

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

May 2, 2006

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 23 members and guests present.

Minutes from the April 4, 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 thought he may have come across the Alinco DR-1200 transceiver that's been modified to allow it to operate as a Remote Receiver. He thought he found it while he was modifying the power plugs on all of the equipment. The one he is looking for has a special plug that will allow it to bring the audio and a carrier operated ground out, so that it can be connected to another radio.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that a trailer to replace MOBILECOM-1 is on the back burner until we find enough funding, or get a grant to purchase one. We know where we can get the trailer, but we need to build the communication shell onto it.

Terry, KC8TUE, sent in a grant application which Larry, KC8YMQ, told us about. All we can do is wait and see what happens. Denise, KC8TUF, has filled application information on the GRANT.GOV website, so that we can start applying for grants through there when some are available. Denise said there are about four different classes that we can apply through. Terry also said that he saw one grant that talked about building digital networks. That would be a good one to get to help increase the size of the DAREN system.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Mountain Bike Race, "Challenge at Mountwood". He said the event was a semi cluster, but not on the communications end. The communications worked good, maybe too good. We were able to keep track of the riders, the only problem was some of the riders didn't need to be tracked. The officials had a number system that we didn't know about, and they didn't bother to tell us about it. Some of the officials didn't even know why we were there or why we were tracking the riders. Some of the radio operators caught the devil because they did not provide road crossing traffic control like the officials thought we were supposed to do. We don't do vehicle

traffic control. We may not be invited back to the event next year, if they decide to have it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has worked on the letter to Dupont, but it's not finished yet, but since Ray, KC8RUJ, wasn't there he didn't have to worry about it.

Duane, N8LDM, said that he hasn't heard anything about the county exercise that is supposed to be held at the end of this year, or at the beginning of next year. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he will try to find out something at the next LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meeting.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hadn't worked on the 2nd ID Card this past month do to other activities. Ken said that is he also setting up the program that he uses for ID Cards so that he can print out two cards at a time, instead of wasting photo paper printing out eight ID Cards, when only one or two need to be printed.

Nothing has been heard about the Fast Pitch Softball games which are supposed to be held the same weekend as Field Day, June 24th and 25th. Ken, WA8LLM, said that no one has contacted him again needing the radio communications. We will just hold off until we hear from them again.

Ken, KB8QPW, said that he hasn't done any more with the Power Point Packet Training Program, since he's still waiting for the rest of the pictures from Ken, WA8LLM.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would try to apply for the BINGO Licenses in the next week or so. He has just been waiting to see if there was going to be a Volcano Days activity. The Parkersburg Newspaper said that it has been cancelled, but the Wood County Flywheelers Association said they would like to sponsor the activity. The area where the BINGO games were usually held has been made a mess. Ken said that he may not even apply for the Volcano Days BINGO License. The license cost 100 dollars and we only made \$618.50 last year. He gave a report of the previous years BINGO games and said that each year it has been going down. He said that maybe someone else will approach us about operating a BINGO game for them and we can apply for the third BINGO license which we are allowed.

There was a reminder the Jackson County HAMFEST will be held on May 7th in Ripley at the Ripley Middle School.

There was a reminder the Dayton HAMFEST will be held May 19th, 20th, and 21st.

The canopy for the YWCA will be set up on Friday evening, May 12th so they can have it for their activity on Saturday May 13th.

Eastwood Volunteer Fire Department needs the Canopies, Tables, and Chairs for their Ice Cream Social which will be held June 3rd at the Fire Station on Rt 47.

Ken, WA8LLM, got an E-Mail from the WV ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator about a State Wide Simulated Emergency Test (SET) to be held some time in October. Ken will try to find out more about it.

Ken, WA8LLM, talked about the new power connections. He brought a show-n-tell that would be on display at the end of the meeting.

There was a reminder about the Artsbridge Communications on May 23rd. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has everything pretty well ready to go for that event. He just has to do a little bit of rewiring of the radios that set on the table. People just need to show up at about 8:00 am.

Lubeck Volunteer Ice Cream Social will be held on August 12th.

There was a reminder the Parkersburg Half Marathon will be held on August 19th, we need to get a list of those who are going to help. Also that is the same weekend as the Parkersburg Homecoming and the BINGO which will be held August 18th, 19th, and 20th.

There was a reminder the West Virginia Interstate Fair will be held on July 17th through 22nd. WCEC will be operating the BINGO games at the fair.

Denise, KC8TUF, said there is nothing to report on the T-Shirts, work is still in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

Anna, KC8JWW, said the Deerwalk Ice Cream Social has been cancelled. But they may be planning something in October for the 30th anniversary.

A used Flat Screen Computer Monitor was purchased to go into MOBILECOM-1. The monitor was purchased from Brent Rice, for 50 dollars.

Ken, WA8LLM, brought up for discussion about operating a concession stand at Mountwood Park, for the Ohio Valley Remote Control Car Club. Ken and Dot, KC8HAI, have purchased all of the supplies and is operating it for awhile, until they make their money back. Ken told the car club they would have to bring it up at a WCEC meeting to see if the organization wanted to operate the stand. Ken said that as soon as he and Dot break even, the supplies would be turned over to WCEC to continue operating the stand. Ken, KB8QPW, made motion that the group continue the stand. Dave, KC8VLK, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice, KD8DLX, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Kymber Wotring Unit 299I, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Emily Stevens, Unit 299J, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris Unit 299D