

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

June 06, 2016

Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County, Georgia

Attendance at Meeting: Mark Baker; Randy Beacham; David Burnham; Dan Darsey; Ed Hoard; Buzz Kutcher; Melvin Mosier; Mark Olden; Darlene Ragon; David Ridgeway; Elaine Stachowiak; Anthony Strite; Brent Strite; Joyce Strite; JD VanSickle; Dennis Wagner; Ken Wallis; Rudy Williams; Glenn Wyatt; Chris Southerland; Jarrod Henderson.

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis Darlene Ragon volunteered to be Net Control for August 2016; Ken still needs volunteers for the remainder of the year. If you have the equipment to do the job, please consider volunteering. It really helps to have practice calling a Net before you find yourself manning a station in a real disaster.

VE Team: Dan Darsey Congratulations to Dennis Wagner for becoming a new Volunteer Examiner. There will be a Ham Cram on July 16, 2016 to be held at the Butts County Fire Station #7 from 0900 to 1600 with testing to follow the study sessions. Contact Dan Darsey to register.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe Our Club will be receiving an older model repeater shortly.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak Elaine reported that the National Weather Service is forecasting an above average risk for hurricanes this season. Unfortunately we maybe overdue for some tropical action as the last few summers have been very quiet.

Field Day Committee: David Burnham & Randy Beacham

Membership Chairman: Ken Wallis We have 32 members with 7 members still needing to pay their dues for 2016.

Public Information Officer: Ed Hoard Field Day activities will be publicized on local radio station 92.1 in the hopes of gleaning citizen attendance.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Ed Hoard has kindly created some nice posters lauding our upcoming Field Day activities. Please contact him if you have a public place you can place one to advertise that the general public is welcomed. No date has been set yet for the Full Scale Exercise with Dixie Pipeline. Several of our members did take equipment to the Lizzie Berry Church and could hit the repeater from that location. Jackson Football Team 5K Race coordinators very much appreciated our assistance with the race we worked. We were invited to assist again next year and it is hoped that we can participate in the planning stages of the 2017 Race.

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb General Funds \$929.81 Repeater Funds \$1230.00 Total \$2159.81 Funds were dispersed last month for the renewal of our Club Insurance Policy; \$200.00

Club Old Business: Buzz requested that members that are able to please attend the Ham Radio Week recognition ceremony to be held tomorrow night, June 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building across from the Police Station. Members were also encouraged to attend the County Commissioner's Proclamation ceremony to be held on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building meeting room. Dan Darsey reported that the new Club shirts are in. Prices are: XL \$29 2XL or 3XL \$31

Club New Business: In March 2017 the Club will be holding elections for new officers; President and Vice President. Officers are only allowed to serve 3 terms. Members were encouraged to invite friends and neighbors to our Field Day activities and to 'get on the radio' and make contacts. Members working on the Hospital Team are going to need to take a HIPPA class to comply with regulations about working with confidential information. It is being considered to provide a thumb drive to Hospital and Health Department personnel containing the ICS forms used in an incident. If you are interested in taking a CERT class or refresher class please contact David Ridgeway for further information.

Coming Events: Hungry Hams Breakfast is the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Lunchbox in Jackson. Field Day is June 25-June 26, 2016. Set up starts at 0830 and operations begin at 1400; Family Picnic at 1630.

Monthly Program: This month we discussed final preparations for the Club's Field Day activities. Contact Darlene Ragon for question about food assignments for the Family Picnic. She would like to thank everyone for their assistance.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: We raised \$42.00 in funds for the Repeater Fund tonight.