

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

May 02, 2016

Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County, Georgia

Attendance at Meeting: Randy Beacham; Mike Crowe; Dan Darsey; Ed Hoard; Monica Ladson; John Lipscomb; Darlene Ragon; David Ridgeway; Anthony Strite; Brent Strite; 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

VE Team: Dan Darsey There will be a VE session at the Butts County Recreational Center on May 21, 2016. Just a reminder that the test question pool will change for Extra Class on June 30, 2016. The next Ham Cram will be held on July 16, 2016 at BCFD Station #7. Limited to 14 attendees, contact Dan Darsey for further information or to register.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe We need to replace the antenna and Coax cable for the Hospital Station.

Army MARS will be conducting exercises on May 7, 2016 on 60m for those interested in participating in the exercise, after 11 am they will be calling for civilian county reports.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak

Field Day Committee: David Burnahm & Randy Beacham

Membership Chairman: Ken Wallis

Public Information Officer: Ed Hoard

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher The Dixie Pipeline exercise still has no date set for the 'in field' part of the drill. Club members are going tomorrow to Lizzy Berry Church to check the ability to transmit back to Jackson locations. Remember to attend the 5K Jackson Football Team Race that will be held on Saturday May 7, 2016. Please assemble at 7:00 am at the Franklin Street football field. Equipment to be used is HT's and wear a CERT or other highly visible vest.

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb General Fund \$1109.81 Repeater Fund \$1022.00 Total Funds \$2131.81

Club Old Business: Voice communications at the Sylvan Grove Hospital are good, we are still having some difficulty with digital communications.

There are potential plans to hold a National Parks on the Air event in Andersonville, Georgia. Contact Elaine for further information or to volunteer your assistance.

The Blue Bird Bluegrass Festival activity went well; the Club made 16-18 nice contacts and provided digital communication demonstrations for the public.

Club New Business: Activities are gearing up for 2016 Field Day; the Club family picnic will be held Saturday afternoon at 6:00 pm. Darlene Ragon will co-ordinate the food for the picnic.

We are in need of a 'Grill Master' to cook the hamburgers/hot dogs for the picnic, please consider volunteering your help.

Radio equipment to be used for Field Day will be Yaesu 450's and Dan Darsey will provide an 897.

We will ask Glen Goens to assist us with tables to set up at the event.

All attendees need to bring their own chairs for sitting in. Field Day runs from 1400 Saturday afternoon to 1400 Sunday afternoon.

It was brought to the attention of Club members that it is time to renew our Club insurance policy. Dan Darsey made a motion to renew the policy; Ed Hoard seconded the motion and it was passed by all members in attendance.

Dan Darsey discussed having new Club tee shirts made as we have so many new members. Heavier weight shirts will cost \$26-28 and tee shirt weight shirts about \$18. Please contact Dan to buy a shirt or for further information.

Coming Events: Hungry Ham Breakfast to be held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 7:30 am at the Lunch Box in Jackson, Georgia.

Atlanta Hamfest and Georgia State Convention will be held June 4, 2016 at Jim Miller Park in Marietta, Georgia. Gates open at 9:00 am.

Our June training session will be the finalization of Field Day plans and will be held at the Pavilion in the park area.

Monthly Program: Charlie Norman, a Red Cross Representative gave our monthly program tonight.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: Raffle sales at this meeting were \$67.00