

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

January 05, 2015

Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County, Georgia

Attendance at Meeting: Randy Beacham; David Burnham; Mike Crowe; Dan Darsey; John Harwood; Ed Hoard; Buzz Kutcher; Monica Ladson; John Lipscomb; Mark Olden; Darlene Ragon; David Ridgeway; Elaine Stachowiak; Anthony Strite; JD VanSickle; Glenn Wyatt; Brent Strite; Joyce Strite.

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens There will be a Red Cross Shelter Management training class held Saturday January 10, 2015 from 1000 to 1500. Contact Glen Goens for further information. Glen is scheduled to meet with the National Weather Service this Thursday to obtain recertification for Butts County as a Storm Ready Community.

Net Manager's Report: Ed Hoard Net Control for April 2015 is JD VanSickle; May 2015 is Elaine Stachowiak.

VE Team: Dan Darsey The Ham Cram & VE session scheduled for January 17, 2015 is full; we have 14 people scheduled to participate. Activities will begin at 0800 at the Recreation Center in Jackson, Ga.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe We will be doing some on site testing at the Water Tower in McDonough. It is possible that we will be moving our Repeater to that location or adding a digi repeater.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak No update on any scheduled Skywarn Class.

Field Day Committee: David Burnham & Randy Beacham

Membership Chairman: Randy Beacham Membership stands at 27. Dues for 2015 will be due on March 1, 2015. Membership dues are \$20 a year or \$25 for a family; please give funds to our Treasurer, John Lipscomb.

Public Information Officer: Ed Hoard Ed asked if everyone was receiving the newsletter, "The Repeater", via their personal email address. We are attempting to send pertinent information this way to be sure members receive it in a timely manner. Ed has contacted several local newspapers & radio stations to announce information about our upcoming Ham Cram and testing activities.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Has anyone completed any new ICS courses? The annual Georgia ARES meeting will be held in Forsyth, Ga on January 24, 2015 starting at 0930 and running until 1600. Members wishing to carpool together please meet at the Ryan's Restaurant in the Truck Stop on I-75 at 0800.

Treasurers' Report: We have \$790 in the Repeater Fund and \$727.62 in the General Fund for a total of \$1517.62

Club Old Business: The General Class training sessions will be on January 20, 2015 to be held each Tuesday night at 1900 at Fire Station #7. Members are encouraged to push this training opportunity on any Net you participate in. Regional F Hospital Exercise will be held on May 29, 2015. This drill involves the evacuation of Savannah, Ga and will focus on patient tracking & handling. More Information to follow.

Club New Business: Mike Crowe once again discussed the advantages of our Club purchasing the Yaesu Fusion Repeater.

Dan Darsey made a motion to purchase the Repeater, Ed Hoard second the motion and all members voted yes to the purchase of this Repeater from Club funds. There was spirited discussion as to how the '10 free tee shirts' were to be distributed among Club members.

Dan Darsey is chairing the Nominating Committee for the position of the four officers of our Club. Presentation of the slated officers will take place at the February 2, 2015 meeting with elections to be held at the March 2015 meeting.

Plans were discussed to hold a soldering workshop April 18, 2015 beginning at 0830 at Fire Station #7. Reasonable priced kits or project boards can be purchased online at Ramsey Kits.

The Georgia QSO Party is scheduled to be held on the weekend of April 11-12, 2015

Ed Hoard & Dan Darsey have nominated Buzz Kutcher as Georgia Ham of the Year. This prize will be awarded at the January 24, 2015 Georgia ARES meeting in Forsyth.

Coming Events: Tech Fest January 10, 2015 in Lawrenceville, Georgia. Check online at gars.org for further information. Free luncheon is offered in conjunction with the annual Chili Cook-off.

General Class training to begin on January 20, 2015

An antenna party will be held at Elaine Stachowiak's home on Saturday January 17, 2015, we will be erecting her HF antenna.

Buzz told member about a comet visible with binoculars in the Southern sky; the name of the comet is 'Comet Lovejoy'.

Monthly Program: Our program tonight was a fun session of 'Technician License Jepperdee'. Many laughs and too few correct answers reminded us all that you constantly have to be reviewing technical data to stay as prepared as we would like to be.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: We raised \$50 in raffle funds at this meeting.