

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

September 5, 2006

The monthly WCEC meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251 President. There were 30 members and guests present.

Minutes from the August 1, 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 with the repeater for the last two months.

Terry, KC8TUE, and Denise, KC8TUF, said they are looking at another grant that they may try to apply for to get a trailer to replace MOBILECOM-1. The search continues. A short discussion followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said the grant for the DR-135's and DR-435's for the Remote Receivers and for DAREN Packet stations has been modified and re-submitted. All we can do now is see what happens. If the grant is approved, we should hear back around the middle of November.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the kick-off for the county disaster exercise is this month, and the exercise will be held in January. The scenario for the exercise is a pandemic flu.

Ken, KB8QPW, said he has an idea for the second ID Card. He says that we could use Military type Dog Tags, since all we need is an identifier that will be posted at a disaster scene. Ken has ordered a set of Dog Tags to see what they are like. We can have the tags with the name of the organization, and a unit number. There are two tags and a 24 inch chain with the order. The cost of the tags are \$6.95. It was suggested that we check with Sure-Fire and see if they still make Dog Tags. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he has talked to Tyler, KD8CPP, about helping design a Power Point Presentation for use in the Packet Radio Class. Gary, KC8ZZS, says he also works with Power Point, and can make up a short demonstration. He will make it up and send it to Ken. Ken says that September is pretty well shot for trying to get any classes, but October will be less busy. Maybe we can get the Packet Radio class and

FINDER class set up for the last part of October or in November. We need to get the classes done before the county exercise in January.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that while he and Ken, KB8QPW, were at the WV ARRL State Convention, they met with the WV ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC), Tina Clark, K8TAC. The state wide Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be held on October 7th. The scenario for the exercise will be Pandemic Flu. The exercise will run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. They want to have several messages passed over voice and Packet Radio. Terry, KC8TUE, said he heard that someone was trying to get the Belpre Hamtalk repeater back in operation. We may be able to use it for the SET. A short discussion followed.

There was a report on the Lubeck Ice Cream Social, Dave, KC8VLK, said that he heard the social made money, but was down some from previous years. We had our canopies set up at the Ice Cream Social so they could put picnic tables under them.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the communications for the Parkersburg Half Marathon was so bad that he didn't want to go the after race meeting. Most of the mile markers and water stops were covered after some last minute changes. The mile markers weren't able to hear the starting tone and then someone made a call on the repeater just as the starting tone was re-sent. It took several minutes to try to get the mile marker clocks to the proper time, which was unsuccessful. Ken said that next year the starting tone will be set off on the 147.255 repeater. Anyone wanting to work at a mile marker at the race next year will have to have a radio with 147.255 in it.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO. A severe lightening, wind, and rain storm went through the area and caused all kinds of problems. It was believed we were going to lose the whole set up during the storm. One person was hurt when a light fell and cut her hand. Ken said that a new sign explaining that the canopy is not a secure area, and during severe storms the people may be asked to leave. Ken said that the games were up about 137 dollars from last year, but if it hadn't been for the storm we would have made more.

There was a reminder about the Air Show on September 17th. Since Ken, WA8LLM, hasn't been able to make any of the Air Show meetings, he assumes they will be wanting someone at WVU-P and at Days Inn for parking communications. If the air show will be using the Wood County

School Busses, we will be communicating with them on their frequency. A list was passed around for those who were going to work at the air show to sign up and put T-Shirt size on.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the Volcano Days BINGO License has been ordered, but hasn't arrived yet. He's sure that it will be here in plenty of time. Volcano Days will be held September 22nd, 23rd, and 24th.

The Weather Radios, which were ordered, are in and some of them have already been paid for and picked up.

There was a reminder that the Multiple Sclerosis MS-150 Bike Ride will be held on September 9th and 10th. Those at the meeting who wanted to help with the bike ride were assigned a location. There was a couple rest stops and a follow-up vehicle that still needed to be filled. A very lengthy discussion followed.

There was a reminder there would be a Safety Fair at the Parkersburg City Park sponsored by the Wood County PTA on September 9th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

The new BINGO Balls which Tim, N8WO, purchased, were put into operation at the Parkersburg Homecoming BINGO.

Dot, KC8HAI, gave a report on the Remote Control Car Club Concession. She says there's about 208 dollars so far.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave, KC8VLK, says he heard there may be no Lubeck Fun Run this year sponsored by the Lubeck Volunteer Fire Department.

Ken, WA8LLM, says the Chick-A-Fil High School Cross Country races will be held at the 4-H Camp Grounds on September 16th. We need plenty of help, it is an all day event.

Eastwood Volunteer Fire Department needs our 24 by 80 canopy, tables, and chairs for a Pig Roast they will be holding on September 16th. There will also be High School Cross Country races on Tuesday September 26th in the evening.

W5YI testing will be held on October 14th at 6:00 pm at the E-911 Center on Core Road.

The Red Cross wants a 24 by 40 canopy for their annual meeting and block party which will be held Tuesday evening on September 26th.

Tyler, KD8CPP, said that he has a WCEC Audio News on his website: KD8CPP.com

Ken, KB8QPW, made up a call-out roster. The person at the top of each list needs to call the person under them. Everyone should take a copy of it. We may give it a try some time in the future.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Ray Johnson KC8RUJ/Unit 292, Carol Johnson KC8TUD/Unit 293, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris Unit 299D, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Dave Wright KC8ZZX/Unit 285, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Daniel Ritchie KC8ZLK/Unit 296, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Ryan Thomas Unit 299L,