

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

July 5, 2006

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 22 members and guests present.

Minutes from the June 6, 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 found the problem with the Wirt County Remote Receiver. The top part of the 147.855 MHz antenna is gone. The top part of the antenna was stuck in the ground. It just needs to be repaired and put back together. A few days later, the repeater was off the air for about four days until a visit could be made. The problem was that the Deerwalk Remote Receiver unit had become locked up, and timed out the repeater. The Deerwalk unit was keyed up because there was no power getting from the power plug to the power jack of the receiver, a little wiggling, and it was okay. While they were at the repeater site, Ken, and Ken, KB8QPW, worked on the UHF "back door" maintenance receiver, so that it can be used to control the repeater. Now we need to replace one of UHF Link Receivers again, since one of them was used for the "back door" receiver.

Ken, said the trailer to replace MOBILECOM-1 is still on the back burner, while we are trying to get a grant to purchase one.

Terry, KC8TUE, said there are now three grants applications that have been sent in. A new one was sent in right after Field Day. This grant was for \$10,000 to purchase equipment for the DAREN system. It would be used to replace old NODEs and install new ones. Terry said that he hasn't found out how we can get a grant to install new Remote Receivers for the 147.255 Repeater.

Duane, N8LDM, said that he hasn't heard anything about the county exercise that should be held by the end of 2006. It may be held in September.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has learned more about the program that he uses to make ID Cards, so he will be able to work on the second ID Card when he gets the time.

No one heard much about the "Fast Pitch Softball" games that were held the same weekend as Field Day. All that was heard was the officials are hoping that it will be bigger and better next year.

Ken, KB8QPW, said that he is still waiting for the rest of the pictures from Ken, WA8LLM, for the Packet class before he can finish the Power Point Program. Tyler, KD8CPP, said that would help Ken put the program together. Ken, WA8LLM, explained to Tyler what we are wanting the program to do.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the BINGO License for the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition, and Parkersburg Homecoming are in hand. We are still going to wait to see how the fair BINGO goes before we order the License for Volcano Days.

No one has heard any more about the West Virginia State Wide ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET).

There was a reminder the Lubeck Volunteer Fire Department Ice Cream Social will be held August 12th, at the Fire Station. They will be using our canopies for the social.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he has a list of the T-Shirt sizes for the volunteers who will be helping at the Parkersburg Half Marathon. He needs to turn the list in at the next Half Marathon meeting.

There was a reminder that BINGO at the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition will be July 17th through 22nd. We may be a little short handed due to previous engagements from some of those who usually work. Ken, said that we need callers. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he may not be there on Monday of the fair, he may have to make a trip to Charleston.

There was a reminder that BINGO at the Parkersburg Homecoming will be held August 18th, 19th, and 20th. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to make up the power switch over device for the lights, so we won't be in the dark if the power goes off like it has the last couple of years. Ken says he has all the equipment, he just needs to put it together.

It was decided to wait until after the Fair before we decide whether we will operate the BINGO games at Volcano Days. A short discussion

followed.

Dot, KC8HAI, gave a report on the Remote Control Car Club concession. Dot said that it is operating on it's own. All of the supplies have been paid off. Now we will see if it will be profitable or not. Dot said there is \$323 in the concession fund, \$170 of which is working money.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 4th of July Safety Break. Ken gave a report on the previous years 4th of July Safety Breaks. He said we didn't make much, but it did pay for the BINGO Licenses.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave report on the Field Day contest. He said that he will have a copy of the completed report at the next WCEC meeting. Denise, KC8TUF, asked if operators under the age of 18 can be used as additional points. Ken said that he would check the rules to see. A short discussion about other Field Day site activities was discussed.

There was a reminder the Annual WCEC Picnic will be August 1st at the Parkersburg City Park, Shelter #9. We will have a short business meeting after the picnic.

#### NEW BUSINESS

River Sweep was held on June 17. Susan McCloud with the Solid Waste Authority said that due to a death in her family that she didn't get a hold of WCEC to provide the communications. But, she was very glad to see that we showed up. The activity was down again this year with only about 30 people at Point Park and 50 people at Williamstown.

While at the River Sweep, Virg Flinn, who is connected some how with the Airport Authority, ask Ken, WA8LLM, if WCEC was going to be providing the communications at the Air Show, that will be held on September 17th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that Ray, N8TWV, had sent him the information about the Weather Radios. Ray wasn't able to be at the meeting, but he will

be the contact on the Weather Radios. The cost of the radios are \$37, with an additional dollar for shipping. Any one wanting one needs to contact Ray. There were several members at the meeting who are interested in the radios.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he needs to transfer all the money out of the Special BINGO account into the Regular account at the bank. This is required by the West Virginia BINGO commission. The special account has got to be cleared out before a new year games start. Ken said that he would transfer the money on the Friday before the fair.

W5YI VE Testing will be held on August 12th at the E-911 Center at 6:00 pm.

Duane, N8LDM, said that Jim Steele, W8HPD, of the West Virginia IFLOWS has been spending some time in Wood County looking for locations to place Remote Radio Rain Gauges. Access to the rain gauge will be available on the internet.

Terry, KC8TUE, wanted to know where to get the Anderson Power Pole connectors. He was advised that we get them from West Mountain Radio. Ken, WA8LLM, suggested that he may bag up the ones that are left over and sell them for 11 for \$10, but nothing was decided. Ken said that the members of WCEC need to have all of their equipment modified before we sell the rest of them.

Dave, KC8VLK, wanted to know when we would be setting up the canopy, tables, and chairs for the fair BINGO. Ken, WA8LLM, said that we should be at the fair grounds at 9:00 am on Sunday, July 16th. A short discussion about BINGO Worker signs, donations, and keys followed.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Brent Rice KD8DLX, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Loretta DeHaven, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kymber Wotring Unit 299J, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2,