

# Wood County Emergency Communications

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## Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting October 1, 2013

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 24 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the September 3, 2013, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Brad, KC8TYU, and seconded by Tyler, KD8RKE. Motion carried. Printed copies of the minutes and agenda were also available at the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was read. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Rick, WV8DOC, and seconded by Dave, N8NWV. Motion carried.

### Old Business

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said the repeater is still working good, and that Matt, N8MDG, suggested the Wirt County Remote Receiver, and the 911 Remote Receiver be switched around. He also talked about how the repeater receivers are linked together, and that a new UHF Repeater may be installed in Jackson County, and linked to the UHF Repeater in Wood County.

Terry, KC8TUE, said he hasn't heard anything about the grants that he's applied for. He is hoping to hear from Harbor Freight before the Hamfest.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that the only person who has asked for donation letters, has been Matt, KD8GWP. Matt picked up about five each of the donation letters for both the operations of the organization, and the Hamfest.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he sent a copy of the hour and mileage form with the Minutes, Schedule of Events, and Agenda, that he E-

Mailed out. We was going to print up some for the meeting, but didn't get around doing it. Bill, N8JXO, said that he would put a printable copy of the form on the [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website.

Judy, N8UFQ, said she ran into a girl at Volcano Days who can make the WCEC T-Shirts at a good price. She brought one of the shirts to the meeting and it looked great. Those helping with the activities will be getting T-Shirts. By the end of the year we should have an idea of how many shirts needs to be purchased.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the website: [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) He said the only things that aren't up-to-date are the DAREN News and ARES Bulletins, but they are only a week behind. He also needs to post the name of the Amateur who will be doing ARRL DX Card Checking at the Hamfest on October 12th.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that on Friday, September 20th, he stopped by the office of Tim Miller at the Mid Ohio Health Department and picked up a letter to give to Terry Moore at

the airport. Ken went to the airport to deliver the letter, but the office was locked up. He couldn't deliver the letter on September 27th, due to the Volcano Days Festival which he was at. Ken said that he would try to go to the airport sometime shortly to deliver the letter. If the letter meets the requirements of the airport, Ken is going to sign the Lease Agreement, and the group can start to work on the building. Ken, KB8QPW, gave a report on the building at the airport since he stopped by it a few days after the last meeting. He said that one of the doors is unlocked, and that a lot of material has been moved in, including the cabinets from the old airport terminal building.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there are still some WCEC patches left if anyone wants one or more. They are \$2.00 each.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he and Terry, KC8TUE, and Dot, KC8HAI, spent about an hour in the green trailer removing more of the equipment that will be placed in the new WCEC Communications Trailer. Most of the equipment has been removed, but there are still a few items that need to be taken out and stored somewhere. He described what has been accomplished with the new trailer. He said the 115 volt power, and the 12 volt power has been completed. Most of it was completed before the trailer was taken to Mountwood Park for Volcano Days. He said the trailer was used at Volcano Days as an office for the BINGO Games. Ken said that he would like to have the radio shelves over the writing desks completed before the Hamfest. He said the trailer would be taken to the Hamfest for Show-n-Tell, and also used to do the W5YI VE Testing. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that after the Volcano Days BINGO, it is looking more like there will be a membership dues starting at the first of the year. He said that only about 10 percent of those who are members of WCEC is helping to raise 90 percent of the groups operating expenses. A short discussion about donations

for the use of the canopies followed.

Terry, KC8TUE, has said that he has received one Hamfest door prize from Tigertronics in the past week. He still hasn't heard from any of the larger radios manufactures about door prizes. Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the donation that was received from Wal\*Mart, where who husband Larry, KC8TRQ, is employed. Cathy said that Larry can apply for employee grants every three months. Terry said that he and Ken, WA8LLM, will be making a trip to Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday October 5th to pick up the main prizes and some door prizes for the Hamfest. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he was going to hold off a discussion about the Packet Radio interface and printed circuit board class, and bring it up under new business.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he hasn't talked to Tim Miller, of Miller Communications yet about placing the 443.175 MHz repeater, at the Sand Hill tower site, since Tim has been out of town for the past several weeks. Ken would like to place an antenna at about 60 feet on the same tower as the 147.255 MHz repeater transmitter.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the BINGO games that were held at the Volcano Days Festival.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the one day General Class Amateur Radio class that was held on September 21st. He said that six people took the class, but only three of them up graded to General.

One, or both of the 24 by 40 canopies will be used on October 26th for a wedding.

The canopies will also be used at the Broadway Church of Nazarene after they are used on the 26th. The exact date is unknown.

Bob, KD8PYF, said that CERT as going to

set up an information table at the Hamfest. They are also planning to be in the Christmas Parade, and maybe hold another CERT Class stating October 17th, then the 21st through 24th. He gave a report on the CERT activity, and raffle at Volcano Days. He said they are planning to hold a Christmas Party and gift exchange on December 16th.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Cross Country races held in September.

### New Business

There will a couple of Cross Country races in October. One on the 8th, and one on the 24th.

The W5YI VE Testing will be held at the Hamfest on October 12th.

It was suggested that we start holding monthly classes. Brad, KC8TYU, made a motion to hold the classes on the first Saturday of the month, seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried. The classes will start in January.

Rick, WV8DOC, said the Belleville Homecoming wanted the CERT group to help with parking and security. Rick, said that it was such a short notice they couldn't do it this year, but they are on the list for next year. The Belleville Homecoming is held on the 3rd full week in September. A lengthy discussion followed.

Barb, KD8SQY, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brad, KC8TYU. Meeting adjourned.

### Attendees

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Colt Wotring KD8UAC/Unit 376, Kymber Wotring KD8UQR/Unit 377, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Anna Hendershot KC8JWW/Unit 263, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kristie Lamp Unit 299Q, Matt Lamp Unit 299G, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Ray Bodie N8TWV/Unit 278, Rick Sawyer WV8DOC/Unit 364, Bob Mercer KD8PYF/Unit 371, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Krista Mills KC8VLJ/Unit 295