

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

August 07, 2017

Meeting Held at Butts County Fairgrounds Jackson, Georgia

Meeting Began at 1900

Meeting Concluded at 2100

Attendance at Meeting: Pete Acevedo; Mark Baker; David Burnham; Mark Clark; Mike Crowe; Lee Dale; Dan Darsey; Ed Hoard; Monica Ladson; Alfred McClure; Chuck McCord; Donna McCord; Melvin Mosier; Nancy Phillips; Darlene Ragon; David Ridgeway; Elaine Stachowiak; Brent Strite; Ken Wallis; Rudy Williams; Glenn Wyatt; Paul Arneh; Randy Parker; Steve Dillon; Donna Persells; Laura Belanger

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

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis There was a motion made by Mark Clark to move the weekly voice/digital net to Tuesday evenings at 1930 beginning on September 05, 2017. The motion was seconded by Mark Baker and pass by all members in attendance.

September Net Control: Darlene Ragon

October Net Control: Elaine Stachowiak

November Net Control: Nancy Phillips

VE Team: Dan Darsey The next VE Session will be held on September 16, 2017 at the Butts County Recreation Center. Testing to begin at 0900. Contact Dan Darsey for registration or further information.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe Our Club is still waiting on the Hospital authorities to give us access to a port opening for our use with the D-Star radio at the Hospital Station.

Mike Crowe expressed his thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with the antenna party at Nancy Phillips' home recently. It was a fun activity for all involved.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak Hurricane season is in full swing now and will be until November. This is a good time to check your personal preparations in case we have storms resulting from hurricane activity near our area.

Hospital Team and Public Health Department Team: Dan Darsey and Ken Wallis The Sylvan Grove Hospital station has a new call sign; K4SGH.

Dan would like to schedule a work/training meeting for members of the Hospital Response Team, details to follow.

Ken Wallis reported that our Club is in need of a volunteer to man the Butts County Health Department Radio Station and check in to the weekly net held from 0800-0900 each Thursday morning. This station uses a D-Star radio for check ins so please ask for training on this radio should you need it. Contact Ken to volunteer or for further information.

CERT Activities: David Ridgeway CERT sponsored an information table at the Jenkinsburg Run and some public interest was shown.

Field Day Committee: Mark Clark No report tonight.

Membership Chairman: Nancy Phillips Welcome letters have been sent to new members and those taking the Technician Licensing Class.

Public Information Officer: Mark Clark The newest issue of the "Repeater" Club newsletter will be released tomorrow.

Please locate, follow and like our new Club page on Facebook; I have noticed lots of interesting articles being posted there recently.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher The annual State ARES Meeting will be held January 13, 2018 at the training center in Forsyth, Georgia. There are plans to break up into small classes for intensive training in different areas to better prepare us for service to the community.

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb No report tonight as the Treasurer is out of town.

Club Old Business: The Technician Licensing Class was a great success! We assisted 7 new folks to obtain their license and welcome them to the Club.

Newest members are: Dick Spangler; Allen Spangler; Shelby Folds; Caleb Thompson; Charlie Brown; Steve Dillon; Randy Parker.

Club New Business: Our President put out a request for suggestions for monthly meeting topics for 2018. If you have a specialty or a topic you would like to learn more about contact Ed Hoard to offer your time or suggestion.

We hear there have been requests to have a Tech Session and build more J-pole antennas and revisit our skills in creating co-ax connections.

Our August 19th Tech Session will be building a "measuring tape" antenna useful for 'fox hunting'. A detailed parts list will be published in the 'Repeater' newsletter; cost should be around \$10.00. The work session will be held at Fire Station #7 beginning at 0900.

Hungry Hams will meet at 0730 at the Lunch Box for breakfast before the Tech Session.

Nancy Phillips made a motion that our Club hosts a booth and VHF station at the Jackson Alive Festival held on October 28, 2017 from 0900-1600. Elaine Stachowiak seconded the motion and it was passed by all members.

Coming Events: September's meeting topic will be a 'National Parks on the Air' presentation.

January 27, 2018 will be the beginning of a new Technician Licensing Class; details to follow.

There will be a Half Marathon Race sponsored by the Atlanta Race Club held on Thanksgiving Day. Those interested in volunteering should review the information at the Club's website.

GEMA will be sponsoring in depth training on ICS 300 and ICS 400 modules to be held at the Clayton County training center. Check GEMA's website for details.

Monthly Program: We were very pleased to have as guest speaker Laura Belanger, Meteorologist, from the National Weather Service to speak to us tonight on Flooding and Flood Risk. It was informative and encouraged everyone to be better informed of their location in relation to possible flood events in our area.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: We cleared out the raffle box this meeting and are in need of fresh donations to keep our fund raising going! Remember any items of usefulness are welcomed additions to the raffle box!

We raised \$55.00 for the Repeater Fund tonight; many thanks for everyone's support