

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on January 4, 2016 at Ryan's Steakhouse in Bluefield, VA.

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local emergency HF freq: 3.860+-5.

Backup meeting location at Burger King, Bluefield, Va

The meeting was opened at 700pm by Harold Hodges N8NCP, ERARC President. There were 12 members/guests in attendance. Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes of the November meeting. (There was no formal meeting in December) There were no changes made and they were approved.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR, ERARC Treasurer, gave his report. He deposited \$16.00 in renewals for membership. There are now 64 paid members in the Club. Harold asked Jay Belt K8CTI if the Magic Jack telephone device had been installed on the 145.49. He's still working on that. Hooger mentioned that he still has not heard anything from the BSA Buckskin Council concerning our placement of a crank-up tower on their property at Camp Roland. This would double as an alternate flagpole also.

Don Anderson WD8OOR offered his repeater report. The 147.06 is working well and the ERARC Echolink is via this machine. Bill Sowers K8WBS said that there are now over 999,000 registered Echolink users.

Digital Mobile Radio (DMR): Chris Hatcher KC8AFH had sent an email to Hooger saying that he's working on tying analog repeaters to digital repeaters if we would possibly be interested in trying something like this to let him know. Discussion.

Harold said that the new WV ARES District Manager is seeking an EC for Mercer County.

Hooger read an email from Ed Evans WV8ED concerning Jamboree on the Air this coming October. The Boy Scouts usually have their Fall Camporee in mid-September and Ed is trying to get the BSA District to change it to mid-October in order to hold a JOTA event at Boy Scout Camp Roland. He wants to know if the Club would be interested in helping with this event. Ed already had permission to use the K2BSA/8 call. Discussion. We will help with this event.

Harold said that under our 501©3 not-for-profit status, we are to help our fellow man in some way. We have entered an agreement with Virginia Skywarn, Blacksburg, Va. for them to use our 145.49- and/or 147.06- repeaters in order to receive weather reports, hail size, damage, etc. from Amateurs in our area.

Harold also mentioned that we've entered into a lease for tower space at the 145.49 repeater site with K2 Towers, the new owners of the facility. The cost will be \$1 per year and is renewable each August. Jay Belt will be our contact person for this endeavor.

Don Anderson said that there is still a whole lot of Ham Radio related 'stuff' at the former home of Bob Frazier, WB8NKR, SK. Discussion. If anyone knows of a dealer, etc. who may be interested in these items to

please contact one of us. He said that there are boxes and boxes of new resistors, etc. and many QST magazines from the 70s on up.

George Leedy KJ4BXS started out asking about how we could get the hobby into the public's eye and the discussion blossomed into a good discussion on how we could possibly advertise, show, etc. the hobby.

FIELD DAY list: look for a new rotor for the tower.

The meeting was over by 746pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.

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