

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

February 01, 2016

Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County, Georgia

Attendance at Meeting: Mark Baker; Randy Beacham; Mike Crowe; Lee Dale; Dan Darsey; Ed Hoard; Buzz Kutcher; Monica Ladson; John Lipscomb; Melvin Mosier; Darlene Ragon; David Ridgeway; Bart Smith; Whit Smith; Elaine Stachowiak; JD VanSickle; Dennis Wagner; Ken Wallis; Rudy Williams; Glenn Wyatt; Josh Nelson, Mark Clark.

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis Buzz Kutcher volunteered to be NCO for May 2016. Our Club still needs volunteers to be Net Control Officer for June and July 2016

Please remember to send your digital contacts made to Ken on Sunday afternoons; there is a chart at the Yahoo Group listing the types of contacts we need to report. Information is contained in a message posted on Jan 15, 2016.

VE Team: Dan Darsey Dan reported that 4 new Technician Licenses were earned at the recent Ham Cram. Future VE testing is scheduled for March 19, 2016 and May 21, 2016 at the Butts County Recreational Center starting at 9:00. Please contact Dan Darsey to register for testing or for further information.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe Mike counted 226 digital messages/replies for Jan 2016. The Jackson repeater recently failed due to a power output problem. At present we are using the new Fusion repeater; note that there is a 1-2 second delay before transmitting occurs.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak This upcoming week is Georgia Severe Weather Preparedness Week. At 9:00 am this Friday there will be a NOAA drill.

Upcoming Storm Spotter classes are: Macon Feb 04, 2016; Barnesville Feb 16, 2016; Upson County March 14, 2016. Classes last approximately two hours and begin at 6:00 pm. Contact Elaine for further information.

Field Day Committee: David Burnahm & Randy Beacham

Membership Chairman: Ken Wallis 2016 Membership Dues will be due in March; Club application forms are on the Yahoo Group website. Individual Dues \$20; Family Dues \$25; Student Dues \$10

We presently have 30 members with 6 new potential members gleaned from the recent Ham Cram.

Public Information Officer: Ed Hoard Please take the time to 'Like' The Butts County Emergency Auxiliary page on Facebook. We appreciate all that Ed does to support our Club with this website and producing 'The Repeater' newsletter!

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Members were encouraged to complete the basic ICS courses: Gwinnett Basic ARES course; ICS 100; ICS 700 and ICS 802 to be properly prepared for service.

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb General Fund \$ 728.79 Repeater Fund \$ 912.00 Total Funds \$ 1640.79

Club Old Business: The Sylvan Grove Hospital Team will meet at the Hospital Radio Station on Sunday at 2:30 . There will be a lunchtime meeting of the Georgia Hospital Net members at the State ARES meeting Saturday February 13, 2016.

Buzz Kutcher is looking for suggestions for monthly training topics for the calendar year 2016; contact him to suggest learning topics or to volunteer to teach as needed.

Club New Business: Lee Dale made a motion that our Club apply for a second call sign specifically for Sylvan Grove Hospital. Ed Hoard seconded the motion and all members voted 'Yes' to the motion. The motion was passed. Elaine Stachowiak briefly presented to the Club the idea of our Club participating in the 'National Parks on the Air' nets to be held this year. If you are interested in participating please contact Elaine for further information. February's Tech Session will be held at the Pavilion we used for last year's Field Day on February 20, 2016 at 9:00.

Coming Events: General Licensing study classes continue on Thursday evening beginning at 6:30. The next Ham Cram will be on July 16, 2016 at BCFD Station #7. Hours will be from 9:00 until 4:00; contact Dan Darsey to register.

Monthly Program: This month's training material was an in-depth study of the Flmsg software and using the ICS forms with the program.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: Our Club raised \$60.00 at tonight's meeting for the repeater fund. Many thanks to members for their support to the repeater. Please consider donating useful items to the raffle box; See Anthony Strite to donate items.