

**Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary**

**October 02, 2017**

**Meeting Held at Butts County Fairgrounds Jackson, Georgia**

**Meeting Began at 1858**

**Meeting Concluded at 2045**

**Attendance at Meeting:** Pete Acevedo; David Burnham; Mike Crowe; Lee Dale; Dan Darsey; Ed Hoard; Buzz Kutcher; John Lipscomb; Melvin Mosier; Randy Parker; Nancy Phillips; Darlene Ragon; David Ridgeway; Whit Smith; Elaine Stachowiak; JD Van Sickle; Ken Wallis; Rudy Williams; Glenn Wyatt; Jim Reed.

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

**Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis** Our digital check ins were down this month; please send your digital activity report to Ken on Sunday afternoons so he can compile them to turn into State digital manager on Tuesdays.

**VE Team: Dan Darsey** Our Club's next VE session will be held on November 18, 2017 at the Butts County Recreational Center. Testing begins at 0900. Contact Dan to register for testing.  
The next 2 day Technician License Class training will be held on January 27, 2018 and February 3, 2018. Testing will occur at the end of the class on February 3, 2018.

**Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe** No report tonight.

**Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak** Our Club has a visit to the National Weather Service in Peachtree City scheduled for February 17, 2018. We hope to meet there in time to see the weather balloon released at 1800.

**Hospital Team and Public Health Department Team: Dan Darsey and Ken Wallis** The Georgia Hospital net went well this month; team members were able to check in on all 3 required frequencies.

**CERT Activities: David Ridgeway** No report tonight.

**Field Day Committee: Mark Clark** No expected report tonight.

**Membership Chairman: Nancy Phillips** The Club still has 9 members that have not paid their dues for 2016.

**Public Information Officer: Mark Clark** Mark is attending the Butts County Citizens' Police Academy tonight.

**EC Report: Buzz Kutcher** We have 35 ARES members. Total volunteer hours last month were 201 hours. Our Club is providing communications for the Zombie Run in Jenkinsburg on October 20, 2017. Please meet behind the Jenkinsburg Fire Station at 1800 that evening.  
The SET exercise will be held on October 7, 2017; the scenario will be a Hurricane event. We plan to have operating stations at Sylvan Grove Hospital; 911 center; Health Department; a shelter situation at Talladega Church and Fire Station 7. Each location will need to provide back-up power using a generator. Remember to log your stations' activities during the SET.

**Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb** Total Balance \$2432.47 (Annual audit in progress)

**Club Old Business:** Buzz Kutcher made a motion that our Club participate in the Butts County Fair this year. David Ridgeway seconded the motion and the motion was passed after discussion that we would have static session with display materials and members could choose whether to participate or not in the fair activity.

Set up of the booth will be on Monday October 9, 2017 at 0900.

The Atlanta Track Club is holding a race on October 22, 2017 and is in need of volunteers to help with communications; please contact Dan Darsey to volunteer.

Spin for Kids Bike race will be held on October 15, 2017 and is in need of volunteers as well, contact Dan Darsey to volunteer or for further information.

**Club New Business:** We will be trying to get someone from Sylvan Grove to give Club members their flu shot at next month's meeting.

Plan to attend D-Star radio training December 16, 2017; details to follow.

Nancy Phillips requested that the Club consider holding extra digital training sessions on Monday evenings to help new folks catch up with their digital skills.

Buzz Kutcher will be taking over from Anthony Strite as our Club Repeater Fund person.

Many thanks to Anthony and his dad, Brent, for their hard work assisting with Club fund raising.

Remember to donate items to use for fund raising if you possibly can.

**Coming Events:** Executive Committee Mtg. October 16, 2017 at Fire Station #7 at 1900.

Tech Saturday will be on October 21, 2017 Building a Tape Measure Antenna; held at Fire Station #7 beginning at 0900.

Stone Mountain Hamfest November 4-5, 2017 Pre-fest breakfast at the IHOP @ 1143 Scenic Highway, Lawrenceville at 0700.

November Monthly Meeting to be held November 6, 2017

NFARL Ham Jam November 11, 2017

VE Session November 18, 2017

Family Christmas Dinner at Buckner's Restaurant; our 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. December 7, 2017 at 1830.

Tech Saturday December 16, 2017 D-Star with ID-5100 and ID-880h to be held at Fire Station #7 beginning at 0900.

GA ARES Meeting at GPSTC Forsyth, Georgia Saturday January 13, 2018 beginning at 0930.

GARS Tech Fest and Chili Cook-Off January 20, 2018 in Lawrenceville.

Technician Class January 27, 2018 and February 3, 2018. VE Session to follow the February 3, 2018 class.

**Monthly Program:** Jim Reed, N4BFR, from Atlanta presented our Program tonight; an introduction to the Raspberry Pi computer and its' use in Ham Radio Communications.

**Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting:** No raffle drawing this evening.