



# Martin County ARES/RACES, Inc.

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## Minutes of November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004 meeting

### Members Present: (17)

KE4LQC	KD4PQQ	N1XC	AI7Q	KF4CDD
KI4CAN	KF4RNM	KG4QNB	WA3NIW	WA4NGR
KF4NIZ	KG4OCV	N3MQO	N4IGS	KD4HST
KD4HSS	KG4AJC	Harold Fay		

### Guests Present: (2)

Bob Minerna                      Miguel Llanes

### Call to Order: 1930

**Minutes:** N1XC read the minutes and they were approved by membership present

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer N4BG is out of town. N1XC reported that are \$60 of new deposits and \$17.90 in website expense reimbursements for a net balance of \$1049.10. Deposits and reimbursements will be made when N4BG returns later in the month.

### Committee Reports:

**Public Relations/Recruitment:** KD4PQQ gave short report of the activities the committee have accomplished. They have recruited 2 new committee members, KG4GEF and KK4GBG. They have compiled a list of possible PR/recruitment activities and the committee is in process of prioritizing and evaluating them for a report to the general membership at the December meeting. Because of the Holiday's it was decided to start the PR/Recruitment drive at the first of the year and hold the classes in February.

**Training:** AI7Q reported that he does not have his teaching schedule at his job with IRCC for the upcoming quarter yet. When he does we can set a night for classes. WA3NIW offered to assist instructing the class. N1XC and N4IGS offered to help but they are both unavailable on Tuesday evenings.

**Emergency Plan:** N1XC reported that the current emergency plan is currently being typed into an electronic document and will be used as a basis for the new plan. At present our request to Volunteer Florida to spend the remaining grant money from last year for 3 cross band repeat mobiles and 3 dual band handhelds has yet to be approved.

## **Old Business:**

### **Jamboree on the Air 16 October 2004**

N1XC read the following:

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's Jamboree on the Air a success! Saturday we introduced Amateur Radio and Emergency Management to 26 scouts, 8 siblings, and 19 parents.

The visitors were treated to a tour of the EOC, 911 call center, and the Mobile Command Post. While in the Mobile Command Post they were given the opportunity to make HF SSB contacts with other scouts across the US and in other countries. While waiting their turn in the Mobile Command Post many scouts enjoyed talking to several of our local hams via the repeater on VHF. During the tour of the Operations room, the visitors learned what role the Division of Emergency Management played in the response and recovery from hurricanes Frances and Jeanne and how they can help in the next emergency.

The 911 dispatchers on duty - Pete Quinn, Kevin Twombly, and Aaron Hardy did an excellent job explaining the function of the 911 center and stressed to the visitors what information is necessary should they find themselves in a situation where calling 911 was required.

David Webster of the Housing and Urban Development Agency gave an explanation of his agency's hurricane recovery efforts to each of the groups. He also urged that anyone with personal knowledge of people needing help in the recovery to please assist those people in contacting the proper agencies to receive the support they need.

Martin County ARES/RACES personnel -- Judy and Bill Sandel, Lou Timmerman, Gus Berges, Russ Ackermann, Dick Gidley and Ron Tagg deserve a big THANK YOU for their efforts too! Without their assistance the event would not have been a success.

## **Meeting night**

it was decided by the membership that our new meeting night will be the second Thursday of each month starting with the December meeting.

