

Amateur Radio Club of Butts County

January 07, 2019

Meeting Held at Butts County Fairgrounds Jackson, Georgia

Meeting Began at 1900 Meeting Concluded at 2100

Attendance at Meeting: Mike Crowe; David Burnham; Buzz Kutcher; Nancy Phillips; Glenn Coffey; John Lipscomb; Brent Strite; Rudy Williams; Chris Southerland; Darlene Ragon; Glenn Wyatt; Monica Ladson; Mel Mosier; David Ridgeway; Ken Wallis; Michelle Burnham; Mark Austin; Elaine Stachowiak; Tony Strite; Mark Clark; Dan Darsey; Winford Barnes.

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens No report tonight, member not in attendance.

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis The Morse Code classes Part Two will be held on Monday nights so Ken will be more available to function as Net Manager on Tuesday nights.

Ken stressed how important it is that members continue to improve their digital skills.

If anyone is interested in serving as the Winlink Net Logger please contact Ken for training.

VE Team: Dan Darsey There will be a Ham Cram held on Saturday January 19, 2019 at Fire Station #7 beginning at 0830; with testing done at 1600. Contact Dan for further information.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe The Club still doesn't have a dedicated Internet connection for the Ham Station at Sylvan Grove Hospital.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak Elaine shared that she was not aware of any upcoming Skywarn training classes in the immediate future.

Hospital Team and Public Health Department Team: Dan Darsey and Ken Wallis Dan shared that the Hospital Team was unable to make any of the required contacts for the December Hospital Net but all contacts were made for the January 2019 Net.

Ken said that all 4 weekly Health Department Nets were covered and contacts made as required. There are 7 Health Department Team members but we need at least one or two more for better coverage.

CERT Activities: David Ridgeway No report tonight, David had to leave before the business part of the meeting began.

Field Day Committee: Nancy Phillips There have been 3 unofficial Field Day meetings and an "Official meeting" is to be scheduled shortly.

Membership Chairman: Nancy Phillips

Public Information Officer: Buzz Kutcher Club activities are posted in the local newspaper and mentioned on the local radio station.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Buzz reminded members of the State ARES meeting on January 12, 2019 to be held at GSPTC in Forsyth, Ga. Members will meet for breakfast at Denny's at 0800 and then travel on to the training.

ARES Connect is live now and Buzz reminded members to post their hours served by registering for activities.

In December our Club's volunteer hours, training, ect were 185 hours, valued at \$4677.00.

Buzz has been serving as Butts County EC since 2010; as of the end of March 2019 he is retiring from that position. If you are interested in assuming the position please let Buzz know so he can notify the proper coordinator. We are all in awe of the work that Buzz has done for the preparedness of Butts County Emergency Communications! Thanks Buzz!

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb General Fund: \$1355.66 Repeater Fund: \$1893.00 Total Funds: \$3248.66

Club Old Business: February 16, 2019 there will be an activity to assist Ken with the mapping of Butts County for communication needs.

Club New Business: Eight students finished the Morse Code Level One class and Level Two Classes have begun. They will be meeting for the next 6 weeks on Monday and Thursday evenings at Fire Station #7. Mark Clark made a motion that our Club join the Butts County Chamber of Commerce; Buzz Kutcher seconded the motion and it was passed by members present. Dues are \$50.00 a year for Chamber membership.

Coming Events: Consider volunteering to work the Publix Atlanta Marathon to be held on March 17, 2019. A pre-race educational meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2019.

Mike Crowe asked members who were available to an antenna party at his house tomorrow, January 8, 2019 at 1400. Newton Radio Club is holding their first meeting tomorrow night at the Covington Airport Terminal at 1830. The Club will be serving pizza to all attendees.

Monthly Program: Captain Matt Garrison from the Butts County Sheriff's Department gave an excellent class on "Active Shooter Training for Civilians".

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: The Club raised \$47.00 for the Repeater Fund with Raffle items. Thanks to everyone for their support of our Repeater.