

## Butts County Georgia Emergency Communications Auxiliary

September 15, 2015

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

**Attendance at Meeting:** Mike Crowe; Dale Lee; Dan Darsey; Buzz Kutcher; Monica Ladson; John Lipscomb; Melvin Mosier; Darlene Ragon; Greg Reule; Elaine Stachowiak; Ken Wallis; Glenn Wyatt; Mark and Rhonda Baker; Dennis Wagner

**Office of Homeland Security/CERT: Director Glen Goens** We have 5 of our club members presently attending the CERT classes. Classes are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday evenings at 1900.

**Net Manager's Report: Ken Wallis** We are in need of a Net Control Officer for December 2015, if you can volunteer please contact Ken Wallis.

Buzz will be acting as Back-up NCO for Ken on October 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as Ken is out of town.

Net Control Officer for January 2016 will be Buzz Kutcher and February 2016 will be Elaine Stachowiak.

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

**VE Team: Dan Darsey** Next VE Session will be September 19, 2015; Volunteer VE's need to report to the Butts County Recreation Center at 0900. Pre VE Session breakfast is at 0730 at the Lunch Box in Jackson.

Dan also needs assistance with the Hamfest testing sponsored by Newton County on September 26, 2015.

Please contact Dan for further information.

Our next Club sponsored Ham Cram will be held on January 16, 2016 at Fire Station #7; more details to follow.

**Repeater/Technical Committee: Mike Crowe** The Club Repeater has been successfully relocated into the Switch Room at Sylvan Grove Hospital and the pre-amp installed.

**Skywarn Coordinator: Elaine Stachowiak**

**Field Day Committee: David Burnahm & Randy Beacham**

**Membership Chairman: Randy Beacham**

**Public Information Officer: Ed Hoard** Please remember to read and share the very informative Club Newsletter, "The Repeater" with family and friends. This newsletter gives a good overview of the valuable services rendered by our dedicated Club members. Thanks to Ed for all his hard work to produce such a nice newsletter each month, truly a labour of love for our Club!

**EC Report: Buzz Kutcher** Buzz announced that Ed Hoard had accepted the daunting job as Emergency Coordinator for Ham Radio services in Pike County. We send our best wishes for his appointment and pledge to assist him with his efforts to serve the residents of Pike County.

The Club is in need of a flat screen computer monitor to use at the Sylvan Grove Hospital Station and a wall clock. If you have an unused monitor just gathering dust please consider donating it to this need. As always we are grateful for the generosity and support of our Club members!

The Butts County 911 Center will not be involved in the October 3, 2015 SET exercise.

**Treasurers' Report:** General Fund: \$854.51 Repeater Fund: \$680.00 Total Funds: \$1534.51

**Club Old Business:** The annual Club audit is finished with no errors found in the report. Thanks to the audit committee for their efforts.

We had 14 members of the BCECA attend the D-STAR and DRATS class held in classrooms on the Henry Regional Hospital campus. The Club By-Laws need reviewing and some changes made; look for an informational document on the Yahoo Group for members' to review soon.

**Club New Business:** The Butts County Fair will be held October 27-31, 2015; our Club has again been invited to have a display booth on the activities of the BCECA in service to the community. Please contact David Ridgeway to volunteer your help and further details. There will be a set-up activity on the Saturday before the Fair opens; October 24, 2015. A motion was made by Mike Crowe that we use Club funds to purchase a roll of 100 'Forever' stamps for Club use in mailing out QST cards. Dan Darsey seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

**Coming Events:** Simulated Emergency Test; October 3, 2015 from 0900 until 1200.  
"Spin for Kids Race" to be held on October 18, 2015. Volunteers needed, please contact Mike Crowe or Buzz Kutcher for details.  
Stone Mountain Hamfest November 7 and 8, 2015

**Monthly Program:** Our program tonight was given by Buzz Kutcher discussing how Amateur Radio fits into the ICS (Incident Command System) structure. Back ground history on the formation of the ICS structure was discussed; the chain of command in an ICS activity and the importance of taking the FEMA ICS courses on-line was stressed to members.

In order for Ham Operators to be able to serve in a professional way we NEED to understand the way an incident is run. Please make every effort to take these classes so that our Club can maintain and improve the standards we aspire to in our service to emergency response departments and the community in general.

**Raffle Funds Raised this Meeting:** The Club raised \$46.00 with raffle items at this meeting. Thanks to our generous members and remember to give donation items to Tony Strite for the 'Box'.