

Amateur Radio Club of Butts County

October 02, 2018

Meeting Held at Butts County Fairgrounds Jackson, Georgia

Meeting Began at 1901 Meeting Concluded at 2056

Meeting Conducted by: Elaine Stachowiak

Attendance at Meeting: Mark Austin; Mark Baker; Mark Clark; Mike Crowe; Dan Darsey; Buzz Kutcher; Melvin Mosier; Dana Persells; Jeff Phillips; Nancy Phillips; Darlene Ragon; David Ridgeway; Elaine Stachowiak; Ken Wallis; Rudy Williams.

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens Representative not available tonight.

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis Ken told our group that we currently have 6 operators for the Health Department Weekly nets; we need 8-10 total operators to decrease the demand on those presently involved. It may be that in the near future the weekly Health Department net will change to every 2 weeks or once monthly. Please consider volunteering if you can.

Ken also shared that our member participation in our weekly Club net is down a good bit. Please make an effort to check into our weekly net, it is the first line of training for our members to be prepared to serve our communities need for communications in an emergency.

Buzz Kutcher volunteered to be Net Control for October 2018; we need volunteers for the remaining of 2018 to serve as Net Control operators.

Ken also reveals there is an opening for a Winlink Net Control Operator for our weekly nets. This is a good opportunity to serve and decrease the load Ken bears for our Club as Net Control Manager.

The Club needs volunteers to assist with manning the Hospital, Health Department, 911 Center and ancillary locations during the upcoming SET this weekend. Please contact Buzz to volunteer.

VE Team: Dan Darsey Dan was sorry to report that somehow our Club did not receive timely notification/invitation to serve at the Covington Hamfest recently.

November 17, 2018 there will be a VE Session held at Fire Station #7. Testing will begin at 0900 with an early breakfast for VE team members starting at 0730 at the Lunch Box.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe We are still waiting on Internet installation at Sylvan Grove Hospital.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak Our area was not impacted by Hurricane Florence so we did not need to activate a Skywarn Net. Please remember residents in North and South Carolina in your prayers as they recover from the devastation of the storm.

Hospital Team and Public Health Department Team: Dan Darsey and Ken Wallis Hospital Team members please be at Sylvan Grove Hospital a little before 0900 for the SET. Mark Austin, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for Sylvan Grove & Spalding Regional says our Club should have new PC monitors and printers for the Hospital Station this coming week. Our Stations' dedicated Internet connection is scheduled for Wednesday October 10, 2018. There will be a phone call to finalize the installation then.

On November 14, 2018 there will be a Region F drill held; Sylvan Grove has requested we activate our Hospital Team to participate in this drill. The scenario is a 6 hour tornado swarm.

December 7, 2018 there will be an 'Active Shooter' exercise to be held in Griffin, Ga. at Spalding Regional Hospital. The active shooter will be at Southern Crescent Technical College; EMS, Fire Department, Law Enforcement and film crews will be on hand to participate as well. Students at the college will be made up to appear as victims of the shooter.

CERT Activities: David Ridgeway David shares that we may be able to sponsor a 'Stop Bleeding' class soon.

Field Day Committee: Nancy Phillips Nancy hopes to have the first planning meeting with Buzz; Dan; Mike and Ken soon.

Membership Chairman: Nancy Phillips Nancy shared that we have 42 Club members at present.

Public Information Officer: Buzz Kutcher Buzz is continuing to share Club activities and learning opportunities with the local newspaper and radio station.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Buzz informed members that he is taking a 6 week leave of absence from his position as County Emergency Coordinator to recover from his recent emergency eye surgery. Take care of yourself Buzz and let that eye heal well!

Our Club volunteered 85 hours of service/training time to Butts County in September.

We have 31 ARES members in our Club; 11 active; 13 deployable; 7 pending. 31 names were submitted to ARES Connect but we still have 12 ARES members who need to register with ARES Connect.

We have 18 Level One members; 7 Level Two members and 3 Level Three members at present.

All Club activities are listed on the ARES Connect calendar through November; don't forget to register for activities as the time draws near.

Health Department weekly nets are also listed on ARES Connect, be sure to sign up so you receive your points for participation.

Buzz reminded Club members to go to the Georgia ARES website and print out any certificates or training information there in your database.

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb Treasurer not in attendance tonight. Total Club Funds \$3151.83

Club Old Business: Ken Wallis and David Burnham have been working hard on the relay site work for county positions on a map. Thanks go out to them for their hard work!

Continuing to query on any interest on a Winter Field Day to be held on January 26, 2019.

Club New Business: There will be a Morse Code Class taught by Club member Winford Barnes beginning November 6, 2018 through December 13, 2018. Classes will be held each Tuesday and Thursday evening at Fire Station #7 in Butts County. Contact Nancy Phillips for details. **This class is full at this point.**

Coming Events: North Fulton Amateur Radio Club Ham Jam will be held on November 10, 2018.

Jackson Fall Festival will be held on October 20, 2018 from 0900 to 1500. Our Club will be hosting a booth on the Jackson Square. Contact Ken Wallis for details.

Stone Mountain Hamfest will be held on November 3, 2018 from 1100 to 1500. This Hamfest has a history of offering great ARES forums.

Spin For Kids will be held on October 21, 2018 to raise money for Camp Twin Lake. Contact Mike Crowe to volunteer.

Monthly Program: Mike Crowe gave a wonderful class presentation on Grounding Stations and equipment. He presented two very useful reference books for raffle items as well. Thanks for all the visual aids and hands on equipment items Mike brought to illustrate proper materials to use.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: We raised \$44.00 for the repeater fund tonight.