

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

July 10, 2017

Meeting Held at Butts County Fairgrounds Jackson, Georgia

Meeting Began at 1900 Meeting Concluded at 2045

Attendance at Meeting: Pete Acevedo; David Burnham; Mark Clark; Mike Crowe; Lee Dale; Dan Darsey; Buzz Kutcher; John Lipscomb; Melvin Mosier; Nancy Phillips; Darlene Ragon; Elaine Stachowiak; Erion Starker; Anthony Strite; Brent Strite; Ken Wallis; Rudy Williams; Glenn Wyatt; Al Lassiter; Unable to read one visitor's signature.

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

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis Darlene Ragon volunteered to be net control for September 2017 and Elaine Stachowiak will serve in October 2017. We still need volunteers to be Net Control for November and December 2017.

VE Team: Dan Darsey The last Technician License class will be held on July 15, 2017 and testing will be done at the conclusion of class; approximately 1600. Dan requests VE to assist with this testing. We had 9 students in the 2 day class.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe Continuing to improve D-Star communications and a better working internet connection at the Hospital.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak Continuing to make arrangements for a National Weather Service facility visit.

Hospital Team and Public Health Department Team: Dan Darsey and Ken Wallis July Hospital Net was able to make contact via D-Star, Winmor and Voice. Congratulations to the Hospital team. The Health Department response team is in need of a second operator. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Dan or Ken. There is a weekly test net beginning at 0800 each Thursday and should be done by 0900.

CERT Activities: David Ridgeway No report tonight.

Field Day Committee: Mark Clark No report tonight.

Membership Chairman: Nancy Phillips Membership Chairman reports 41 regular members

Public Information Officer: Mark Clark The July issue of the "Repeater" has been posted. Thanks for Mark's work on the newsletter and the updated Facebook page. Please remember to join/like our Facebook page.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Members who were able to attend the Lloyd Shoals Table Top exercise were as follows: Glen Goens; Ken Wallis; Dan Darsey; Buzz Kutcher and Mike Crowe. Ken encouraged members to obtain and study local county maps for potential flood plain areas.

The internet service we used during Field Day was configured using the Health Departments internet hooked into our mesh network.

The Jackson 'Glow Run' race to be held Saturday evening July 22 is considered a 'qualifying race' for participation in the Peachtree Road Race and the Publix Race. We need at least 10-12 operators to man this race, please consider volunteering your time. It should not be as hot as some summer races are due to the starting time of 2000.

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb General Fund: \$851.01 Repeater Fund \$1305.45 Total Funds \$2156.46 Last month we had expenses of \$156.17 for Technician License Study Books and fuel for April's speaker.

Club Old Business: We briefly discussed the upcoming monthly meeting topics for the remainder of 2017.

Club New Business: Jess Porter sent the Club a thank you note for our granting him Lifetime Membership in our Club at no charge. We really miss Jess since he moved to Florida, best of luck Jess, God Bless!

We were encouraged to use our free arrl.net email address for conducting Ham Radio business. It makes it easier for everyone to remember our email address by just using our Call Sign.

Coming Events: “Newbie Night” for newly licensed Hams coming soon; date to be announced. August Club meeting to be held on Monday August 7, 2017.

Tech Saturday will be August 19, 2017.

Annual Christmas Dinner to be held at Buckner’s Family Restaurant on Thursday December 07, 2017. Plan to be there by 1830 for seating.

Monthly Program: Mark Clark conducted a discussion on ‘The Good, The Bad and The Ugly’ of our Field Day efforts. Many worthwhile suggestions were made and praise for things that went well.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: Club members raised \$51.00 for the Repeater Fund at tonight’s raffle. Please remember to donate desirable items for our raffle; the funds go for the support of our Club Repeater. Many Thanks to members supporting this effort!