

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary
April 1, 2013
Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County Georgia

Attendance at Meeting

Jess Porter; Dan Darsey; Buzz Kutcher; Randy Beacham; Bart Smith; David Burnham; Darlene Ragon; Mike Crowe; Monica Landson; John Lipscomb; Glen Wyatt

The meeting was called to order by Buzz Kutcher, President of the Butts County ARES group.
The meeting agenda as prepared by B. Kutcher was followed for the club meeting.

Office of Homeland Security Report: Director Glen Goens

COAD meeting scheduled for April 9th at Abundant Life Church
CERT training class to be held at Fire Station 7 at 7 pm

Net Manager's Report: Dan Darsey

Our group held 8 Nets in March

VE Team: Jess Porter

Ham Cram and Testing Session will be held at Fire Station #7 on July 20, 2013. Study session to begin at 8 am with testing at 4 pm.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe

The Duplexer has been swapped out and it is keying up.

Field Day: Franklin Cook & Randy Beacham

88 Days till Field Day

Our activities will fall under a 3A station set up for Field Day. We anticipate have 2 HF stations, 1 digital station and a GOTA station. Randy encouraged members to recruit young people under age 18 to participate in making contacts which will raise our overall scores.

Family Picnic to be held in conjunction with Field Day activities.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher

Buzz reminded all of us the importance of completing the FEMA ICS online classes; numbers 100-200-700-800-802. Elaine Stachowiak was appointed as Butts County Skywarn Coordinator. Group members are to monitor the Sylvan Grove repeater first and backup messaging on the McDonough repeater for severe storms.

Members may apply to the National Weather Service for access to the NWS chat area pending approval via Butts County EMC, Glen Goens. Updates, warnings and other information may also be found by monitoring Twitter feed; #GAWX.

Our group is still waiting on approval from Butts County Fire Stations for the installation of 2m antennas at each facility.

BCECA had 96 hours of volunteer work last month.

A Coordinator is needed for the 5K race to be held at Indian Springs State Park on May 4th. Our assistance was 'requested' so we need to make a real effort to be of service to this groups need. Race will begin and end at the entrance to the park, approximately 10 Hams are needed for coverage. Pre-race meeting to be held Friday night before the race at 1730 near the feed store.

April 20, 2013 is the Cheerio Challenge to be held in Covington, Ga.

We still have need of monthly training programs for several months.

Heart of Georgia Hamfest to be held in Byron, Ga on May 11, 2013 from 8am to 3pm.

May Training: GODAWGS Class

June Training: Randy and Franklin to host Pre-Field day meeting.

April 13-14, 2013 Georgia QSO Party

Club applications and dues were filled out and collected, given to Glen Wyatt. Members in attendance signed the Constitution and By-laws.

Butts County ARES to be moved from the Central Georgia Region to the Metro Atlanta Region.

Training: Buzz Kutcher

Class presentation on NBEMS

Fundraising and Donations for the Repeater Fund

\$ 27.00 were raised from raffle items