

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

September 8, 2005

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at about 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 29 members and guests present.

Minutes from the August 2, 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 UHF radios that will be used as Link Receivers at the repeater transmitter have been ordered and are in. Now he needs to get some time to get to the repeater and get all eight UHF Link Receivers working again. The Ritchie County Remote Receiver has been changed out and it seems to be working good. We needed to get the Ritchie County Receiver fixed so that we could use it for the MS-150 coming up on September 10th and 11th. The repeater seems to be doing good, but we still have a few dead spots. But, until we get all the Remote Receivers the same, and the voter audio lined up, there will be a few problems.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that while he was at the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition, he talked to Tom Graham about getting a trailer built the way we want it. Tom said that with the companies he is working with he's not able to get a trailer built the way we want it. We are still thinking and talking about how we want it built. Ken said that he stopped over to Tractor Supply Company, and they sell tandem axle trailers, but they are wanting \$3500, we can buy the same thing in Ripley for \$800 or \$900.

There was another reminder about the Medical Information that will be put in the back of the new ID Cards. They need to be turned in as soon as possible so they can be typed up and ready to put with the ID Card. No ID Cards will be made up without the Medical Information inclosed on the back.

There has still been no date set for an Amateur Radio Class for the Civil Air Patrol, or the Health Department employees.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he didn't get the Grant Application filled out and sent in for the Alinco DR-135s and DR-435s by the September 1st deadline. He still needs to put together a budget form. Denise, KC8TUF, E-Mailed Ken a sample budget form. Now he can start putting one together. The next deadline for the grant is March 1st. Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has a little time on his hands, that maybe he would be able to help put the grant together.

The rain jackets were brought to the meeting. They weren't what we were expecting, but that's what we got. Everyone went through the box, and took what ever they wanted.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO, and May Flies. The 15% check has already been sent to the Homecoming Committee.

There was a reminder the Volcano Days BINGO will be held on September 23rd, 24th, and 25th at Mountwood Park.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has talked to Roger Bibbee about taking the NIMS training course. Roger said that all Tuesdays in September are tied up, but every Tuesday in October is available. The group decided to check on October 25th for the training. Ken will check with Roger on the training date.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Dot, KC8HAI, went to the BINGO Seminar in Clarksburg the Monday after the Parkersburg Homecoming. There is no new BINGO laws that were created this year. A short discussion followed.

There was a report on the Parkersburg Half Marathon. Ken, WA8LLM, said that everything went good as far as the starting of the clocks. There were several incidents of runners having problems and needed help. A short discussion followed. Carol, KC8TUD, suggested the Water Stops be identified by letter rather than numbers to keep the confusion down between the Mile Markers and the Water Stops. Ken said that he would talk to the officials about it.

There was a short discussion about the Homecoming Parade. Who ever was in charge of the parade changed all of the numbers of the parade entrees. We were unable to send the information from the Starting Line to the Finish Line.

NEW BUSINESS

There was a reminder the MS-150 would be Saturday and Sunday, September 10th and 11th. We still have some locations that need to be covered with a radio operator. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to contact the Ritchie County Amateurs and get their assignments and T-Shirt sizes, and call them to the MS-150 coordinator, when he gets home.

ARRL ARES Stickers were passed out. The window stickers were purchased by WCEC and given to any of the members that needed them.

Ken, KB8QPW, said that he had found an ARRL voice CD and a 20 page booklet that teaches the Technician Class License. It was decided that it is about the same thing that we had already been purchased. It was decided to see if we can make a copy of the CD and booklet that we already have.

Dave, KC8VLK, said there will be a Fun Run, sponsored by the Lubeck Volunteer Fire Department. The foot race will be held on October 1st. Those helping with the race will have a pancake breakfast after the race.

Ken, WA8LLM, had a power supply, battery, and load, for show-n-tell at the end of the meeting.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Kyle Riser Unit 299B, Sam Mercer N8SVX/Unit 256, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Larry Wotring KC8TRQ/Unit 261, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Scott Jones Unit 299C, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Colt Wotring Unit 299G, Kymber Wotring Unit 299I, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Mary Smith Unit 299F, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293