

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

April 06, 2015

Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County, Georgia

Attendance at Meeting: David Burnahm; Mike Crowe; Lee Dale; Dan Darsey; Buzz Kutcher; Monica Ladson; John Lipscomb; Darlene Ragon; David Ridgeway; Elaine Stachowiak; Tony Strite; Ken Wallis; Glenn Wyatt; Keith Cox; David Waller; Greg Reule.

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens There will be a new CERT class forming shortly, contact Glen Goens for further information.

Net Manager's Report: Ed Hoard Darlene Ragon volunteered to be Net Control for the month of August 2015.

VE Team: Dan Darsey Dan encouraged members to go to the ARRL site & complete the class to become a Volunteer Examiner; he will need the help for the July 18, 2015 Ham Cram. The next VE session will be held May 18, 2015 at the Butts County Recreation Center.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe Mike & Buzz placed a filter on the receiver at the Hospital Station. The Station is still in need of a better antenna or a different location for installation of our new Repeater. If the Sylvan Grove repeater is not working during a weather event our group will switch to the McDonough repeater for Skywarn Nets.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak A new Butts County Severe Weather Net procedure has been completed. Elaine was unable to be at this meeting because she is graduating from the CERT class she has been attending.

Field Day Committee: David Burnahm & Randy Beacham

Membership Chairman: Randy Beacham

Public Information Officer: Ed Hoard A new 'technical information' section will be added to our newsletter; Whit has graciously created the first article.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Please check your Georgia ARES database online to be sure all your information included there is correct.

Buzz encouraged members to complete the necessary ICS online courses & Basic ARES class. Report to him any class work completed.

The Ham Station at Sylvan Grove will be moved to the basement of the Hospital. Please check the State ARES website for information on obtaining a State identification badge; background check \$10 and badge cost \$15.

Treasurers' Report: Repeater Fund \$421.00 General Fund \$995.29 Total Funds \$1416.29

Club Old Business: Please refer to the Agenda for April 06, 2015 meeting for other items mentioned in our meeting. Mike reminded us to bring a 9 volt battery to the Saturday April 18, 2015 workshop to power the project boards we will be creating that day.

Buzz again asked for someone to volunteer to do some research into obtaining insurance for our Club members. Keith Cox, one of our newer Club members has volunteered to research insurance options for our Club. Thanks Keith for your willingness to step in and help our Club grow!

Club New Business: Tony Strite has graciously accepted the position of 'The Keeper of the Box'. He will be coordinating our fund raising activities at monthly meetings. Thanks for your willingness to serve Tony!

An ARRL Educational Fund donation was brought to the members via the motion that Dan Darsey created; Ed Hoard seconded the motion; members declined any discussion and the motion was passed. The motion was that the club donate \$25.00 from General Funds and pass the hat for further donations to the Educational Fund.

The motion passed unanimously. Members raised \$187.00 to be donated in memory of John Harwood, KM4DHY. Club members also held a moment of silence in respect of John Harwood.

Dan Darsey asked for a show of hands to see how many members were interested in a new Club shirt order, details to follow.

Coming Events: The Georgia QSO party will be held the weekend of April 11-12, 2015.

Soldering workshop to be held on Saturday April 18, 2015 at 0900 at Station #7.

Region F Hospital Full Scale Exercise will be held May 29, 2015. We will operate a Station at Sylvan Grove to support Spalding Regional Hospital.

“Hungry Hams” will meet at the Lunchbox on Saturday April 18, 2015 at 0730 before the workshop meeting.

VE session May 16, 2015 at the Biles Recreation Center in Jackson.

Field Day Weekend June 27 & 28, 2015. The family picnic will be held Saturday afternoon June 27 at 1600.

Monthly Program: A video presentation followed by discussion of basic soldering principles as it relates to Ham Radio and Coax Connectors was our program. As usual Mike Crow did a fantastic job of helping newer Hams to understand this important activity.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: Members raised \$77.00 for the Repeater Fund at this meeting. Please contact Tony Strite with your donations for the Raffle Fund.