

Amateur Radio Club of Butts County

September 09, 2019

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Darlene Ragon, Secretary ARCBC

Meeting Held at Butts County Fairgrounds Jackson, Georgia

Meeting Called to Order at 1900

Meeting Concluded at 2050

Attendance at Meeting: Mark Austin; David Burnham; Mark Clark; Dan Darsey; Buzz Kutcher; Chuck McCord; Melvin Mosier; Dana Persells; Nancy Phillips; Darlene Ragon; Chris Southerland; Elaine Stachowiak; Ken Wallis; Glenn Wyatt; Curt Williams

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

Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis We held 4 nets in August with an average participation of 7 weekly check ins. Ken asked members to volunteer for Net Control positions, Elaine Stachowiak volunteered to act as Net Control for November 2019.

Ken suggested trying other ICS forms to help familiarize members with their use.

There is a mobile command vehicle being assembled which will need 4 volunteers to staff it when deployed. Consider volunteering to man this important addition to Butts County's Emergency Response capabilities.

VE Team: Dan Darsey There will be a VE testing session on September 19, 2019 at the conclusion of the General Class instructions.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe Representative not in attendance this evening.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak Elaine reminded members that September is peak season for hurricanes.

Hospital Team: Dan Darsey August's Georgia Hospital Net went well and we were able to make contacts in all requested bands/methods.

Sylvan Grove Hospital will be offering flu shots at our November monthly meeting.

Public Health Department Team: Ken Wallis Health Dept. team covered all 5 weekly net check ins in August. Remember to keep your software updated and working well as volunteers will need to use their personal laptops while checking in to this net.

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

Field Day Committee: Nancy Phillips

Membership Chairman: Nancy Phillips Nancy shared that we have 36 members in our Club.

Public Information Officer: Buzz Kutcher Newspaper and local radio coverage of our Club news is ongoing. Thanks to Buzz for keeping Ham Radio in the local media.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Our Club has 27 ARES members; our contributions in education/activities in August were of 215.5 hours of service resulting in a value of \$5419.00.

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

Club Old Business: Ken scheduled the continuing survey of outlying areas of Butts County for Saturday September 28, 2019. He will be mapping zone 7, the largest zone in this effort. All members are encouraged to participate if at all possible.

Buzz Kutcher won the special 'Candy Bar' award for the most points in watching/working the special event held in remembrance of *****. Buzz made 350 QSO's resulting in 2166 points. Congratulations Buzz!

Club New Business: Club members were reminded to register for the Skills Day event being held at GSPTC on Saturday September 14, 2019. Send GSPTC an email to register for this event.

Elaine suggested hosting a “fox hunt” demonstration at the Bluebird Festival spring of 2020. A discussion of this activity could be held during our Tech Saturday meeting in October.

Members are encouraged to offer suggestions and/or teach an educational program for our Tech Saturday meetings.

Coming Events: Hungry Hams held on September 21, 2019 at the I-75 Huddle House. Afterwards there will be a VE testing session at Fire Station #7.

Makers Fair will be held at Turner Field/Ga State Stadium on Saturday and Sunday September 28 & 29, 2019 from 1000 to 1700 each day. This event is sponsored by “Make” magazine.

October 19, 2019 is our Club’s Tech Saturday activity. Hungry Hams meal will be held before this event.

October 20, 2019 is Spin for Kids in Covington. This event is a fund raiser for Twin Lakes Camp for handicapped children and their families.

October 26, 2019 is the Jackson Fall Festival Our Club will not be participating this year. Chamber of Commerce fee of \$50.00 for a booth set up was required. Buzz suggested pooling CERT and Ham Radio information to secure a free spot in 2020.

November 2nd and 3rd, 2019 Stone Mountain Hamfest. Event hours are 0800 to 1400 each day.

Our Clubs’ October meeting program will be a DMR demonstration.

Monthly Program: Buzz Kutcher presented a super DVD documentary of the activities before, during and afterwards of the rare Ham Radio event held on Navassa Island in 2015. The island is located between Jamaica and Cuba and restricted access to this island doesn’t give many opportunities to work this area. Thanks Buzz for the super peek inside a real DX outing!

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: No raffle was held this evening.

FYI: Video presentations from the 2019 Dayton Hamvention are available for viewing on the ARRL’s You Tube channel. Information covered was; the new FCC-ARRL Volunteer Monitor program; Amateur Radio’s role in disaster and emergency communications and how to bring radio into the classroom. This is just a few of the great learning opportunities offered for those of us unable to attend the actual Hamvention. Thanks ARRL.