

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club Christmas dinner/meeting on December 5, 2011; Ryan's Steakhouse Bluefield, VA.

<http://www.erarc.com> The dinner commenced around 5:45pm.

The ERARC December Christmas dinner/meeting was opened around 6:30pm by Doug Ritchey WG8D, ERARC President. He welcomed the 24 members and guests in attendance for dinner and especially welcomed Bob Frazier WB8NRK and his wife Joyce. Doug asked if there was any pressing business that needed attention. Don Anderson WD8OOR made an announcement about the "new-to-us" 147.06 -600 Micor hybrid-controlled repeater that he hopes to have on the air this Saturday afternoon. It has a 100% duty cycle and should serve us well. Don noted that the 'old' repeater weighed around 20 pounds and that this one weighs around 135 pounds. He hopes that its footprint is similar or better than the original 147.06 which worked very well from Hansonville, Va. to the Blacksburg/Christiansburg, Va. areas. Doug noted that the 2011-12 ERARC membership handbook was now in print and thanked Don Anderson for all of his hard work in making the handbook a reality. Don put in a lot of hours to see the book to fruition. Don thanked Roger Stefancic KC8GLR and Harold Hodges N8NCP for helping actually put the books together last night. Several members volunteered to deliver many of the books in order to save almost two dollars per mailing for the Club.

Doug, Bill Sowers K8WBS and Ginny Fisher KF4YBU gave out donated door prizes to the attendees. We appreciate all of those that donated items for the giveaway.

Doug asked if there was any further business, comments, etc. from the crowd. There were none. Doug asked Dallas Peyton W8DP to see us out with prayer. Doug wished all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The dinner/meeting was over by 0710pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.

TO DO LIST:

- 1) Antenna for the Bluefield, Va. Rescue Squad (ongoing per Lonnie Underwood)