

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary
November 4, 2013
Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County Georgia

Attendance at Meeting: Dan Darsey, Jess Porter, Mike Crowe, Monica Ladson, Buzz Kutcher, Elaine Stachowiak, David Ridgeway, Chuck Sims, David Burnham, Darlene Ragon, John Lipscomb, Melvin Mosier, Glen Wyatt and Robert Swanson.

Office of Homeland Security Report: Director Glen Goens Reminder of the LEPC Exercise to be held November 12, 2013 beginning at 0830, which we have been invited to participate in. If you would like to be assigned to a station to work with contact Buzz Kutcher.

Treasurers' Report: Not given at this meeting.

Net Manager's Report: Dan Darsey Members, please ask for assistance as needed to enable you to check in to our Sunday net, as well at the WX4GMA Net, via Winlink. All you need is a computer to be able to do so. We really need to increase the numbers of members able to do Digital Comms. Also, if you are interested in checking into the Atlanta Metro ARES Net, it is possible to do so via Echolink. Contact Buzz Kutcher for further details.

VE Team: Jess Porter VE Testing session scheduled for Saturday November 16, 2013 at the Community Center, testing begins at 0900. Please spread the word to local residents that our Club will be sponsoring a Ham Cram at Fire Station 7 on January 18, 2014. Registration is limited to 10-12 participants. We are hoping to increase our club membership and trained ARES workers through this Ham Cram.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe Stan gave our Club an older McDonough repeater recently. Using this repeater as well as two other out of commission repeaters, we hope to be able to create one working repeater. Our club will soon need to have an 'Antenna Party' at Elaine Stachowiak's home, details to follow.

Field Day: Randy Beacham & David Burnham

Skywarn Coordinator Report: Elaine Stachowiak We are working towards having a tour of the Peachtree NWS facilities in Jan or Feb 2014. If you have aspects of the Skywarn program or meteorological questions in general please forward to Elaine so the presenters of our tour can address our interests.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher Members need to make it a priority to complete the ICS classes 100.b; 200.b; 700.a; 800.b and 802 as soon as possible. You are missing out on many continuing education opportunities by not having these basic classes. Here is the address to the site to access the classes. <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.aspx>
The installation of the antennas that Sylvan Grove purchased for ARES use is complete. The Tenet Communications Exercise was very successful, 9 members participated and we completed all tasks assigned.

Club Business

Old Business: Our club will be making a \$220 donation to the ARRL Scholarship Fund in memory of Johnny Lipscomb to the ARRL SE Division Vice-Chair at our Christmas Party scheduled on Thursday, December 5, 2013 1800 hours at Buckner's Restaurant.

Dan Darsey is to check on the price & availability of Club Tee Shirts with our logo.

The Club is still in need of volunteers to coordinate the Library materials and someone to research and report back to members on Club Liability Insurance.

Study Sessions for those who are interested in obtaining their Extra Class License will begin on the second and fourth Monday nights of each month at 1900 hours. Classes to be held at Fire Station 7. We will begin our first meeting on January 13, 2014. Students will be using the Gordon West manuals. Buzz Kutcher is going to look into purchasing the books at a modest discount since we will have several students. Contact Buzz for further information.

New Business: Several members of our Club that committed to its' creation have not paid their dues for 2013, please check your records and see if you accidentally overlooked doing so. Dues for the coming 2014 year will be \$20.00.

Program: Our members demonstrated and discussed the use of multi-meters and other meters useful to Ham Radio Operators in the performance of our ARES duties.

Coming Events: VE Session November 16, 2013
Christmas Party December 5, 2013
NBEMS Workshop November 23, 2013 Location: Henry County EMA Building
Meeting begins at 0800 hours. Bring your laptops.

Raffle Funds: We raised \$38.00 for the repeater fund tonight.