

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

February 7, 2006

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 26 members and guests present.

Minutes from the January 3, 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 nothing has been done to the repeater, but he did put another receiver at his house so that he can listen to the input to the repeater. There are some stations that he can hear direct better than through the repeater. He said that he may try to interface the receiver with a UHF Transmitter which will allow it to act like another Remote Receiver.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he forgot to go look at the trailer that Lisa, KB8UER, had located. Ken said that he would be sure to look at the trailer, before the next meeting.

More of the new ID Cards has been handed out, but Ken, WA8LLM, says he has a few more to make up. He should have them finished before the next meeting.

Terry, KC8TUE, gave a report on the Grants for the Alinco DR-135's and DR-435's. He said that he has been under the weather, in the hospital, and didn't get more grants researched. He hasn't heard anything else back from the ones that he has sent out.

Anna, KC8JWW, said that while she was at Mountwood Park working on a new quilt for Volcano days, she found out that Challenge At Mountwood is still on, and there would be no changes. The Mountain Bike Race will be held April 23rd. Ken, WA8LLM, needs to call the new director of the park. He's interested in the service that we provide at the Mountain Bike race. Ken said there is a foot race on Saturday April 22nd, the day before the Bike race, but he has not been contacted about any communications for the foot race.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the letter to Dupont has not been completed, but it is being drafted.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the full scale exercise that is being planned for September. There is another meeting planned for Monday February 13th at the E-911 Center. That meeting is to decide what kind of disaster drill it will be. Meetings will be held every other month until June, and then the meetings will be every month.

There was a little discussion about the second ID Card. The second ID Card will not be a complete ID Card. It will be small enough to fit in a billfold. It will be about the same size as a credit card. The smaller card will have a hole punched in it so that it can be hung on a board at the Command Post of a disaster scene of an incident.

Since the last meeting there has been discussions about using the A B C letters on the Unit Numbers. It was decided to leave the Unit Numbers like they are and just continue on with another set of numbers. When all of the 251 to 299 Units Numbers are gone, we will start using the Unit Numbers 351 to 399. When a 200 Unit Number becomes vacant, we will just reuse that number.

Ken, WA8LLM, read off a list of jobs, and passed around a list of the jobs that have to be done each year. If a member was interested in helping with any of the jobs, or completely taking over the job, they were asked to put their name on it. This list of activities is just about everything that needs to be done each year to keep the organization active.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Ken, KB8QPW, got letters from the Department of Highways on the dates on which the Safety Breaks will be held for 2006. Ken read the letter on the dates to the group. The letter says it's for the Rest Areas. Since the area at Williamstown is said to be a "Rest Area", it was decided to ask for the Mineral Wells North Bound Rest Area, and the Williamstown Rest Area. The worse that can be said is there will be no Safety Break at Williamstown. But, it doesn't hurt to ask.

So far only two or three people that have expressed an interest in helping with the Fast Pitch Softball event which will be held the same weekend at Field Day. If we don't get enough people to cover the locations, so be it. I told the officials that weekend is a not a good weekend, since most of the Amateurs would be tied up on Field Day. If there was a real disaster, then Field Day would be lower priority.

There was a discussion about fund raisers. Rick, KC8VLM, has an idea of the group making some money. He has a business that he would let the organization sell some of the things that he sells, and the organization will get to keep the money. Rick says that he has seven different catalogs that he will provide. There needs to be someone to head up that fund raising committee. It was suggested that a letter be sent to Rick's business at the end of the year, explaining how much money the business donated through the sale of the items.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about training. He says that he has finished building an interface device that will allow 8 TNCs (Terminal NODE Control) to be connected to one radio. The interface will be used at the FINDER Class. The interface could be used at any activity that would need up to 8 Packet Stations at one location. It was suggested the Packet Class be held two or three times so that every one would get a chance to take it. It was suggested that snacks, such as cold cuts be brought to the class to keep the class going, and not have to take an hour break to go out and get something to eat. The Packet Class is about six hours long. Ken said he's never done a "FINDER" Class but it shouldn't take more then three hours, if those who are taking the class either know, how to operate Packet Radio, or has taken the "Packet Class". Ken asked Duane, N8LDM, if the Wood County Emergency Services would hold, or is planning to hold an "EOC Class", a short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, still needs to order the BINGO License, as soon as he is for sure of the dates of each activity. The BINGO games are planned for the County Fair, the Parkersburg Homecoming, and Volcano Days.

NEW BUSINESS

W5YI testing will be held February 11th at 6:00 pm at the E-911 Center.

Fayetteville Hamfest will be held on February 26th, in Fayette County.

Bob, KB8RNE, wanted to know if there would be a Net Control Station set up for the Fast Pitch Softball event. Ken, WA8LLM, said there should be a Net Control Station set up somewhere, so there would be someone dedicated to a base station. Ken suggested the Net Control Station might be at a Field Day site. Ken said that Blaine, WA8IOE, told him this might be the year that both WCEC and PARK (Parkersburg Amateur

Radio Klub) operate Field Day together and then a Net Control Station could be set up there. There has been no official request that the two groups work together, followed by a short discussion.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he went to Marietta Collage, where Gary, KC8ZZS, works, and picked up several computers. The computers can be used by the organization for what ever is needed. Ken wants to thank Gary for the computers. Gary says he has more to get rid of.

Ken, KB8QPW, said that he knows where he can get some good stop watches which would come in handy for the races which we are involved with. The watches cost \$6.00 a piece. The group decided to get 12 of the Stop Watches.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kymber Wotring Unit 299I, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, 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, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2