

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club Christmas dinner/meeting held on December 2, 2013; Ryan's Steakhouse Bluefield, VA. <http://www.erarc.com>

The meeting was opened at 730pm by Bill Sowers K8WBS, ERARC Vice President. There were 17 members and guests in attendance. All were welcomed.

Bill talked about trying to get more people to attend the meetings and asked for ideas about how to do that. He said that Trancy Belcher KA8CFR is looking for a mobile 2M radio and Ed Viers KD4WOO said that he had one that Trancy could have.

Doug Ritchey WG8D thanked all of the ERARC officers, both current and past well as Don Anderson WD8OOR and others who do a great job in keeping the Club running as well as keeping the repeaters on the air. Mike Puckett KD4MFO gave a short talk on his "chirp" software that will virtually program any amateur radio (with this capability). Once he gets all of the local repeaters, NOAA broadcast frequencies, etc. into his database he can simply email this information to others and with the appropriate free software and USB-to-radio wiring can program many different radios.

Don Anderson mentioned that two guys from Tazewell have been charged with felonies by hacking the digital "PL" tones for the Va. State Police, Sheriff's Office, etc. so that they could hear their TRANSMISSIONS over the air. Mike Puckett said that these two guys are just being made examples of to keep others from trying to do the same.

Bill pulled numbered tickets and gave out gifts to those in attendance. Don Williams W4VT won the

BIG door prize. Congratulations. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

The meeting was over by 758pm. Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.

(the gifts above were ALL donated by members in attendance at this meeting.)