

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

March 7, 2016

Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County, Georgia

Attendance at Meeting: Mark Baker, Randy Beacham, Mark Clark, Tim Clayman, Mike Crowe, Dan Darsey, Ed Hoard, Buzz Kutcher, Monica Ladson, John Lipscomb, Melvin Mosier, Darlene Ragon, Greg Reule, Elaine Stachowiak, Anthony Strite, Brent Strite, JD VanSickle, Dennis Wagner, Ken Wallis, Rudy Williams

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis Mark Baker volunteered to be Net Control for June 2016.

VE Team: Dan Darsey There will be a VE session on March 19, 2016 at the Butts County Recreational Department beginning at 9:00 am. Breakfast will be held at the Lunch Box at 7:30 am.

Next Ham Cram is July 16, 2016 to be held at Fire Station #7 beginning at 8:30.

Our Club is still in need for members to train to become Volunteer Examiners.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe Our Repeater has been returned from being repaired and Mike is working on packaging the VHF repeater and adding the controller.

Paradan Radio has an Antenna Disconnect module which automatically disconnects your antenna from your radio and grounds the antenna, cost \$119.00 Check out their website paradanradio.com

Mike encouraged all members to continue practicing their digital radio skills using RMS Express and Fldigi.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak

Field Day Committee: David Burnahm & Randy Beacham

Membership Chairman: Ken Wallis Club dues are due for the calendar year of 2016.

Public Information Officer: Ed Hoard Ed requested members to assist him in the publication of the Repeater newsletter by offering to write articles for publication.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Dixie Pipeline Functional Exercise will be held March 17, 2016 at the Butts County Administration Building from 9:30 to 11:30.

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb General Fund \$814.30 Repeater Fund \$972.00 Total Funds \$1786.30

Club Old Business: There were some problems on the Georgia Hospital Net this past Sunday. Dan Darsey is working on a Net Instructional Manual for the Georgia Hospital Net. He needs a volunteer to open the station and run the Net for April 3, 2016.

We are still working with Sylvan Grove trying to get Internet service in our ham Station.

Elaine Stachowiak is coordinating a group of Club members that are interested in participating in the "National Parks on the Air" by setting up a Station at the Indian Mounds near Macon, Georgia scheduled for March 26, 2016. Please contact Elaine for further information.

Club New Business: Bluebird and Bluegrass Special Event to be held April 23, 2016; more information to follow.

Coming Events: April Training: Jessica McFadden, Red Cross Disaster Program Manager
Partner's For Smart Growth Roast May 7, 2016 Tickets \$ 25.00 per person

Monthly Program: Guest Speaker: Dr. Ron Johnson, Georgia Southeastern Repeater Association Director.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: Members raised \$ 50.00 for the repeater fund with raffle items at this meeting.