

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

March 7, 2006

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 27 members and guests present.

Minutes from the February 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's looking for one of the Alinco DR-1200 transceivers that he had modified to allow it to operate a Carrier Operated Relay. He wants to use it as a remote receiver, and connect it to one of the new UHF transceivers so it can be used as a Remote Receiver on Laurel Creek. This will let it replace the Alinco DR-570 that just up and died.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he did get to look at the trailer that Lisa, KB8UER, was talking about. He says the trailer is a good looking trailer with rails on the sides. He didn't see a sign on the trailer that it was for sale, but the price was \$1800. He said that he and Ken, KB8QPW, stopped at the Gene's Trailer Sales in Ripley on the way back from the Fayetteville Hamfest. Ken called Gene's Trailer Sales to get prices. The trailer they were looking at 6 foot 4 inches wide by 16 foot long with brakes on one axle, ramps, and wheels, at a price of \$1465. They have the same trailer, they call economy, which doesn't have any ramps with it, and the wheels are used junk yard wheels. The price on it is \$900. Add \$50 for pipe rails up the sides. We're still just looking and planning. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, wasn't at the meeting due to being in and out of the hospital, but Denise, KC8TUF, said that she didn't think Terry had received any responses back about any of the Grant Applications.

As far as any one knows, the Mountain Bike Race, "Challenge at Mountwood" is still scheduled for April 23.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was going to work on a letter to Dupont, to place a Remote Receiver some where on their Property. Ken will try to have the letter for Ray, KC8RUJ, at the next meeting.

The LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) exercise which was

planned for September is on hold. It was decided it will take longer to plan for the exercise than they expected. At the present time it looks like the exercise may be in April, 2007. That doesn't mean that we can't have some kind of communications exercise ourselves. Ken, WA8LLM, says that we should participate in an ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET). Ken says that we're still going to get the training scheduled so that we can know what we are doing when we do participate in any exercise.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he's still working on the second WCEC ID Card. It won't have all the information that's on the regular ID Card, just the member's name & unit number, organization name, picture, and expiration date. The second card will be used to allow those in charge at an incident know who is there. There is no standard board that is used to hang the brass tag or other identifying devices on. Most of the time the ID Board is over looked at an incident until it is too late. At the beginning of an incident, there is so much activity that it gets forgot about. It was discussed about making our own board and have it available if we are involved. At least we can help keep some order. A short discussion followed.

Two of the letters for the Safety Breaks are ready and only one more needs to be written and mailed in.

Ken, WA8LLM, hasn't heard anything more about the Fast Pitch Softball games yet. He hasn't been advised of meetings or had any telephone calls. The only thing we can do is wait and see what happens. Ed Reno, KG8JR, said that he has talked to one of the officials a few times, but nothing has been brought up about it. Bob, KB8RNE, wanted to know if there will be a Net Control Station at Field Day for the Fast Pitch Softball. Bob was advised, there might be if we participate in Softball activity.

Duane, N8LDM, says that Ed Hupp, and Roger Bibbee, have been tied up with State OES problems and haven't had any time to put toward any EOC training. Ken, KB8QPW, is putting together a Packet Class Power Point Presentation. Now we can do away with the overhead slide presentation. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will try to teach the class two weekends in a row, that way there's a chance that those who can't make it one weekend, might be able to make it the next. The Packet Class takes about six hours. Also there will be a Finder Class which will be taught, but it should only take two or three hours.

Ken, WA8LLM, says he knows some of the dates of our BINGO activities, that he should be able to order BINGO Licenses. He still needs to know the dates of the West Virginia Interstate Fair, and Volcano days. As far as any one knows there will still be a Volcano Days activity.

Charleston Hamfest will be held on Saturday, March 18th.

So far no one has got a hold of Rick, KC8VLM, about selling some of the items in his catalogs. Rick said that he will try to bring some catalogs to the next meeting.

The Stopwatches that were ordered have come in and look like good. All of our communication people at the Mile Markers will be issued a stopwatch so that someone at the Mile Markers will have the correct time. Ken, KB8QPW, had a stopwatch program set up on his computer and showed how it worked. There was a little discussion about setting up a computer at each Mile Marker with the stop watch on it.

Bob, KB8RNE, asked about the job description of each of the jobs on the list that someone might want to take charge of. Ken, said there was no job description available, but he might try to put a description for each job, but that will be a job in itself.

NEW BUSINESS

W5YI testing will be held April 8th at 6:00 pm at the E-911 Center.

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

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

Ken, Said that while he was at the Half Marathon meeting on March 6th, he was asked if one of our canopies could be used at the YWCA on Dudley Avenue for a yard sale. The yard sale will be May 13th.

There will be a Skywarn Class in Marietta on March 27th at 7:00 pm. The class will be held at the Washington County Red Cross on 4th Street. The class will be sponsored by the Washington County EMA.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about getting into the FCC Database, and did some upgrades of some of the members Amateur Radio License. Ken explained

about the FRN number that is associated with the Amateur License. Ken said that the group's Amateur License can't be renewed on line, it can only be renewed by going an Amateur Radio licensing group such as W5YI. A discussion followed about addressing.

There was a discussion about a new weather net that is being held on a bunch of linked up repeaters in Ohio. The easiest repeater to get into would be the 145.33 mHz repeater, which has a tone of 141.3 Hz. It was discussed about keeping our regular weather net on the 147.255 repeater and have someone be a liaison to the Ohio weather net.

There has been a problem on the Wood County Fire Band. Someone has been causing interference when some of the fire departments are responding to incidents. We need to listen to the input of the fire band repeater, and see if we can identify where it's coming from. The input frequency of the repeater is 153.950 mHz. A short discussion followed.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Roger McGee KB8QPX/Unit 271, Harold Dooley, N8KO/Unit 266, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Rick Greene KC8VLM/Unit 265, Jennifer Greene KC8UYB/Unit 264, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Kyle Riser Unit 299B, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Mary Smith Unit 299F, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kymber Wotring Unit 299I, Scott Jones Unit 299C