

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

October 7, 2008

The monthly WCEC Business Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM, by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, President. There were 29 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the September 2, 2008, minutes as they were E-Mailed was made by Dave, N8NWV, and seconded by Duane, N8LDM. Motion carried. Printed copies of the minutes and agenda were also available at the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was read, and a motion to accept, was made by Gary, KC8ZZS, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 repeater system. Ken said the repeater has a strange problem in it. The repeater will be working fine, and the next thing you know, it's dead. After a little bit of time it will come back on the air. Duane, N8LDM, suggested that maybe the time-out timer on the transmitter is not resetting. If the problem keeps up, Ken will try to make a trip to the repeater and try to catch the problem, while it's happening, and get it fixed.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he hasn't heard anything yet, but the Parkersburg Community Foundation grant is supposed to be announced somewhere around the middle of October. Terry said that since he has been moving, that his computer is down. As soon as he gets moved, and gets computer back up and running, he will start on the letters to other organizations to see about Letters of Inquiry of submitting grants. Terry said that he would also mail letters to businesses asking for donations.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded members to keep their activity participation hours up to date. Denise, KC8TUF, said she would like the members to bring their lists of hours and mileage to the November meeting.

Dave, N8NWV, said there is no heat in his garage, so we don't want to wait too late into the winter to work on the projects unless we bring some kind of heat. Dave won't be able to help too much for awhile since he has had his hand operated on.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 200 foot tower is still on hold. He said he

didn't call Mason County about the status the tower. Ken said that he will be sure to call before the next meeting.

Dave, N8NWV, asked when there would be another CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class in Parkersburg. Since Don, N8NUS, was not at the meeting because he was in Roane County teaching a CERT class, there was no date mentioned. Denise, KC8TUF, said that she could also teach a class, but she didn't have any emergency kits. Don had said there are about 20 CERT Kits available for a class. The kits were purchased with grant money for Wood County. Ken, WA8LLM, will check with Don about a class and the kits.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded the members they could still register as a RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service) member by contacting Duane, N8LDM. You must be at least 18 years of age to be registered.

Gary, KC8ZZS, said that he needed to talk to Bill, N8JXO, about some items he was supposed to get for him. Gary also asked if there would be any objection about not holding the Swap Meet in Wood County. He said that during this time of the year there are some breaks going on at Marietta Collage, and that some of the buildings might be available. There was no reason why the Swap Meet had to be in Wood County, as long as it could be held in the Parkersburg/Marietta area. Gary said that he has been making telephone calls in the Wood County area, and he is running out of ideas of where to hold it. It was said that it would be nice to be able to hold it inside. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, asked if anyone else has taken any of the IS-100A, IS-200A, IS-700, and IS-800B courses. Dave, N8NWV, suggested that Ken look at the list of IS courses and see which ones that we should consider taking. Ken said there is one course that is for Communications, but it doesn't have anything to do with radio. Dave suggested courses such as First Aid, Industrial Safety, etc. Ken said there are courses on exercise design, how to work with volunteers, plus a lot more. Duane, N8LDM, said the courses have been changed so it's a little harder to do, then just getting the answers to the questions. A short discussion followed.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, wasn't at the meeting, but copies of the Hidden Word Puzzles that she made up were at the meeting. This months puzzle is the name of Amateur Radio Manufactures. The answers to last month's puzzle was on the back of this month's puzzle. Next month's puzzle

will be types of antennas.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Volcano Days Festival. He said that we were down about 110 dollars from last year. Duane, N8LDM, said that he had several people say they didn't know where we were at, and suggested that we have BINGO signs placed down the fairway so they know where to find us. Denise, KC8TUF, said that BINGO signs have already been ordered. It was also mentioned the Air Show may have hurt us a little bit. Ken said that he ran into one of the Homecoming Officials at Volcano Days. She said the Homecoming Committee thought about moving us, but they didn't know where to put us. Ken told her to hold off moving the BINGO until they finish the Point Park project.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Chick-Fil-A Cross Country races. He said the officials were glad that we were at the races. The weather was hot and muggy. We had at least seven students that had problems running in the heat, and needed to be referred to the Ambulance Service. Ken said the last runner was transported to the hospital. It was suggested that Waverly or one of the Fire Departments bring their REHAB trailer to help cool the runners down if it's that hot again.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Wood County/Washington County High School Cross Country races which were held on September 23rd, and the Middle School races that were held on September 30th.

Dave, N8NWV, said that he was hoping that Matt, KD8GWP, was going to make it to the meeting and maybe he could report on his Income Tax person. Matt is trying to find out if she is a CPA (Certified Public Accountant.) We still have until May, 2009, to find a CPA before we apply as a United Fund recipient.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the MS-150 Bike Ride. Christy Conley from the Multiple Sclerosis Society said that she was very thankful that we made contact around the state to get the help for the bike ride. A short discussion on communications for the 2009 MS-150 was held.

There was a reminder of W5YI VE Testing at the E-911 Center on October 11th at 6:00 pm.

There was a discussion about holding the Annual Christmas Party at the E-911 Center on the meeting night, December 2nd. The E-911 Center calendar hasn't been updated yet, but we hope there is no scheduling

problem. If the E-911 Center isn't available, Dave, KC8VLK, said the Lubeck Fire Station should be available. Judy, N8UFQ, said the Landfill meeting room is also available if needed.

Tyler, KD8CPP, gave a report on the Air Show. Tyler said that it was about the same as two years ago. Ken, WA8LLM, wants to get a hold of Bill, N8KMN, who was one of the Bus Drivers at the Air Show, to see how dispatching of the busses went.

Anna, KC8JWW, said that she got a Thank You letter from the Shileo Church for the use of the tables and chairs for the church homecoming.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The only new business was a couple of Show-N-Tell. Gary, KC8ZZS, brought a couple of plastic pipe spud guns that could be used for shooting string over trees to install HF antennas. Ken, WA8LLM, brought his storage trailer that can store all of the emergency communications equipment in. It is also designed to have two radio operating positions.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that pictures for new ID Cards would be taken at the next meeting. A copy of the previous year's medical forms would be available to be updated.

Kevin, KC8OXY, said that he has been approached about WCEC members playing the BINGO games before and/or after they have been working. Ken, WA8LLM, and other members, have attended a State BINGO Meeting that said it is not wise for members to be playing BINGO if they are working. It was suggested that if a member is going to play BINGO they should wear a jacket to cover the shirt, or not wear their WCEC shirt.

Tyler, KD8CPP, made a motion to adjourn. Dave, N8NWV, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

#### THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Ryan Riser Unit 299A, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Tim Dooley, N8WO/Unit 273, Bob Smith KB8RNE/Unit 267, Steve Ritchie KB8CCQ/Unit 297, Anna Hendershot, KC8JWW/Unit 263, Amy Stevens Unit 299H, David Stevens KC8VLK/Unit 274, Duane Jones N8LDM/Unit 260/ES-2, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Kevin Harris KC8OXY/Unit 253, Addie Harris Unit 299D, Jeff Newton N8WQO, Barbara Nohe, Tyler

Arnold KD8GNW Unit 355, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Krista Mills  
KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Gary Bosworth KC8ZZS/Unit 277, Krista Mills  
KC8VLJ/Unit 295, Denise Magyarosi-Mills KC8TUF/Unit 290, Bill Davidson  
N8JXO/Unit 283, Tyler Lewis KD8CPP/Unit 351, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit  
255, Kendale Peterson Unit 299E, Brandon Zickefoose