

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

November 07, 2016

Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County, Georgia

Meeting Began at 1900

Meeting Concluded at 2110

Attendance at Meeting: Mark Baker; Mark Clark; Glenn Coffey; Mike Crowe; Dan Darsey; Ed Hoard; Buzz Kutcher; John Lipscomb; Neil Martin; Nancy Martin; Chuck McCord; Donna McCord; Melvin Mosier; Darlene Ragon; Greg Reule; David Ridgeway; Elaine Stachowiak; Brent Strite; JD VanSickle; Ken Wallis; Rudy Williams; Glenn Wyatt.

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens No Report

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis Darlene Ragon agreed to be relief Net Control on November 20, 2016. Our Club participation in the MARS Exercise consisted of checking in with several stations nationally and with Charles Pennington, K4GK, on HF.

VE Team: Dan Darsey There will be a VE Session to be held on November 19, 2016 at the Butts County Biles Recreation Center. VE's asked to be in attendance at 0845 with testing to begin at 0900. Contact Dan Darsey for further information or to register.

Congratulations go out to J.D. VanSickle for his success at becoming a VE and his willingness to help others become Ham Radio Operators!

The next Ham Cram session has been moved to January 28, 2017 so that members may attend the State ARES meeting on January 21, 2017.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe The repeater should have better transmit signals as a work group will be adding new duplexers this week.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak Elaine offered a handout with Skywarn educational class opportunities for training.

CERT Activities: David Ridgeway David reports that no official start date continues to be available for the next CERT training.

Field Day Committee: No report

Membership Chairman: Ken Wallis Please email Ken when your ARRL membership ends and your 'grid square' indentifying number.

We have 46 members in our Club as of today.

Public Information Officer: Ed Hoard Ed wanted to thank everyone that volunteered to help man the Club booth at the Jackson Alive Festival.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Our Club needs a new Field Day Coordinator as Dennis Wagner will be moving to Indiana soon. His wife is very ill and I believe they will be nearer to family there. We want to express our thanks for Dennis being willing to serve in such an important position and to thank him for the organization he leaves in place for his replacement.

Buzz recommend that members might enjoy joining the Southeastern Repeater Association as an Associate Member; dues are \$20.00 annually and a nice magazine comes with your membership.

Buzz would like to have a copy of the AAR and ARRL SET Reports added to the minutes.

Our Club members volunteered at total of 47 hours to the 'Spin for Kids' activity; many thanks to those involved.

Buzz reminded members of the State ARES meeting on Saturday January 21, 2017 at the GPSTC in Forsyth, Georgia; meeting begins at 0930.

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb General Funds \$897.68 Repeater Funds \$1514.00 Total Funds \$2411.68 Disbursements last month of \$40.34 Web Hosting fees for 2 years. The invoice for the antenna installation at Sylvan Grove has not been submitted at present.

Club Old Business: NPOTA Program on hold for present.

A poll has been created on the Yahoo Group to list how many attendees you expect to have for the December 8, 2016 Christmas Dinner at Buckner's Restaurant.

Our Treasurer, John, will order 2000 feet of wire from DX Engineering that will be used in the construction of individual NIVS antennas on our Tech Saturday activity December 17, 2016. Goverticalusa.com was a resource mentioned for supplies one might need to erect the antenna.

The Georgia Hospital Net was successfully held on November 06, 2016 and communications were made via voice and digital.

Club New Business: Our Club is need of suggestions for monthly program topics for 2017. Please consider sharing your expertise on a subject for 2017.

Please try to participate in the State ARES net check ins.

Members working the station at Sylvan Grove are reminded that an activity log needs to be created and forwarded to Buzz.

The Committee working on the Constitution and By Laws of our Club read the changes that were suggested to all members in attendance tonight and the same changes will be read again at the January 2017 meeting. A motion to accept the first reading of the Constitution and By Laws with changes was presented by Mark Clark and seconded by Dan Darsey; members in attendance agreed.

Coming Events: Ham Jam on November 19, 2016 sponsored by the North Fulton Club; attendance is free. It is reported that they have super door prizes to be won.

There will be a 10m ARRL Contest held on December 10, 2016.

Tech Saturday will be December 17, 2016 where we will be building our NIVS antennas. Check with Buzz or Mike Crowe to be sure you have all the needed supplies to build your antenna that day. Members would like to express their thanks for these two wonderful members who are always willing to share their skills with newer Hams! Work begins at 0900 that Saturday morning at Fire Station #7.

January 14, 2016 is Tech Fest in Atlanta, more details to follow.

State ARES meeting 0930 Saturday January 21, 2017 at the GPSTC in Forsyth, Georgia. Remember to bring your own lunch.

The Ham Cram scheduled for January 28, 2017 will only be for Technician licensing.

Monthly Program: Nurse Lisa Johnson, from Sylvan Grove Hospital, gave a program on Hospital volunteer's responsibilities with special emphasis on HIPPA laws. Educational handouts were given to members in attendance. Free flu shots were also available to members this night as anyone volunteering at Sylvan Grove must have proof of immunization.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: \$37.00 was raised in raffle ticket sales at tonight's meeting.