

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

Attendance at Meeting: Jess Porter; Buzz Kutcher; Mike Crowe; Dan Darsey; Mel Mosier; Darlene Ragon; Elaine Stachowiak; Monica Ladson; David Burnham; Glen Goens

Office of Homeland Security Report: Director Glen Goens Early Response Class to be held Saturday July 6, 2013 and there will be no CERT class this Thursday due to the Holiday. There are six students in the CERT class.

Net Manager's Report: Dan Darsey Still having some issues with our Repeater; we can use the McDonough Repeater at frequency 146.715 if ours is not in operation.

VE Team: Jess Porter Ham Cram July 20, 2013, the class is full. Dan Darsey will email reminders to those attending.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe We are still having some noise issues with the Repeater but improvements are ongoing with plans to change out the power supply.

Field Day: Franklin Cook & Randy Beachman

Skywarn Coordinator Report: Elaine Stachowiak Elaine requested we plan for a Saturday in September or October to take a group tour of the Peachtree NWS facilities. During weather events we should listen to and call in on our club's repeater or the Henry County repeater to relay our information to Elaine which will then be transmitted to the Peachtree NWS ham.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Our club has participated in 3 training events this past month: COAD meeting, CERT training and Field Day exercises. We need to begin planning our 3rd Quarter SET exercise to be held in August. May include a tabletop exercise using our home stations. Please read the first draft instructions for the October 5th, 2013 SET drill. State agencies are going to send HF messages and we need to be able to receive those messages, pass them on a FM network and reply to the traffic.

Christmas Party: No report

Club Business

Treasurers' Report: Several Board members still need to go by Bank of America to sign the account card.

Old Business Total Field Day points for 2013 were 2392 a significant increase over the 2012 points of 1044. We lost some points by failing to have visitors sign a guest log during our picnic.
We have located someone who is able to embroider and attach our logo onto club shirts.

New Business Our clubs' affiliation with ARRL is almost completed, we are just waiting for a Director's Board meeting for final approval. With this affiliation our club is able to purchase liability insurance for club members attending activities.

New Business Continued: The family of John Lipscomb prefers a charitable donation in Johnny's memory rather than flowers. Our group however did send flowers. Please assist with the payment of the flowers by giving Mike Crowe funds. It was proposed by Dan Darsey, seconded by Jess Porter and unanimously passed to make a donation in his name to the ARRL scholarship fund of \$100.00.

Jess Porter wants to donate a repeater to our club.

It was mentioned that we need to get another antenna installed at Sylvan Grove Hospital and would like the assistance of the Hospital in the installation.

The Jackson Alive festival is Saturday October 5, 2013.

Mike Crowe mentioned the possibility of acquiring a trailer which our club could use as a portable EmComm station.

Program

Members reviewed in depth our Butts County Emergency Communications Plans and associated documents.

Dan Darsey also took photos of members for official identification badges.

Raffle Funds

No raffle tickets were sold at this meeting.