastwood VFD Ice Cream Social will be June 4th.

The Children's Bike Rodeo will be May 7th. No one has heard if they need anything. They didn't use any of our equipment last year.

Parkersburg Half Marathon will be held on August 20th during the Parkersburg Homecoming. Need between 50 and 60 radio operators.

Sam, N8SVX, has been talking to one of the officials at Fenton Art Glass. They are wanting us to operate BINGO games at the activity. They have been informed that we can not get another license, that if they want our help, they will need to find someone to get a BINGO license. It looks like it might be a five day activity.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about starting another organization that would be called DAREN of WV. The purpose of the organization would be to provide funds to build and maintain the infrastructure of the State Wide DAREN Packet System. It would also allow us to get three more BINGO licenses. The new organization would have no direct connections with Wood County Emergency Communications Inc.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Scott Jones Unit 299C, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Michael Howell N8UXF, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Mary Smith Unit 299F, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Kyle Riser Unit 299B, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Larry Lee KC8YMQ/Unit 254,