

Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

September 9, 2014

Meeting Held at Fire Station #7 Butts County, Georgia

Attendance at Meeting: Mike Crowe; Buzz Kutcher; Lee Dale; John Lipscomb; Glen Goens; Darlene Ragon; Ed Hoard; Glenn Wyatt; Monica Ladson; Mel Mosier; Larry Yarbrough; JD VanSickle; Elaine Stachowiak; Dan Darsey.

Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens No updates on the progress of the Mobile Command Vehicle.

Net Manager's Report: Ed Hoard We will be switching back to the Sylvan Grove Repeater this Sunday for our weekly Net. Buzz Kutcher volunteered to be Net Control for Jan 2015.

VE Team: Dan Darsey Dan asked for volunteers to assist with testing on September 20, 2014, 9 am at the Butts County Recreational Center.

Members discussed having a General Licensing Class to run for 8 weeks beginning in January 2015.

Next Ham Cram to be held January 17, 2015, more information to follow.

Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe Mike and Buzz continue to work on the Sylvan Grove Repeater, the duplexer has been removed and the Repeater has been reinstalled at the Hospital location. It is planned to add a Controller soon.

Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak Elaine provided handouts to members on how to register for the Spotter Program online to report severe weather. It was suggested to hold a Spotter class in March or April 2015.

Field Day Committee: David Burnahm & Randy Beacham

Membership Chairman: Randy Beacham Our club has 35 members; 22 paid members and 3 family memberships.

Public Information Officer: Ed is always looking for article and newsletter ideas for the 'Repeater'. Please forward any information to edhoard@yahoo.com.

EC Report: Buzz Kutcher AXCOM Course coming in October; 2 day class held at GPSTC classrooms in Forsyth, Georgia.

Other topics mentioned are listed in the Club Agenda for September 2014.

Treasurers' Report: General Funds \$706.62 Repeater Fund: \$650.00 Total Funds: \$1357.62

Club Old Business: The booth at the Butts County Fair drew many visitors and the Club won 3rd Place for booth design. Many thanks to those who generously gave of their time to serve. "Newbie Night" activities drew much approval from newer Club Hams and long time Club members thought it a great way to introduce new members to all the fun and learning Ham Radio offers.

Club New Business: Jenkinsburg "Founders' Day" celebrations on October 25, 2014 will find our Club sponsoring a special event that day. All Hams are welcome to call in to our station that day and will receive a special QSL card in memoriam. Ed Hoard and Buzz Kutcher will be arranging a meeting with the Jenkinsburg Mayor shortly.

A volunteer was requested to be our Club's QSL Manager: Darlene Ragon volunteered.

The monthly meeting of the "Hungry Hams" will reconvene on the third Saturday of each month at 7:30 am beginning on September 20, 2014. All Club members are welcomed to come and have a home cooked breakfast at the Lunch Box in Jackson, Georgia.

Coming Events: Our Clubs' Simulated Emergency Test will be held on Saturday, October 25th, 2014 early in the morning. After the Exercise we will man our booth at the Jenkinsburg 125th Anniversary Celebration. October 6, 2014 our speaker for our Monthly training will be Rich Turner, WB4A. he will be speaking on FCC Part 97 and the ARRL 'Official Observer' Program. There will be a Fldigi/Go Kit class held on October 18, 2014 at Fire Station 7 on Colwell Road starting between 8:30-9:00 am. (To begin after the "Hungry Ham" breakfast.)

Monthly Program: This months' program was a discussion on the upcoming SET Exercise being held on October 25, 2014. We also saw a power point presentation on the FEMA courses required for Club members to allow them to better serve communications during an event; this included a visit to the FEMA website and a review of the ARES member database log in procedures.

Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting: No raffle was held this month.