

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

October 4, 2005

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

Minutes from the September 8, 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 he was hoping to have a few days that he can make it to the tower site and put the new UHF radio back in the Link Receiver shelf. He didn't have enough time do anything to the repeater this past month. He has been wanting to apply for a grant that would allow us to get enough Alinco DR-135 and DR-435 radios to be used as Remote Receivers, before they quit manufacturing them. Ray, KC8RUJ, reminded Ken about the letter that he needs to write to Dupont about installing a Remote Receiver on their property.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he's still looking for a trailer to replace MOBILECOM-1. Denise, KC8TUF, is still looking for grants that would allow us to get a trailer.

There was another reminder about the Medical Information that will be put on the back of the new ID Cards. They need to be turned in as soon as possible so they can be typed up. No ID Cards will be made up without the Medical Information inclosed and sealed in the back. A few Medical Information sheets have been turned in. Ken, WA8LLM, hopes to have the new Id Cards ready by the December meeting.

There has still been no date set for an Amateur Radio Class for the Civil Air Patrol. But, they would like to start a class in November.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he is researching for addition grants to help get the money to purchase the Alinco DR-135s and DR-435s for the repeater. The main part of any grant application is a budget. We need to get one written so that we can put it with any grant we apply for. Ken, WA8LLM, says that Larry, KC8YMQ, keeps sending him ideas for grants.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Volcano Days festival. He said that it was a great weekend and good weather, but the game money was off about 50 percent from last year. A few members got to learn some of the operations of running the BINGO games.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Roger Bibbee will be teaching the National Incident Management System (NIMS) class on October 25th at 6:00 pm at the E-911 Center. Ken said that it will be a requirement to have the NIMS certification in order to work with any Government Agency.

Rick, KC8VLM, says he hasn't been able to make copies of the Technician Class CD. Cathy, KC8DJJ, said that she may be able to copy them. She will take the disk and see what she can do.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Lubeck Fun Run. Ken said the race was very well organized. There was 9 spots that needed filled, and we just happened to have 9 communicators. We didn't take MOBILECOM-1 to the event, but we took a 10 by 10 canopy, the radio shelf and a table. We learned a few things about spacing the antennas farther apart to keep the interference down between the Fire Band Radio, and the Two Meter Radio. There was no ambulance available to be used as a follow up vehicle, so Ken, KB8QPW, became the follow up vehicle.

Terry, KC8TUE, wanted to know if we wanted to look into any other grants. It was suggested that we send as many grant applications as we can. All they can do is say either yes or no.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Harold, N8KO, had talked to County Commissioner, Rick Modesitt, about getting a letter from the commission so that we can purchase equipment from the Federal side of government surplus at Dunbar. Ken said that he talked to Rick at the last LEPC meeting. Rick said to get him the information of what we need and he would see what he could do. Ken said the reason we have not been able to get Federal Surplus permission is because we don't get any money from our county government. Ken said that he hasn't went to talk to the County Commissioners asking for money. He doesn't want to ask them for money because they then can tell us what they want us to do, and when to do it. Right now we can do or go where we want without having to get their permission. Larry, KC8YMQ, suggested that we see if we can get equipment from the Bureau of Public Debt.

NEW BUSINESS

W5YI Testing October 8th at 6:00 pm at the E-911 Center.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Dot, KC8HAI, went to a home in Davisville, to look at some radio equipment that the Daughter of N8TE had to sell. The girl wanted them to look at the equipment and see if it could be sold. We decided that she should have an electronic yard sale to get rid of what ever she could, then try to sell the rest on E-Bay. She set a date of Saturday, October 22nd, for the yard sale. Pass the word to everyone you talk to and get the word out. The address is 28 Poplar Street, Davisville.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Chick-Fil-A Cross Country races that were held on Saturday, September 17th, and another Cross County race that was held on Tuesday, September 27th. The High School State Championship Cross County races will be held on Saturday, October 29th. Since he was reminded about the races on the Monday after the September WCEC meeting, Ken had to try and contact as many as possible of those who were able to help. There is also a Cross Country race going on at the same time as our WCEC meeting.

Shawn Kaftanic, with the Wood County Reserve Deputies, contacted us while we were at the Lubeck Fun Run. There is some kind a Criminal Justice Department activity that will be held on Friday, November 11th, at 3:00 pm, at WVUP. She wants to have our communications vehicle, MOBILECOM-1 at the activity. Ken, WA8LLM, will contact her again before the activity, and make sure what she needs.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about being registered as a RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) member. Duane, N8LDM, said the RACES letter may have to be re-issued by the new Emergency Services Director, Ed Hupp. If anyone is interested in being registered with RACES, they need to contact Duane, who is the Wood County RACES Officer.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to know if there was any other outstanding bills that needed to paid for activities over the Summer. ARRL ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) forms were handed out. The forms should reflect any changes in equipment that can be used as a resource. All members of WCEC are registered as ARES members.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed around a certificate of appreciation that was sent to the organization for helping with the National Multiple Sclerosis

MS-150 Bike Ride. We were also invited to The Annual Meeting & Volunteer Recognition Dinner to be held at The Marriott, in Charleston, on Saturday, October 15th.

Ken, WA8LLM, asked for a copy of every ones Amateur Radio License. We need to have a copy of all members' license on record. We can make a copy of the license at the meeting, or bring a copy to one of the WCEC meetings.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought a Printer, Scanner, Copier unit that can be used as a copy machine for Show-N-Tell. The machine can be taken to any activity which we may need to make a copies. It is a cheap color copier. A short discussion followed the Show-N-Tell.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Scott Jones Unit 299C, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Kyle Riser Unit 299B, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Larry Lee KC8YMQ/Unit 254, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2