## **New Business:**

**Stuart Christmas Parade** KG4OCV and KD4PQQ agreed to organize our participation in the parade.

## **Toy Drive:**

Lisa Raynes says “oh my gosh! \$1500 and 3 offices full of toys” 2 schools one in North Carolina and 1 in New Jersey sending truckload

Nov 19<sup>th</sup> moving toys from United Way to Fairgrounds will be film crews from PBS station from Miami who is doing a story on the drive for the show New Florida

Dec 8 7pm fairgrounds to unload truck of toys from North Carolina

**SET/Campout:** N4IGS and WA3NIW agreed to organize this event.

## **NEW EOC:**

N1XC met with Bob Harding and discussed antenna needs for the new EOC to be built at the Sheriff office complex on Monterey Rd. Basically will have a horizontal antenna stretched diagonally across the top of building supported by 15 foot towers at each end. VHF and UHF antennas will be mounted on the towers. The building is 2 stories tall with 14 foot ceilings so we should be at least 40 feet above the surrounding terrain. Repeaters will remain in their present location so a radio with cross band repeat may be necessary to allow operators flexibility to move about the EOC and still maintain access to the repeaters.

At present there is only room for 2 consoles but that should be sufficient ...

**Saturday Scouting for food** 10 – 1 need help receiving the food from the scout units at the fairgrounds

**MCARA Picnic:** KG4OCV and KD4PQQ discussed the picnic this weekend and took a head count of those planning to attend.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 2038

## Notes from PR/Class Ads Committee

### Possible Actions:

Contact Stuart News on a possible 2 part Amateur Radio articles with interviews from Steve Blary and Peter Lynch. **G. Berges**

Contact Hometown News on a possible 2 part Amateur Radio articles with interviews from Steve Blary and Peter Lynch. **G. Berges**

Contact PB Post (Sally Schwartz), and Stuart News on a possible 2 part Amateur Radio articles with interviews from Steve Blary and Peter Lynch. **R. Tagg**

Contact Stuart News for ads in the “Whats Up” section for the class announcement

Check prices for ads in Hometown News, Flashes

Contact TreasureGuide for update to phone no. (288-7303) and see if a few more words can be added (Hurricane relief tasks, etc). **R. Tagg**

Contact TCPalm to see if a short blurb about the class can be put on-line 2 –3 weeks before the class.

Contact MCTV20 via Louie to see if we can get a full 15 min “focus” report on ARES. Provide stills and video if available.

Contact Tommy Teeter, WSTU- 220-9788, fax 220-4245, voice mail 223-7509. **R. Tagg**

Contact Blue screen, Ch 17? For ad, 3 weeks prior to class. **R. Tagg**

Contact Ch 5, 12, and WTCN15 for short ads or a 5-10 min. “focus” piece on Sun am show.

Contact ARRL for permission to air portions of or the entire Walter Cronkite CD. ( for above airings on Ch 5, 12, 15, MCTV20). **R. Tagg**

Get J. Pelikan test video to Louie- good enough quality? If so, conduct full console staged drill for video at the Dec. meeting. If not, find someone who can bring a good high resolution video camera. Make up scripts. Tripod.

Work up some action video w/Louie- 30 and 60 sec spots ending with the class ad. This can go on CD or DVD and be sent to all TV contacts. Louie already have some EOC footage?

Operators at EOC handing and receiving msgs from K Holman

Full radio console staffed and moving msgs.

Contact ARRL for additional footage above and beyond Walter Cronkite CD. **R. Tagg**

Ask ARES membership if anyone has video coverage of storms they can let us have a copy.

Pull together still photos of above activities.

Scan 20-30 of the best shots onto CD and make copies (10) to hand out to all media to use in pieces/articles they do.

Conduct a mini-hurricane fair at mall "Community Booth" 2 weeks prior to class. Have nice ARES handouts to give.

Contact Rob Shelt on tips for recruiting. Can he get us airtime thru his contacts?

Contact CERTS personnel (ones that signed up but did not take CERTS course)- Louie's approach. **S Blary to get data base from K. Holeman.**

Contact Fire Dept commander (Chief Alter?) that requested our help. Arrange to advertise in his arena.

Mail-out to the 400 inactive hams of Martin Co. via zipcode mailing list (did Woody Lee keep the returned ones we got back last time?)

Membership push for class enrollment- relatives, spouses, friends.

Conduct class at MCHS Adult Ed?- gets more county exposure in their ads. Downside is the course fee.