

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

April 4, 2006

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 30 members and guests present.

Minutes from the March 7, 2006, 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 still hasn't found the Alinco DR-1200 transceiver that's been modified to allow it to operate as a Remote Receiver. He wants to use it as a Remote Receiver at the Laurel Creek Road tower site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that we now know prices of some trailers, and the cheapest one is about \$900 dollars, but since we only have about \$1600, we shouldn't spend that until we start getting some more money in.

Terry, KC8TUE, has a copy of a grant application that Larry, KC8YMQ, told us about. He's going to look it over and see what he can do with it. The grant would be used to purchase transceivers to make up Remote Receivers for the repeater. Denise, KC8TUF, says she needs copies of our 501c3 Determination Letter, a copy of our IRS form 990 Tax Return, and the Bingo Account back to 1992. Terry said there was a couple other grant applications sent out, but hasn't heard anything back from either of them.

The Mountain Bike Race, "Challenge at Mountwood" is still scheduled for April 23. We think we need to be there at about 8:00 am. Ken, WA8LLM said that he would call Mountwood the next day, to find out for sure when the race starts so we will know for sure what time to be there. Ken will announce on the repeater what time we need to be there if it is different then 8:00 am. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has worked on the letter to Dupont, but it's not finished yet, and Ray, KC8RUJ, said that he wouldn't be at the meeting, so it didn't get finished. Ken hasn't been too exited about getting on the letter for a couple of reasons, one we don't have the money to purchase the equipment for the Remote Receiver, and two, we will have to be sure there is a UHF path from Dupont back to Mountwood Park, to the repeater transmitter.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he missed the last LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meeting, but he heard the exercise which was planned for September, then pushed out to April 2007, may have be re-scheduled again for some time in November 2006.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't done a whole lot on the second ID Card, which will be used to allow the Incident Commander of an incident know who is there. Ken said that he's been trying to set up the computer so that it won't be a waste of photo paper every time that he needs to make up one ID Card.

All of the Safety Break letters have be mailed in, all we can do is wait and see if we get any of the breaks. Ken, WA8LLM, said that on his letter, he explained why he didn't want the Southbound Rest Area, and that he wanted the Williamstown Rest Area. We can only wait to see what happens.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to Ed Reno, KG8JR, while he was at the Skywarn Class in Marietta about the Fast Pitch Softball games. Ed said that he hasn't heard any more about the event. There has been no other contact from the officials, so we don't know if we will be needed or not for the event. No one has seen any announcements on Radio or TV about the event.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't given Ken, KB8QPW, the last pictures to add to the Power Point program for the Packet Class. As soon as the Power Point program is finished they will schedule a couple of Packet Classes. We need to get started on training before the LEPC exercise.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he hasn't applied for the BINGO License yet, he is still waiting to see what is going to happen to Volcano Days before applying for the licenses. We don't have a 60 day waiting period, so we still time to apply for them.

W5YI VE Testing will be held this coming Saturday, April 8th, at the E-911 Center, at 6:00 pm.

Jackson County Hamfest will be held May 7th in Ripley at the Ripley Middle School.

Dayton Hamfest will be May 19th, 20th, and 21st.

Ken, WA8LLM, says we need to put a canopy up for a yard sale at the YWCA on Dudley Ave. on May 13th.

There was a report on the Skywarn Class which was held at the Red Cross center in Marietta. Ken, WA8LLM, read a list of the WCEC members that attended the class. Most of those who were at the class have received their certificates. A short discussion about having one person reporting weather information to the National Weather Service, if there is a weather net in progress. Also the person reporting to the Weather Service should be someone who is not the Net Control Station, and may be out of the affected area. All stations should report into a weather net to give an idea how big a storm is.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has a lot of the member's Amateur Radio licenses updated in the FCC's Database. Ken explained that nothing can be done in the FCC Database without being registered with a FRN Number. Dave, KC8ZZX, wanted Ken to update his license and put in a password. Ken also talked about getting a phone call from the FCC questioning him about his activity in the FCC Database. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about a new wide area weather net using several Ohio VHF and UHF repeaters. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he hasn't heard any interference on the Wood County Fire Band repeater for a couple of weeks. The person causing the interference may have got the word that he is going to be tracked down, or just got tired of doing it. The interference may start up again some day, so we need to be ready to start tracking him again.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said there was an article in the Newspaper that Volcano Days may be canceled for 2006. On May 10th the Mountwood Park Board will vote on canceling Volcano Days. They say that if it is canceled this year, that it may be back next year. But the feeling is that if it gets canceled, it will never come back. A short discussion followed. Eastwood Volunteer Fire Department Ice Cream Social will be held June 3rd, and they need our canopies tables and chairs. They will also be operating a poker run, but we won't be involved in it.

There will be an ARRL State Wide Simulated Emergency Test (SET). There will be additional information in the future.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the power connectors that are going to be put into operation on all WCEC communications equipment including radios, batteries, computers, power supplies, and etc. The new connectors will allow an easier way of connecting different pieces of equipment together without having to make sure the polarity is correct. There will be a show-n-tell with the new connectors at the next meeting. A short discussion followed.

Tyler, KC8CPP, talked about an activity which will be held in Morgantown by the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). The CAP will be operating a Special Event Station on an airplane circling at about 5600 feet during the event. The event will be held April 22nd and 23rd. There is a website where anyone can learn more about the event. The website is: www.avdays.org.

Denise, KC8TUF, brought a sample of a T-Shirt that she painted using a new toy that she has. She is thinking about printing Communication T-Shirts. A short discussion followed. Ken, WA8LLM, suggested that Denise bring back samples of different letter fonts and logos.

The Athens County Hamfest will held April 30th in Athens, Ohio, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

David, KC8VLK, said the Lubeck Volunteer Fire Department Ice Cream Social will be held on August 12th. They will be wanting to use our 24 by 40 foot canopies. It was also suggested that we take MOBILECOM-1 be to the Ice Cream Social for show-n-tell.

Ray, N8TWV, said that he was going to check on Weather Radios like the one that was shown at the Weather Skywarn Class in Marietta. He will try to have the information at the next meeting.

Jeff, KC8EEQ, reminded everyone about the Artsbridge activity at WVUP on May 23rd.

For show-n-tell, Ken, WA8LLM, showed an easy way to put a PL-259 coax connector onto a piece of RG-8 cable.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Tricia Magyarosi

KC8VLI/Unit 294, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills
KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Brad Carabine
KC8TYU/Unit 287, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kymber Wotring Unit
299I, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Daniel
Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Ryan Riser Unit
299A, Kyle Riser Unit 299B, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Ray Bodie
N8TWV/Unit 278, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H,
Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Mary Smith Unit 299F, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit
282, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270,
Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Scott
Jones Unit 299C, Tyler Lewis KC8CPP