

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

June 6, 2006

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 32 members and guests present.

Minutes from the May 2, 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 finally got to the repeater site, and put the 8th UHF Link Receiver back in service. While he was at the repeater site he also put the sub-audible tone of 131.8 Hz on the transmitter. He also checked to see how many of the Remote Receivers were in operation. Out of the six Remote Receivers, only five are in operation. He is unable to get into the receiver at Elizabeth. He will try to find out what the trouble is in the next few weeks. He also said that while he was testing the repeater, he checked to see which of the Receivers is operating with Carrier Squelch, since the repeater has been keying up from time-to-time, and nobody is identifying that they are testing.

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

Terry, KC8TUE, said there are two grant applications that have been sent in. One of the grants is for 5000 dollars, and one for 15,000 dollars. Most of the time it takes about 120 days after the grants are opened before we hear anything. All we can do is hide and watch.

Ray, KC8RUJ, says that Carol, KC8TUD, has the letter to Dupont asking for permission to install a Remote Receiver, for the 147.255 repeater, somewhere on their property. Carol is holding onto the letter to make sure that it doesn't get lost. A Remote Receiver at Dupont will allow stations in the Washington Bottom, Belpre area a way to get into the repeater.

Duane, N8LDM, said that he hasn't heard anything about the county exercise which may be held at the end of 2006, or the beginning of 2007. Ken, WA8LLM, said that at the last Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting the county exercise will be sometime in September. The grant money for the exercise needs to be used before the end of

2006. The plan for the original exercise was brought up by the Red Cross, to demonstrate to the public, that they must be able to take care of themselves for at least 72 hours, and not expect any help from emergency responders. The plan for the drill started before Hurricane KATRINA, hit the Gulf Coast.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he is still planning on how to do the second ID Card. He's working on a program that will allow him to print two ID Cards at a time, to keep from wasting photo paper.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got a telephone call from one of the officials of the Fast Pitch Softball games which will be held June 24th and 25th, that's the same dates as Field Day. They have reduced the size of the activity from eight ball fields down to four, and all of them are in Marietta. They said they couldn't make a decision until after the games in Oklahoma were over. They are not getting the ball team response they were hoping for, and that if we can't get any radio operators, that would be okay. Anyone wanting to help can just show up at the ball fields in Marietta.

Ken, KB8QPW, says he is still waiting for the rest of the pictures, from Ken, WA8LLM, before he can finish the Packet Class Power Point Program. We need to get a couple of Packet Classes done since we now have two more Amateurs that are getting into Packet, and they are Daniel, KC8ZLK, and Tyler, KD8CPP.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he almost started to fill out the applications for the BINGO License, but with all the activities, he didn't get it done, and he also wanted to bring up at a meeting a discussion about the BINGO games at Volcano Days. Mark at Mountwood Park wants Ken to come over to Mountwood and look for another place to operate the games. The area where we usually operate the BINGO is in a mess. Mark said that he can drive over it, but that was before these last few days of rain. Mark said that before Volcano Days, the area would be smooth and there would be grass on it. There was a discussion about whether we want to operate the games at Volcano Days. Ken, KB8QPW, suggested that since it doesn't take that long to get a BINGO license, that we hold off getting a license for Volcano Days until after the Fair and the Homecoming. If the Fair and Homecoming games are about what they were in 2004, then we can apply for the Volcano License. Volcano Days should be September 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Ken said he would go to the park and see where we may be able to hold the BINGO games.

The canopy for the YWCA wasn't used. They thought it was going to rain, so they moved their registration inside.

The WCEC canopies, tables, and chairs were used at the Eastwood VFD Ice Cream Social.

There hasn't been any other information about the State Wide ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET). All that has been said is the exercise is in October. We can also use the exercise in September as a SET.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has most of the Emergency Communications equipment converted over to the new Anderson Power Pole connectors. Ken said that he was going to order new connectors, and any one who wants to get their equipment converted can bring it to Field Day on the Friday, before Field Day, and it can be converted. WCEC will provide the connectors.

There was report on the Artsbridge activity. There was 780 kids and 200 adults. The only major problem was one of the Red Wings messed up one of her knees. Also there was one student that wasn't on his buss when it got ready to leave, but he was located.

There was a reminder the Lubeck VFD Ice Cream Social will be held August 12th. The Fire Department wants to use our canopies.

Ken, WA8LLM, passed around a paper for those who are going to help with the Half Marathon to put their name and Tee-Shirt size on it. The Half Marathon race will be held on August 19th. Ken gave a description of how Amateur Radio communications are used. The primary repeater will be the 147.39 mHz, if it is back on the air. The back-up repeater will be 147.255 mHz.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted everyone to look at the new roster and make any corrections. A Master copy of the roster was passed around.

There was a reminder that BINGO at the West Virginia Interstate Fair and Exposition will be held July 17th through 22nd. The Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO will be held August 18th, 19th, and 20th.

Ken, WA8LLM gave a report of the concession at the Remote Control Car

Club at Mountwood Park. Ken read a list of how much money has been made so far from each of the events, a total of how much money has been made, and a total that has been spent. So far we have taken in \$1015.50, and spent out \$1086.75. Dot, KC8HAI, and Cathy, KC8DJJ, made an inventory of the stock that is at the concession. There is about \$369.70 worth of supplies. Ken said the concession isn't as big a money maker as he had hoped it would be. He gave a report on how many race days there are left. There is about 11 or 12 more activities for the year.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Income Tax report has been sent to the IRS. He explained this year numbers had to be put on the report. He explained how the form was filled out.

Ken, WA8LLM, congratulated Bob, KB8RNE, and Mary Smith about their 50th wedding anniversary.

There was a reminder about the W5YI testing on Saturday, June 10th at the 911 Center.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report about him and Ken, KB8QPW, taking MOBILECOM-1, to VanDevender Jr High School for Show-N-Tell. Show-N-Tell was coordinated by Tyler, KD8CPP.

NEW BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he had received a Safety Break letter for the 4th of July. The Safety Break is on at Northbound Rest Area and is only two days, Monday and Tuesday, July 3rd and 4th. A shift schedule was passed around.

There was a reminder that Field Day is June 24th and 25th. Any one who wants to camp out on Friday is welcome to do so. We may try to operate five transmitters during Field Day. Ken said that he has sent out 23 letters to the radio and tv stations, the news paper, County Commissioners, all the county volunteer fire departments, the Red Cross, and the E-911 Center, inviting them to Field Day. It was suggested that a letter also be sent to the new County Commissioner and the Health Department. Doug Hess wanted to know when Ken could come up to the radio station for an interview. Ken said he would go to the station on Thursday, June 8th.

The next WCEC meeting would fall on July 4th, so the July meeting will

be held on Wednesday, July 5th, at the E-911 Center.

The August WCEC meeting will be the annual Picnic at shelter #9, at the Parkersburg City Park on August 1st.

It was mentioned there would be an Air Show, but it usually falls on the same weekend as Volcano Days. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would wait to see if the show officials get a hold of him.

Bob, KB8RNE, reminded everyone about not doing medical assistance at the Safety Breaks. We don't administer any medical assistance. In case of a medical emergency to just call 9-1-1.

Gary, KC8ZZS, had a Show-N-Tell on GPS.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kymber Wotring Unit 299I, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Brent Rice KD8DLX, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Opie Nutter KC8ZBQ, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Larry Lee KC8YMQ/Unit 254, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Ryan Thomas Unit 299K, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Phil Newhart KB8GBE/Unit 275, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263,