

**Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary**

**January 04, 2016**

**Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County, Georgia**

**Attendance at Meeting:** Mark Baker; David Burnham; Tim Clayman; Mike Crowe; Dan Darsey; Ed Hoard; Buzz Kutcher; John Lipscomb; Melvin Mosier; Darlene Ragon; Greg Reule; Whit Smith; Elaine Stachowiak; Anthony Strite; Brent Strite; JD Van Sickle; Dennis Wagner; Ken Wallis; Rudy Williams; Glenn Wyatt

**Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens** CERT class resumes next week.

**Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis** Darlene Ragon volunteered to be Net Control for April 2016; Ken still needs volunteers for May and June 2016

Members need to report any participation in a digital net associated with Georgia ARES to Mike Crowe or Ken Wallis. They also need to know the 'mode' that your digital comms used.

**VE Team: Dan Darsey** Ham Cram scheduled for Jan 16, 2016 at Fire Station #7 from 8:45-4:00; testing will begin at 4:00. All volunteer examiners please arrive at 3:30 to prepare for testing.

**Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe** Mike shared the information that our Club needs to relocate the Jackson Repeater to a higher elevation for better coverage. If anyone knows of a possible location for the repeater please contact Mike Crowe.

**Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak** Elaine shared that she and Buzz had attended a winter weather workshop in Atlanta recently. Winter forecast is for a wetter and colder than usual season and expect an active tornado season this spring.

When there is a 'Severe Weather Watch' monitor the .285 and .715 repeaters.

**Field Day Committee: David Burnahm & Randy Beacham**

**Membership Chairman: Ken Wallis**

**Public Information Officer: Ed Hoard** The latest issue of the "Repeater" is on the newsstands. Ed shared that by visiting NS6T.net that we can generate an azimuth map centered on our location or QTH.

**EC Report: Buzz Kutcher** Buzz revealed that at least half of our Club members have not completed the Gwinnett Basic ARES training course and test. The material can be found at [www.gaares.org](http://www.gaares.org)

**Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb** Repeater Fund \$872.00 General Fund \$801.34 Total Funds \$1673.34

**Club Old Business:** We had 30 attendees at our annual Christmas Party Dinner at Buckner's Restaurant. The Georgia Hospital Net is held the first Sunday of each month. We would like to see those on the Hospital Response Team coordinate their efforts so that at least one team member opens the station and reports in from there.

**Club New Business:** General License Classes will begin on Jan 21, 2016 at 6:30 in the evenings. Class to be held at Fire Station #7

**Coming Events:** Tech session February 20, 2016 will be a Field Day Planning Session; details to follow.

**Monthly Program:** Our presentation this month was reviewing the updated BCECA Operational Plan; members also received a thumb drive containing annex documents. Thumb drives and the data on them were kindly prepared and donated by Dan Darsey. Members are highly encouraged to print out the annex documents and organize a notebook containing all information/documentation pertaining to our Club activities. Keep this notebook with you 'Go Kit'.

**Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting:** Raffle funds raised this meeting: \$40.00