

## Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

October 6, 2014

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

**Attendance at Meeting:** Buzz Kutcher; Richard Turner; Brent Strite; Mike Crowe; David Burnham; Lee Dale; John Lipscomb; Darlene Ragon; Glenn Wyatt; Monica Ladson; Mel Mosier; David Ridgeway; Chuck Sims; JD Van Sickle; Tony Strite; Elaine Stachowiak; Randy Beacham; Dan Darsey; Whit Smith; Ed Hoard

**Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens** Mike Crowe and Darlene Ragon will attend the October 28, 2014 planning meeting to be held at Sylvan Grove Hospital Board Room for Butts County's Exercise "Out of Africa".

**Net Manager's Report: Ed Hoard** Net Control Operators: November: Darlene Ragon December: John Lipscomb  
January: Buzz Kutcher

**VE Team: Dan Darsey** Next VE Session is to be held on November 15, 2014 at the Butts County Recreational Center to start at 0900. Dan asked anyone that is qualified to assist with testing to please volunteer to help with this VE session. Dan also noted that a self-study class is available at the ARRL.org website to prepare one to become a VE. The next scheduled Ham Cram will be in January 2015, date to be announced as there may be a conflict with the annual Ga ARES meeting held in Forsyth, Ga.

**Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe** Mike will be adding a controller to our Club's repeater in the near future. Henry County will be changing to DMR radios and we may be able to do a group buy on Chinese radios for DMR at approximately \$188.00 each. Bring your Signal Link and HT radios to the October 18, 2014 "Go Kit" class.

**Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak** No update

**Field Day Committee: David Burnahm & Randy Beacham** No update

**Membership Chairman: Randy Beacham** No update

**Public Information Officer: Ed Hoard** The latest issue of the Club Newsletter, "The Repeater" has been posted at the Yahoo Group.

**EC Report: Buzz Kutcher** The Auxiliary Communications class is to be held, for those who have completed the required ICS online classes and registration, on October 18-19, 2014 at the GPSTC in Forsyth, Ga.

**Treasurers' Report:** Repeater Fund: \$665.00; General Fund: \$707.62;  
Raffle Tickets from Septembers' Meeting: \$15.00; Total Club Funds \$1372.62

**Club Old Business:** Christmas Dinner at Buckner's Restaurant to be held on Thursday December 6, 2014 at 6 pm. Jenkinsburg 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Event on October 25, 2014. We will be sponsoring a special event station from 1400-1600 that day and issuing special commemorative QSL cards to all those that call in on 20m. Tent set up will be held on Friday afternoon October 24<sup>th</sup>, contact Buzz Kutcher for further information. Bring your "Go Kits" to share with the public illustrating our quick deployment abilities.

Our Club's SET exercise will be held on October 25, 2014 in the early morning to allow us to participate in the Jenkinsburg Special Event.

**Club New Business:** Buzz reminded Club members that we all have access to a free email account via the ARRL.org website.

The Spin for Kids Race organized by the Morgan County ARES is in need of volunteers to help with communications, the race is on Sunday October 19, 2014. If you would like to help contact Dan Darsey or Mike Crowe.

The Stone Mountain Hamfest is November 1, 2014, advance ticket sales are at their online website.

Add to your calendar that Ham Jam is on November 8, 2014 in Alpharetta, more details to follow.

**Coming Events:** “Hungry Hams” breakfast at the Lunch Box in Jackson, Ga on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, October 18, 2014.

Meet at 0730 for breakfast and then travel on to Fire Station #7 for “Go Kit” class.

Simulated Emergency Test to be held Saturday October 25, 2014.

Jenkinsburg Special Event 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Saturday October 25, 2014

Stone Mountain Hamfest November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014

November 3, 2014 Program will be on Propagation Review and Beacons, bring your laptops to participate fully.

Christmas Dinner for Club Members Thursday December 4, 2014 at 1800 at Buckner’s Restaurant in Jackson, Ga.

TechFest to be held January 2015, more information coming on this great event.

October 18, 2014 an “Antenna Party” will be held at Lee Dale’s, K4JAO, home. Please volunteer your time if you can, it is a great opportunity to assist fellow club members improve or set up their stations as well as fun fellowshipping time.

**Monthly Program:** Rich Turner, WB4A, presented our monthly program. As an Official Observer Rich discussed this important program and also discussed Part 97 of the FCC Rule Book.

**Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting:** We raise \$63.00 for the Repeater Fund tonight in ticket sales. Thanks to all those who so generously donated items, please consider donating an item to our fund raising activities.