

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS INC
September 5, 2023

The monthly WCEC Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Ken, WA8LLM. There was 15 members and guests present at the meeting.

A motion to accept the August 1, 2023, minutes as they were E-Mailed, and after they were corrected, was made by George, KE8CAF, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried. There were extra copies of the August minutes available at the meeting.

The Treasures Report was read. A motion to accept the Treasures Report was made by Kendale, KD8QAK, and seconded by Bill, N8JXO. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the 147.255 MHz voice repeater system. Ken said no work has been done with the repeater this month. He said the Rockport Remoter Receiver is still down, but he would like to get it back up as soon as possible. He thinks its a bad power supply. Ken said that when he places the node for the AREDN system on the Sand Hill tower site, He would also like to install a Remote Receiver at the location. Even though the Remote Receiver is at the transmitter site he thinks he can filter it out of the Remote Receiver using one of the Motorola filters.

Bill, N8JXO, gave a report on the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com He hasn't had much time to work on them, so Roger, KE8LCM, is helping Bill keep it up to date.

Kendale, KD8QAK, said the Communications Trailer is still at the Field Day site, and some radio equipment is still in it.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he forgot to check out the 443.175 MHz repeater this month. He is hoping to hang a 440 MHz antenna on the Hendershot Farm Tower shorty to be used for the transmitter when using a split site.

Ken, WA8LLM, said the 800/900 MHz equipment is still on hold for a little while.

Ken, WA8LLM, said there were ARES Registration Forms available at the meeting. Ken said those needing a form can also go on the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com and get a form. Ken said Corry Meadows, KE8YXF, has contacted the WV ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator about becoming the Wood County Emergency Coordinator. Nothing has been heard about it lately.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone if they haven't completed the Federal Emergency Management System NIMS ICS 100, 200, 700, and 800 courses, and any other NIMS communications courses, they should try to get them completed. A link to the FEMA Training Center is on the websites of www.wc8ec.org and www.wc8ec.com A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded everyone to keep their membership activity hours up-to-date. There should be plenty of hours to report since there are activities about every month. Just keep track of any Amateur Radio rated activities.

Cathy, KC8DJJ, said there will be a fund raising activity. The group will be selling 100 tickets for a Smith & Wesson M&P Shield 9MM gun. The tickets will cost \$20 each. The drawing will be held when the 100th ticket is sold. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, wanted to remind everyone if they have friends or relatives who haven't registered their Kroger Card, to ask them to register it, and show WCEC as the donation recipient.

Since Rick, WV8DOC, wasn't at the meeting there was no report on the Everbridge system.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing as been done at the Hendershot Farm Tower site. A short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the AREDN project. Ken said that he will be sitting up three AREDN nodes with telephones at the Belpre Hamfest on September 16th for show-n-tell.

Ken, WA8LLM, said that nothing has been planned on a basic electronic class yet.

Ken, WA8LLM, reminded those at the meeting if they want to make a copy of their COVID-19 Vaccination Card, he will put it in their WCEC records.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he hasn't got a hold of Chip who would be a good contact for the old Waverly School building.

Bill, N8JXO, said the Health Department Emergency Operation Center is on hold for awhile. a short discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, said we need to continue getting door prizes ready the Parkersburg/Wood County Hamfest which will be held on October 14th. Terry, KC8TUE, has been sending out E-Mails to different manufactures requesting items for door prizes. Several of the manufactures have responded. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the BINGO games that were played at the Parkersburg Homecoming on August 18th and 19th. He wanted to thank Kendale, KD8QAK, for taking charge, and everyone who helped with the event while Ken was in the hospital. Ken wanted to remind every one the Volcano Days festival BINGO will be held on September 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. We need to get the sandwich signs made up for Volcano Days, so people will know where the BINGO games are at. Also at the Parkersburg Homecoming, a canopy for the arm wrestling activity.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the GMRS (General Mobile Radio Services) 462.55 MHz repeater. He said that it seems to be working just fine. He has heard there are a couple more GMRS repeaters that will be going on the air. Ken has learned how to tune duplexers, and has put together another repeater on 462.675 that will placed on the tower at Sand Hill. Ken wanted to remind everyone about the Peppers Net that is held on the 462.565 MHz repeater with a PL Tone of 103.5 Hz. The net is held at 8:00 pm on the First Sunday of each month. Max Barker, KC8JHI, who started a Mid Ohio Valley General Mobile Radio Service Users Group holds his meeting at the same location as the WCEC meeting. His meeting is held at 6:00 pm before, the WCEC meeting at 7:00 pm. A lengthy discussion followed.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a reminder, there will be an outside Tailgate/Hamfest at Leavitt's Funeral Home in Belpre on September 16th. There will be a drawing for an FT-891 HF Radio.

Ken, WA8LLM, gave a report on the canopy at Mother Earth Foods on Saturday, August 26th. He said the group received a check, which has been deposited. At the same time WCEC set up a canopy for the Deerwalk Homecoming.

The Parkersburg Amateur Radio Klub will be holding their Volcano Days Special Event Station at Mountwood Park on September 23rd from about 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Three activities will be held on September 9th, All three activities will be needing a 24 by 40 foot canopy. There will be Give-a-way at the church in Waverly, Chic-Fil-A Cross County High School Races, and a Pig Roast at the Mineral Wells Fire Department.

On September 30th the Church of Nazarene wants both of the 24 by 40 foot canopies for use on October 1st. The canopies needs to be set up at about 5:00 pm, and used at about 10:00 am on Sunday.

Ken, WA8LLM, said he got a telephone call from one of the officials about the Chic-Fil-A Cross County High School/Middle School races. The races will be held on Saturday, September 9th. A short discussion followed.

Judy, N8UFQ, wanted to announce that Anna, KC8JWW, passed away on Friday, September 1st. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

It was announced there will a pipeline safety class to be held on September 27th. A short discussion followed.

Bill, N8JXO, made a motion to adjourn, seconded by George, KE8CAF. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Harris WA8LLM/Unit 251, George Orr KE8CAF/Unit 289, Cathy Orr KC8DJJ/Unit 257, Chas Carr KE8ZBZ (new call), Bob Marlow KC8RSJ/Unit 292, Joe Thomas N8MEV/Unit 291, Bill Davidson N8JXO/Unit 283, Steve Campbell KL8T/Unit 288, Ben Sargent KE8STE, Kendale Peterson KD8QAK/Unit 369, Judy Peterson N8UFQ/Unit 255, Barbra Nohe KD8SQY/Unit 375, Jeff Scott KC8EEQ/Unit 282, Tim D Dooley N8WO/Unit 273, Brent Rice KD8DLX/Unit 272,