

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

January 09, 2017

Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County, Georgia

Meeting Began at 1854

Meeting Concluded at 2100

Attendance at Meeting: Peter Acevedo; Mike Crowe; Lee Dale; Dan Darsey; Ed Hoard; Buzz Kutcher; John Lipscomb; Neil Martin; Chuck McCord; Donna McCord; Melvin Mosier; Darlene Ragon; Karla Redman; Elaine Stachowiak; Anthony Strite; Brent Strite; Ken Wallis; Rudy Williams; Glenn Wyatt; Javan Strite.

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens No report tonight

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis Ed Hoard volunteered to be Net Control for March 2017; Melvin Mosier volunteered to be Net Control for April 2017.

Ken requested that members send the number of forms you transmit or receive each week to him and which digital mode you used as well.

December 2016 our Club sent 136 digital messages and 1926 digital messages for the calendar year of 2016. Good job folks, let's break that number in 2017!

VE Team: Dan Darsey There is a Ham Cram scheduled for January 28, 2017; Dan requests that his assisting VE please be at the testing site by 1600.

Congratulations to Rudy Williams on becoming a Volunteer Examiner! Our Club appreciates your willingness to serve. Testing numbers for 2016 are: 38 people sat for licensing exams; 33 passed. We licensed 22 new Technicians; 10 new Generals and 1 new Extra.

Plans are in the work for member training at the Hospital Station at Sylvan Grove Hospital in February; details to follow. Dan has the 'Flu Stickers' required for members serving on the Hospital Response Team with him tonight.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe The UHF repeater was installed today at Sylvan Grove Hospital. Buzz sent out an email with frequencies and tones that members need to program into their radios.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak Elaine reported that an informal Skywarn Net was activated from 1530-2300 on the weekend of January 8, 2017 for the brief ice event we experienced.

CERT Activities: David Ridgeway No report tonight.

Field Day Committee: The Club is still in need of a Field Day Coordinator to oversee that activity. Members that had already committed to serving on that committee will hold a planning meeting on February 04, 2017; location and time to be announced soon.

Membership Chairman: Ken Wallis We have 44 members in our Club with 63% being members of ARRL.

Public Information Officer: Ed Hoard The latest issue of our Club newsletter, The Repeater, has been uploaded to the Yahoo Group Files section.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Please refer to the January agenda for year-end totals of service rendered to the community. State ARES annual meeting will be held Saturday January 21, 2017 at the GPSTC in Forsyth, Ga. Meetings begin at 0930.

Members are invited to meet at the Denny's Restaurant at Exit 201 on I-75 South for breakfast before the meetings at 0830. Please bring a sack lunch as there will be education classes held during the lunch break; lunch is scheduled from 1100 to 1300.

Buzz stressed again how important it is for ARES members to have completed ICS courses to be properly oriented in Incident Command procedures. Those that have finished the basic required courses should add ICS 802 to your credentials.

State ID badges are highly recommended for those members serving in ARES. See the Ga ARES website for application information to receive your badge.

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb General Fund \$557.52 Repeater Fund \$1428.45 Total Funds \$1985.97

Disbursements were \$85.55 to Mike Crowe for an antenna.

Members that participated in building the NIVS antennas need to see John to pay \$21.43 for the wire used in the build.

Club Old Business: See the January agenda for a listing of most Old Business discussed tonight. The changes to the Constitutional By-Laws were re-read and briefly discussed tonight with final reading, discussion and voting on the changes to be held at the February meeting. If any member have further suggestions about the By-Laws please contact Ed Hoard.

Nominations for President and Vice President will be presented at the February meeting with elections to be held in March.

Club New Business: Please contact Buzz if you would be willing to teach a class for our monthly meetings or have a topic to suggest.

General Class sessions will begin February 02 and run through March 16, 2017. Class will begin at 1830 and run until 2030.

Coming Events: Hungry Hams Breakfast, this month only, January 28, 2017 0730 at the Lunch Box in Jackson, Ga.

Tech Fest January 14, 2017 to be held in Lawrenceville, Ga beginning at 0900.

Our next meeting will be February 06, 2017 with guest speaker, Paul Newbury, N4PN, discussing Contesting.

March 19, 2017 will be the Publix Marathon Race.

Monthly Program: Karla Redman gave a wonderful presentation discussing her recent completion of hiking the Appalachian Trail.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: Raffle funds raised tonight were \$50.00; thanks to all members for their continuing support of our Repeater.