

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

May 6, 2013

Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County Georgia

Attendance at Meeting

Buzz Kutcher; Randy Beacham; Jess Porter; Dan Darsey; Darlene Ragon; John Lipscomb; Glen Wyatt; Glen Goens; Elaine Stachowiak; Franklin Cook; Monica Landson; June Sheffield ; David Burnham; Paul Carrin; Mike Crowe; Jacqueline Townes.

The meeting was called to order by Buzz Kutcher, President of the Butts County ARES group.
The meeting agenda as prepared by B. Kutcher was followed for the club meeting.

Office of Homeland Security Report: Director Glen Goens

COAD Meeting May 7, 2013 to be held at 1830 in the Towaliga Baptist Church building.

CERT Meeting to be held May 20, 2013 at 1900 at Fire Station #7.

Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting to be held May 20, 2013, information to follow.

New CERT training program to begin on May 21, 2013 at Fire Station #7 at 1900.

Net Manager's Report: Dan Darsey

We have been having approximately 11 radio check-ins and 8 digital check-ins at our weekly Net.

A request was made for Net Control Operators and commitments given for:

July-Darlene Ragon

August-Darlene Ragon

October-Buzz Kutcher

November- Randy Beacham

December-

January-Franklin Cook

VE Team: Jess Porter

Testing Session to be held at BC Community Center on May 18, 2013 at 0930

Ham Cram and testing session to be held at Fire Station #7 on Saturday July 20, 2013 beginning at 0830 for the study portion and testing begins at 1630.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe

No significant information to share.

Field Day: Franklin Cook & Randy Beacham

Butts County will announce "Ham Radio Week" with a proclamation to be presented on May 13, 2013 at 1900 in the Butts County Admin Building. Members encouraged to attend if possible.

Are there any members with accounts on Facebook or Twitter that can place invitational messages pertaining to Field Day as the time draws closer?

Family Picnic to be held on Saturday evening June 22, 2013 in conjunction with Field Day.

June's monthly meeting will be held at Locust Grove UMC, 211 Peeksville Road at our regular meeting time of 1900 for a pre-planning meeting for Field Day.

The Butts County ARES group extended an invitation to our guest speaker, Leanora Style with GEMA, to attend our Field Day activities and especially our Family Picnic.

Skywarn Coordinator Report: Elaine Stachowiak

While attending a training meeting with NWS it was stressed how important local Hams calling in significant weather events are to the interpretation of radar images the NWS receives with the new Doppler system.

Information was discussed about the live NWS chat room during weather events and attendance guidelines will be posted on the Yahoo Group for members interested in viewing the activities.

The program used in the NWS chat is found at http://www.grlevelx.com/grlevel3_2/

Elaine mentioned the possibility of our group taking a tour of the NWS in Peachtree City sometime in the future.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher

Mike Crowe spoke briefly with high praise for the professionalism of the Hams participating in the Indian Springs 5K Race Saturday, May 4, 2013. He felt our communications with Net Control showed participants took their job seriously and had the desire to provide the needed support for the sponsors of the Race. Race themed Tee shirts were delivered to those that served that day.

B. Kutcher again stressed the importance of active ARES members completing the minimum FEMA online training classes ASAP, with particular emphasis on ICS 802.

Butts County ARES had 14 service opportunities in April, one being the Cheerio Challenge in Newton County. ARES members donated 100 service hours in April 2013.

ARES 2nd Quarter EMCOMM exercise will be held in conjunction with Field Day June 22, 2013
ARES 3rd Quarter EMCOMM exercise hopes to coordinate some type of activity with Spalding County.

Program Presentations are still needed for 3 months;
August—Darlene Ragon on 72 hour personal Go Bags for deployed members.

Club Business**Treasurers Report**

Balance of \$ 350.03

Old Business**New Business**

We need to begin working on our December Christmas Party Meeting.
Darlene Ragon volunteered to assist with plans.

Program

Our program was presented by Jacqueline Townes on the GO DAWGS system.

Raffle Funds

Tonight we raised \$37.00 for the repeater fund.