

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary
January 06, 2014
Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County Georgia

Attendance at Meeting: Buzz Kutcher, David Burnham, Dan Darsey, Randy Beacham, Darlene Ragon, Elaine Stachowiak, Mark Olden, Monica Ladson, John Lipscomb, Ed Hoard, Chuck Sims, David Ridgeway, Glenn Wyatt, Karla Redman, Mark Henson and Danny Wilson, visitor/friend of Ed Hoard

Office of Homeland Security Report: Director Glen Goens A brief review of the Nov 12, 2013 LEPC exercise involving a Hazmat Truck accident was discussed.

Net Manager's Report: Dan Darsey We averaged 10 check-ins weekly during our December Nets. Please contact Dan or Mike Crowe for help to get your computer set up to do Winlink Net Check-Ins. Buzz will be Net Control for March and Elaine will be Net Control for April. Still looking for volunteers for May, June and July.

VE Team: Jess Porter Ham Cram set for Jan 18, 2014

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe No report

Field Day: Randy Beacham & David Burnham No report

Skywarn Coordinator Report: Elaine Stachowiak Elaine is working on coordinating volunteers to check in with our club Skywarn Net during weather events.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Buzz reminded and encouraged members to complete their required ICS courses. David Ridgeway accepted the position of CERT coordinator for our club.

Christmas Party: We had 28 members and family attend our Christmas Party dinner. A show of hands favored holding the 2014 party again at Buckner's Restaurant. Darlene Ragon agreed to assist with reservations for that activity.

Treasurers' Report: Club funds are \$588.30 \$220 was used for the memorial donation.

Old Business: See Dan Darsey if you are interested in purchasing a club tee shirt or sweatshirt. Sweatshirt cost estimate for the patch and embroidery of your name and call sign is \$11.00. You will need to provide the sweatshirt for embellishment.

New Business: Club dues for 2014 are \$20.00 and payment should be made by March 1, 2014. Buzz welcomes suggestions for topics or classes for our monthly meetings. This is a chance to ask for information on that topic you have been wondering how to do. Volunteers to teach are also welcomed. Randy Beacham has accepted the position of Membership Committee Chairman.

Program: Tonight's program was a very informative power point presentation and discussion on

some of the basic features in modern transceivers. This class was especially useful to the new Hams in our club who are still learning all the knobs, buttons and functions on their radios. We also briefly discussed antennas and DX contesting.

Coming Events: Jan 11, 2014 Tech Fest is being held in Atlanta, check the GARS website for details. Fest opens at 9 am. Buzz and Elaine are driving up together, contact them if you would like to ride with them.
Jan 25, 2014 The annual State ARES conference to be held in Forsyth begins at 9:30. The GEMA area coordinator will be there as well as the NWS representative.
February 15, 2014 we will hold our first quarter exercise, contact Buzz if you would like to help.

Raffle Funds: We raised \$57.00 tonight for support of the repeater fund.