

## Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

August 4, 2014

### Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County, Georgia

**Attendance at Meeting:** Buzz Kutcher, Randy Beacham, David Burnham, Glenn Wyatt, Mel Mosier, Ed Hoard, Darlene Ragon, Elaine Stachowiak, John Lipscomb, David Ridgeway, June Sheffield, Chuck Sims, Mike Crowe, John Erwin, Keith Cox, Anthony Strite, J D Van Sickle, John Harwood, David Crotten, Al Ambrose.

**Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens** Glen is out of town attending a training seminar. The Ham Radio equipment for the Mobile Command Vehicle has been delivered.

CERT Training classes continue to run the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, contact Glen Goens for further information. CERT volunteers were called out on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 for a night search, the event cancelled and the victim found OK. CERT meetings for continuing training/education are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 1900 at Fire Station #7.

**Net Manager's Report: Ed Hoard** Net Control Operators for the remainder of 2014 are as follows:

August-David Burnham  
September-Elaine Stachowiak  
October-Buzz Kutcher  
November-Darlene Ragon  
December-John Lipscomb

**VE Team: Dan Darsey** At our last Ham Cram we had 13 attendees; from that testing session we passed 3 Generals, 8 Technicians and 2 Extras. Congratulations go out to Elaine Stachowiak and John Lipscomb for becoming Extra Class Hams and to Monica Ladson for becoming a General Class!

Next VE Session will be September 20, 2014 at 0900 at the Butts County Recreation Center, see Dan Darsey for registration details.

Note: Dan Darsey's email address has changed to [DanDarsey@yahoo.com](mailto:DanDarsey@yahoo.com)

**Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe** The noise in our repeater continues with cause unknown.

**Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak** Club members can go to [www.spotternetwork.org](http://www.spotternetwork.org) for online classes to become certified Spotters or to take a refresher course.

**Field Day Committee: David Burnham & Randy Beacham** No report required at this time.

**Membership Chairman: Randy Beacham** Members are 100% paid at this time.

**EC Report: Buzz Kutcher** Once again Buzz stressed the importance of members successfully completing the FEMA online classes: ICS 100; 700; 802 Please forward completion certificates via email to Buzz.

Remember to report to Buzz if you check in on the Metro ARES Net the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. It is held at 1600 on the WB4NWS repeater or you may check in via Echolink. Also forward the information to Buzz if you check in on the Statewide Hospital Net as Butts County ARES/Sylvan Grove Hospital. This Net is held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 1500 on 7.188 frequency.

July EC Report: 8 Nets; 5 Operations for a total of 94 hours of service. We have 29 ARES Members; 19 Active, 7 Deployable and 3 Pending members.

We still have no progress on the UHF/VHF equipment 'wish list' submitted to Sylvan Grove Hospital to assist them with EmComms and any HF equipment list is on hold.

Our Club is hosting a booth at the Butts County Fair being held on September 02 to 06, 2014. Contact David Ridgeway for details.

### Treasurers' Report:

**Club Old Business:** The Audit Committee met at the end of July and was able to approve the audit of the Clubs' financial information with a less than \$5.00 error. Thanks was expressed to Glenn Wyatt for his service as Club Treasurer in the past and all financial information/documentation was handed over to our new Treasurer, John Lipscomb, via Darlene Ragon, an Audit Committee member. We thanked John for his willingness to serve as Treasurer.

**Club Old Business Continued:** Newsletter Editor, Ed Hoard, still is in need of Club membership submitting articles of interest for the newsletter. Please contact him if you have any questions.

Plans are still underway for our club to host a booth at the Butts County Fair from September 2-6, 2014. Contact David Ridgeway to volunteer.

Our annual Christmas Dinner for our Club will be held Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 1800 at Buckners' Restaurant. The Ham Radio equipment for the Butts County Mobile Command Vehicle has been delivered.

**Club New Business:** We would like to thank David Burnham from donating 250 QSL cards with the Clubs' name and information.

June Sheffield has requested the assistance of our Club to provide the communication needs for a Labor Day 5K Race to be held in Jackson, GA September 1, 2014 beginning at 0800.

**Coming Events:** August 26, 2014 we will be sponsoring our first 'Newbie Night' to welcome and begin educating all Hams who received their license at the past two Ham Crams our Club held. Event to be held at Station #7 beginning at 1900.

September 9, 2014 meeting will be a training session will be further preparations for the October 25, 2014 SET exercise. October 6, 2014 meeting we will have a guest speaker, Rich Turner, WB4A, who will discuss the ARRL "Official Observer" program and Part 97 of the FCC code.

November 3, 2014 meeting will be a class on Propagation and Beacons, please bring your laptops.

December 4, 2014 will be our annual Club Christmas Party dinner to be held at Buckner's Restaurant at 1800. This is a great time for members and their families to fellowship together.

**Monthly Program:** Buzz Kutcher gave a very informative class and Power Point Presentation on Ham Logging Programs and DX Clusters. Several logging software programs were discussed and many members got excited about long distance communication using the DX Cluster information.

**Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting:** We raised \$56.00 for the Repeater Fund tonight from raffle items. Please consider donating items for this worthy cause. Items do not have to be radio related, David Ridgeway's fresh corn from his garden and Darlene Ragon's homemade pecan pies have been hot items for fund raising in the past.