

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

June 1, 2015

Meeting Held at Tim Kersey Pavilion, Georgia

Attendance at Meeting: David Burnham; Mike Crowe; Keith Cox; Lee Dale; Dan Darsey; Ed Hoard; Buzz Kutcher; Melvin Mosier; Darlene Ragon; David Ridgeway; Elaine Stachowiak; Tony Strite; Brent Strite; JD VanSickle; Ken Wallis; Glenn Wyatt; John Bingham; Tim Clayman

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens No date or further information on the upcoming CERT training classes.

Net Manager's Report: Ed Hoard J.D. VanSickle will serve as Net Control Operator for October 2015 and Ken Wallis will serve as Net Control Operator for November 2015. Many thanks to those willing to serve our Club in this important activity.

VE Team: Dan Darsey Our Club will be hosting a Ham Cram and VE testing on July 18, 2015 at Fire Station #7 in Butts County. Contact Dan Darsey for registration or further information. Newton County Hamfest will be holding a VE session and is need of volunteers to help with the examinations.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe We are waiting for Sylvan Grove Maintenance Department to finish the instillation of the electrical needs for our new station in the basement area. A work day for station set up will be announced.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak If anyone knows of a software app that the Club might use for smart phones to send out a blanket message when a Weather Event Net is activated, please contact Elaine.

Field Day Committee: David Burnahm & Randy Beacham

Membership Chairman: Randy Beacham

Public Information Officer: Ed Hoard

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher We dropped 4 members from our active roster and placed them in the inactive roster until life circumstances allow them to return to full activity with our group.

Buzz encouraged members to participate in the Wednesday night Digital Net held 8:00pm to 9:00pm Eastern Time on the WA4ASI Repeater 146.925 minus 88.5 tone Covington

Treasurers' Report: Treasurer out of town on vacation this month.

Club Old Business: There will be a Hamfest this Saturday June 6, 2015 at Jim Miller Park in Marietta, Georgia.

Our Club has received the licenses for the use of the complete N3FJP Logging Software.

Audit Committee has been postponed until July.

Our Club had 4 members successfully participate in the state wide Region F Hospital Exercise.

Club New Business: Keith Cox did an excellent job of researching options for the Club to obtain Liability Insurance. Members were given a handout detailing costs and benefits of our Club obtaining this insurance.

Keith Cox made a motion for our Club to obtain this discussed Liability Insurance; Ed Hoard seconded the motion; and it was unanimously passed by the membership. Premium cost per year for the insurance is \$200.00.

Keith Cox volunteered to handle the paper work for this transaction, many thanks go out to Keith for filling a long time needed benefit for our Club!

Monday evening, June 8, 2015, Butts County will present a proclamation to our Club recognizing the contributions that Ham Radio makes to the preparedness of Butts County. Members are encouraged to attend this meeting, dressed in Club shirts, to be held at 6:00 pm at the Administration Building on Highway 16; contact Buzz Kutcher for further details.

Buzz reminded us that the SET; Simulated Emergency Test, is scheduled for October 2015; details to follow as they are released

It was suggested that on the “even numbered Saturdays” in a month that the Club hold Technical Teaching and Demonstration Activities. Topics and location of the activities will be announced; this will be an excellent fellowshipping and educational opportunity for all members.

Randy Beacham made a motion that our Club offers a one year free membership to anyone passing the Technician Ham License; regardless of where they took the test that wants to join and affiliate with our Club. David Ridgway seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed by the membership.

Coming Events: June 20, 2015 (An even numbered Saturday) a Technical Teaching Activity may occur after the Hungry Ham breakfast get together. Details will be posted on the Yahoo Group or emailed to members.

Hungry Hams Breakfast: June 20, 2015 at 0730 meeting to be held at the Lunch Box in Jackson, Georgia.

Field Day Activities June 27-28, 2015

Field Day Family Picnic to be held at 6:00 pm at the Tim Kersey Pavilion. A list was passed around at the meeting allowing members to sign up with what their family will donate towards the picnic food items.

GENTLEMEN: It is very important that you go to the Yahoo Group and post what you will be bringing to donate. Please check with your “Significant Others” or the cook in the family and post your items ASAP.

Remember there are NO refrigeration options at the venue location so all food must be taken home when your family members leave.

It saddens all our Club members how much food we have not utilized properly in past activities, please let us be mindful of our bountiful blessings and not waste our resources. A thread will be started on the Yahoo Group and post your remarks onto it so each of us can see what is being provided so we don't have a lot of duplication. Any questions contact Buzz Kutcher or Darlene Ragon...or Randy Beacham who drafts us into this..said with love Randy, ha ha.

Monthly Program: Our Monthly Program was a discussion of the technical aspects of setting up our Ham Radio equipment for Field Day activities and what we hope to accomplish this year. Randy suggested we stretch ourselves by running as a 3A Station this year; which means we will be operating 3 Ham Radio stations and a Get On The Air station during the exercise.

Folks who are planning on spending all night during the exercise please bring **comfortable** chairs to work out of and any needed ‘creature comforts’ you require for your service. Set up activities will begin at 0900 Saturday June 27, 2015. We will need all hands volunteering to set up for this massive undertaking.

Randy Beacham made a motion that the Club provide funds to purchase \$100.00 worth of lighting equipment to illuminate the pavilion we are using after dark; J.D. VanSickle seconded the motion; and it was unanimously passed by the membership.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: Raffle items raised \$51.00 for the Repeater fund this month. Our thanks goes out to Tony Strite for assisting with the raffle!! Please consider making a donation of a useful item to this important cause.