

**Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary**  
**August 5, 2013**  
**Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County Georgia**

**Attendance at Meeting:** Randy Beacham, David Burnham, Mike Crowe, Dan Darsey, Monica Ladson, Melvin Mosier, Jess Porter, Darlene Ragon, June Sheffield, Elaine Stachowiak, Glen Wyatt, David Ridgeway, Larry Yarbrough, David Lenning, Mark Older, Chuck Sims, W. E. Smith and Greta Tubbs.

**Office of Homeland Security Report: Director Glen Goens** Glen was not available for this meeting. COAD meeting scheduled on August 6<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled.

**Net Manager's Report: Dan Darsey** We continue to average 10 check-ins for weekly Sunday Net & 4 weekly check-ins for the Winlink 2000 Digital Net.

**VE Team: Jess Porter** VE testing scheduled for September 21, 2013. There were 13 attendees at the July 20, 2013 Ham Cram, with 7 passing & receiving their Technician Licenses & June Sheffield upgrading to General.

**Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe** David, Mike & Buzz worked on the repeater analyzers then took them to WA4ASI. He checked the SWR and found it to be 2:1 & gave us an adapter to help with performance.

**Field Day: Franklin Cook & Randy Beachman**

**Skywarn Coordinator Report: Elaine Stachowiak** Elaine told us about a website which offers free training for Geo Sciences; they offer 20 classes containing 341 different modules. Skywarn education is also available there. The web address is [meted.ucar.edu](http://meted.ucar.edu)

**EC Report: Buzz Kutcher** SET to be held October 5, 2013 We are expecting to use a lot of digital traffic for this SET. There will be an unannounced pre-SET for our club to be held on Sept 7, 2013. Watch for upcoming details.  
We will have a monthly meeting on September 9, 2013 as the first Monday in September is Labor Day. Members voted to hold the Christmas Dinner for the club at Buckner's Restaurant on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 6 p.m.

**Club Business**

**Treasurers' Report:** Club account has been transferred from Bank of America to United Bank.  
Bank Balance \$375.02

**Old Business** Still working on finalization of our club being associated with ARRL.  
Reminder for members to bring funds for donating to the John Lipscomb ARRL Scholarship Fund.  
New club shirts with a patch rather than embroidered logo can be ordered from Dan Darsey.  
The club is still in need of someone to do research on liability insurance for our club.

**New Business** If members have technical or other educational Ham Radio books they would like to donate for the creation of a club library, please give a list of the books to Buzz Kutcher. Members will be able to borrow a book for a month by checking it out from the library.

**Program** Tonight's program was presented by Darlene Ragon, KK4BKF. She discussed assembling a 72 hour kit for personal, family or deployment use.

**Raffle Funds** We raised \$47.00 with raffle items tonight. Members were asked for donations for raffle items to raise money for the repeater.