

# Wood County Emergency Communications

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## WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC

October 7, 2014

The monthly business meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Ken Harris, WA8LLM/Unit 251, and President. There were 28 members and guests present.

A motion to accept the September 2, 2014, minutes, as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by Matt, KD8GWP, and seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. 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 Matt, KD8WHN, and seconded by Matt, KD8GWP. Motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS

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Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz Repeater system. Ken said he hasn't noticed anything wrong with the repeater; it seems to be working okay. Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the interference that he reported at last month's meeting.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he is working on a grant through the McDonough Foundation for 200 chairs, and a couple 24 by 40 canopies. He said that he is going to send in the grant next week.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he didn't bring any donation letters to the meeting since no one has been asking for them. He would get them to anyone

who wants some. Matt, KD8GWP, said that donations are down this year, maybe because of the economy.

Terry, KC8TUE, said that he has ordered the shirts, and they should be available by Thursday, October 16th.

Bill, N8JXO, said the [www.wc8ec.com](http://www.wc8ec.com) website is as up-to-date as it can be.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the new CEO of the Health Department, wasn't able to make the One Technician Class like she had hoped, so he wasn't able to talk to her about the building at the airport.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there no more WCEC patches left.

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Ken, WA8LLM, said that since there hadn't been any rain for several days, and his driveway was dry, he took the new WCEC communications trailer up to his house. He said unless there is a major disaster, that would need the trailer, it won't come off the hill until Field Day in June. In the meantime he will be able to install the radios in it, and antennas on it. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he still hasn't done anything with the new antenna to be put on the Sand Hill tower site for the 443.175 MHz repeater. He has not had time to work on the Motorola Repeater that will take the place of the Kenwood repeater that is in operation at Sand Hill.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the installing of the Jackson County UHF repeater is still depending on the Kenwood repeater being replaced at the Sand Hill tower site.

Nothing has been done with the Microwave equipment from Jackson County.

Since Volcano Days fell on the same day at the monthly class, there was no class to report on. Ken, WA8LLM, said that for the October Class, he is

thinking about holding a one day General Class Radio License class. There were at least six members who would like to take the class. Ken will check to be sure the Health Department meeting room is available. A short discussion followed.

There was a short discussion about holding a raffle. The members were asked to think about what should be raffled off. Ken, WA8LLM, asked for a show of hands of those who would help sell the tickets. Only about six members said they would help sell the tickets.

A lengthy discussion was held about the Hamfest. Terry, KC8TUE, and Ken, WA8LLM, gave a short list of the door prizes that has been collected. Ken, KB8QPW, brought a soldering gun that was donated as a door prize. Bill, N8JXO, said that he has the registration program up and running. Cathy, KC8DJJ, has most of the materials for the tickets sales. She also said there are at least 29 tables reserved for flea market vendors. Ken, WA8LLM, said that he would be at the Hamfest Site at about 3:30pm on Friday to start setting up the PA system, and would have the new tables there. Dot, KC8HAI,

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said the food area will be ready. Major things that need to be done Friday, is the PA System, setting up the vendor tables, setting up the door prize/main prize table, running the extension cords in the food area for the coffee pots. Several assignments need to be filled Saturday morning.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he tried to turn over the Onan Generators, but they seem to be frozen. It has been over 20 years since they have been used. He will try to work on them in his spare time to see what can be done with them. He will report when he knows something.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he talked to the official of the Parkersburg Half Marathon about the donation. He said he will let everyone know next year what is going to be done about the 2015 Half Marathon.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he got in contact with Bob, KB8RNE's Grandson about the radios. He meets with him, and purchased the radios. There have been no plans for them yet.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, gave a report on the Chic-Fil-A Spirit Night event that was held on Friday,

October 3rd. She said there were eight people that showed up to help. She said that in about a week after the event she would know how much money was raised. She is going to find out how often the event can be held.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that before he can get the CW Practice Transmitter on the air that he needs to install the four bay antenna on the top of his 90 foot tower. He will monitor the frequency that he plans to use for a couple of weeks, and make sure that no one is using it. That way there shouldn't be any complaints of it interfering with anyone's conversations. Sammy, N8SVX, is working on the tapes that will be used for practice.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the Volcano Days BINGO games held September 26, 27, and 28. He said that we made about \$150 more than last year. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there were only six people that showed up for the Chic-Fil-A Cross country races held on September 6th. There were six people that also showed up for the Cross County Races held on September 16th. There were eight people that

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showed up for the Cross Country Races that was held at 5:00pm, just before the October WCEC meeting. Ken wanted to thank all of those who has helped with the last three race events. He said that he will need enough people to help with last Cross Country event that will be held on October 16th, at 5:00pm.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the one day Technician class that was held on September 20th at the Health Department. He said that out of the six people who said they were interested in taking the class only two showed up. Both of those who took the class passed their test and now have their licenses.

There was a discussion about the concrete pad that WCEC would like to place where the BINGO Tent is located at Mountwood Park. It was suggested that we just buy the concrete. It was reported that concrete is now over \$100 a yard. A short discussion followed.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on trying to get an Amateur Radio Hamshack at the 911 Center.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that it only took four days to modify and rebuild 16 BINGO tables that were used for the Volcano Days BINGO. He said that he needs to modify 20 more tables before August so we can have them for the Parkersburg Homecoming. Also Joe Thomas, N8MEV, is converting an old boat trailer to store and transport the canopy frames. When he gets it done, we are going to take the body off of the old canopy frame, and convert it to a flatbed trailer so we can store and transport all 36 BINGO tables, when they have been rebuilt.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he was able to talk to the race official of the Half Marathon about the donation from the Half Marathon. A short discussion followed.

## NEW BUSINESS

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Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone the Broadway Church of Nazarene wants to use the two 24 by 40 canopies

for their Halloween party. We need to be at the church at about 9:00am on Thursday,

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October 30th, to set up the canopies.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that he received an E-Mail from Todd Wines of the Red Cross. Todd wanted to know what we are going to do with the MOU that he sent us in March or April. Ken said that he would forward a copy of the MOU to the members to look at and give their thoughts. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the disaster drill held at

the Airport on September 25th.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, was going to have the Rada Knives catalog for those wanting to help sell the knives.

Matt, KD8WHN, was going to take pictures of those at the meeting for new ID Cards.

Matt, KD8GWP, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Matt, KD8WHN. Meeting adjourned.

## THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

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Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, Dot Harris KC8HAI/Unit 258, Cathy Wotring KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Brad Carabine KC8TYU/Unit 287, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Lisa Hendershot KB8UER/Unit 270, Tyler Vincent KD8RKE/Unit 373, Tricia Magyarosi KC8VLI/Unit 294, Kristie Lamp KD8WHM/Unit 382, Matt Lamp KD8WHN/Unit 381, Tim Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 352, Joe Rice KD8YVB/Unit 385, Mike Farnsworth KD8VLL/Unit 380, Ken Riffle KB8QPW/Unit 268, Tammy Smith Unit 299M, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Dave Wright N8NWV/Unit 285, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Matt Wright KD8GWP/Unit 354, Matt Greathouse N8MDG/Unit 363, Terry Mills KC8TUE/Unit 289, Jerry Wilson WV8HAM/Unit 357, Nick Wilson, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Jenifer Wright Unit 299A,