

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

April 7, 2014

Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County, Georgia

Attendance at Meeting: Randy Beacham; David Burnham; Mike Crowe; Dan Darsey; Ed Hoard; Buzz Kutcher; Monica Ladson; Marvin Mosier; Jess Porter; Darlene Ragon; Elaine Stachowiak; Mike Weathers; Norm Schkler; John Lipscomb; Glenn Wyatt and Robert Swanson

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens No Report

Net Manager's Report: Dan Darsey Five Nets were held in March 2014; 42 voice check-ins and 34 Winlink check-ins. Darlene Ragon Net Control for May and June; Ed Hoard for July. Please volunteer to be Net Control; contact Ed Hoard.

VE Team: Jess Porter We have a VE session scheduled for May 17, 2014; contact Dan Darsey for further information. If you would like to train to be a volunteer examiner, please contact Jess Porter.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe The difficulties that we have experienced with the repeater at Sylvan Grove has improved since we moved the antenna to the middle section of the tower. Sylvan Grove/Griffin hospital asked our group to suggest radio equipment for use at the Hospital. We recommended the new replacement model of Icon 2820 for the Auxiliary's use in assisting them with emergency communications. The equipment has been requested but no confirmation that it will be purchased as of yet.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak We will be privileged to attend a CoCoRaHS presentation at our May 5, 2014 meeting.

.Field Day Committee: David Burnahm & Randy Beacham No Report

Membership Chairman: Randy Beacham No Report

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Buzz once again reminded members of the importance of completing the basic ICS online Training. This training is required for advancement as a deployable member and for advanced training skills. Members are welcomed and encouraged to check into the Metro Net; consult the Yahoo Group files for the link.

Treasurers' Report: No Report

Club Old Business: The audit committee will have to reschedule a meeting time to complete the Club's audit.

The Extra Class Study Group continues to meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday nights of the month.

We have 12 Club members who have paid their 2014 dues; please be sure your membership is up to date.

Dan Darsey is still negotiating arrangements for Club tee shirts.

Ed Hoard is in need of articles for the Club newsletter, The Repeater. Please send your ideas/articles to him.

Club New Business: A head set has been provided for use at the 911 station.

Please consider donating items for our monthly raffles. Our repeater is such a worthwhile part of our service to the Community that it deserves our support.

Coming Events: Set up for our station at the 'Bluebird & Bluegrass Music Festival' will begin at 0700 April 12, 2014.

Our May 5, 2014 monthly meeting will be held at the National Weather Service facilities in Peachtree City.

Members may carpool, but all attendees should be there no later than 1830 if we want to see the release of the evening weather balloon.

Our June 2, 2014 monthly meeting will be held at the Locust Grove Baptist Church at 1900; finalization of Field Day plans will be discussed. Only 82 days until Field Day! We will also hold our annual Family Picnic on Saturday afternoon. A hex beam antenna may be available for our use on Field Day.

July 7, 2014 Monthly Meeting will be a digital tune up session that was postponed earlier this year.

Bring your laptops and any other digital equipment you want assistance with.

Our Club is sponsoring a Ham Cram July 19, 2014; we need to focus on recruiting members that are willing to serve in our Auxiliary.

Monthly Program: Norm Schkler, President of the Southeastern DX Club, and Mike Weathers gave an excellent introduction level class on contesting, logging software, 'Log Book of the World', propagation software, and types of antennas useful in long distance communications and/or contesting.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: We raised \$44.00 in donations tonight with raffle ticket sales.

Miscellaneous: Four members paid their dues at this meeting: John Lipscomb; Mike Crowe; Ed Hoard; Buzz Kutcher. \$80.00 was collected from these members.