

Amateur Radio Club of Butts County

July 01, 2019

Meeting Held at Butts County Fairgrounds Jackson, Georgia

Meeting Began at 1901 Meeting Concluded at 1958

Attendance at Meeting: Mike Crowe; Dan Darsey; Buzz Kutcher; Melvin Mosier; Darlene Ragon; Whit Smith; Elaine Stachowiak; Ken Wallis.

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens Representative not in attendance this evening.

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis We have seen a decrease in members checking in to the weekly net; we are averaging 5 voice check ins. Please try to participate in the nets as this gives us a opportunity to test our equipment and practice our skills. Ken is in need of volunteer Net Control Operators for July to December of this year. Buzz volunteered to be Net Control for the month of July, thanks Buzz!

VE Team: Dan Darsey There will be a Technician Ham Cram held on July 20, 2019 at Fire Station #7. Class begins at 0830 with testing around 1600. As of today we have one person registered for the class. Dan shared that he will be assisting North Fulton County Hams with a EEE symposium which will include VE testing on July 10-11, 2019.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe Nothing new to report concerning the Hospital Internet access.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak So far our area has been lucky to avoid serious weather conditions. Members still need to monitor weather conditions as respond appropriately.

Hospital Team: Dan Darsey Hospital Net won't be held until July 7, 2019.

Public Health Department Team: Ken Wallis Ken has done all the paperwork and received a vanity call sign for the Health Department station; KW4BHD. Great work Ken!

The ICOM 2820H radio is performing great at the Health Department station. **Response team members please make time to come and train on this radio; check to be sure you have the most current updates on Fldigi on your personal laptop as we must use our personal laptops for communication activities at the Health Department.** Be very careful if you need to move the radio at the Health Department while you are transmitting; If you accidentally hit the control buttons the settings will really mess up, just warning.

Ken has posted the Health Department Club documents at the i.o groups' message board under Files.

CERT Activities: David Ridgeway Representative not in attendance this evening.

Field Day Committee: Nancy Phillips No report expected this evening.

Membership Chairman: Nancy Phillips No report tonight; Nancy is in Missouri visiting with family.

Public Information Officer: Buzz Kutcher Buzz shared a full page of newspaper coverage on our recent Field Day activities; this was the best article on our Club Field Day so far. We are grateful for the assistance of the local newspaper and radio station for getting the word out about Ham Radio to Butts County.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher There are 27 ARES members in our Club; we really need to increase participation in ARES.

Treasurers' Report: John Lipscomb Representative not in attendance this evening.

Club Old Business: Ken said the July survey of outlying areas of the county is on hold this month. Ken says he could use a hand with the paperwork aspect of being Net Control; contact Ken to volunteer.

Buzz passed around a schedule for members to report the number of hours they participated/volunteered in pre, during and post Field Day activities.

Nancy passed on the information that she would like time next month at our August meeting for a hot wash on Field Day.

Club New Business: Saturday, September 14, 2019 there will be an all day training session on Winlink theory/practice held at GPSTC. Registration begins at 0745 and classes begin at 0900.

Buzz has contacted the Chamber of Commerce to request a better location for our set up at the Fall Festival in downtown Jackson later this year. Check the Club Facebook page for the dates of the Fall Festival.

Coming Events: None discussed this evening.

Monthly Program: Buzz graciously stepped in at the last minute to provide our Club with a program tonight. The Red Cross representative that was scheduled to speak has been deployed due to flooding conditions in the South. Buzz presented a comprehensive review on the communication mode Ft-8. Thank you Buzz for sharing your expertise on Ft-8.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: No raffle was held tonight, but donations were accepted for the Repeater Fund.