

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary
September 09, 2013
Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County Georgia

Attendance at Meeting: Buzz Kutcher, Jess Porter, David Burnham, Mike Crowe, Darlene Ragon, Elaine Stachowiak, Melvin Mosier, Randy Beacham, David Ridgeway, Mark Olden, Larry Yarbrough, Chuck Sims, Ed Hoard and John Lipscomb.

Office of Homeland Security Report: Director Glen Goens The most recent CERT class has finished, continuing education for CERT is held on the 3rd Monday of each month. Members are invited to attend.

Net Manager's Report: Dan Darsey Our group had 4 voice and 4 digital nets in August. Please try to check in on the Winlink Network if you can.

VE Team: Jess Porter Jess compiled totals for VE test session for Butts County covering 2011, 2012, and 2013. In the 3 years since our group was formed we have added 84 newly licensed operators. Attached to the Secretary's copy of the minutes is a copy of the report.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe Newton County will be hosting a digital workshop on September 17, 2013 to be held in the Sheriff's Department building.

Field Day: Franklin Cook & Randy Beachman

Skywarn Coordinator Report: Elaine Stachowiak No date has been set for our club to tour the Peachtree Weather Station. Please check the Yahoo group files for information on Skywarn Class links.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Reminder to participate in the Wednesday night digital nets which take place at 2000 on frequency 146.925. We are using version 75 as the most recent update. We had 6 participants on the local SET drill our club hosted on September 7, 2013. Please contact Mike Crowe for assistance with digital communications.

Club Business

Treasurers' Report: Club bank account has been moved to United Bank in Jackson, Ga.

Old Business: Darlene Ragon is to check on the price for our Christmas meal at Buckner's Restaurant. Buzz presented the formal letter and other documents showing that our club is now officially recognized by the ARRL. Some mention was made of keeping a list of educational books to loan on the Yahoo group files.

New Business: A show of hands was taken to ascertain interest in mentoring sessions for those interesting in upgrading to Extra Class licensing. Gordon West's manuals were suggested for study. We still have need of a program for our club to be presented in November 2013. Buzz said we may see if the Butts County Coroner would be willing to provide a class on his duties.

Program: Tonight's program was a planning and discussion session for the upcoming SET on October 5, 2013.

Raffle Funds: The club raised \$43.00 in raffle ticket sales this evening.