



# East River Amateur Radio Club

## W8MOP

### Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2012

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Location: Ryan's Steakhouse 535 Commerce Drive Bluefield, VA.

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Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on July 2, 2012 The July ERARC meeting was opened at 703pm by Doug Ritchey WG8D, ERARC President. There were 15 members and guests in attendance.

**President's Report:** Doug mentioned that Bill Sowers K8WBS, ERARC VP had hip replacement last week and is home doing well. The severe storms in the area were mentioned and it was noted that the East River repeater site was still without power. Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Sec. said that his wife heard on the radio today that people should hold onto their "Second Chance Rocks the Two Virginia's" concert tickets as the two musicians that did not get to play on Friday evening (due to the storm) will be coming back to play for the crowd sometime in the future. THERE ARE FIELD DAY PICTURES ON FACEBOOK.

**Secretary's Report:** Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes from the June meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Roger Stefancic KC8LGR ERARC Treasurer gave his report: This month has seen a deposit of \$47.00 for memberships, has paid two phone bills in the amount of \$19.74 each and as of tonight, there are 103 paid memberships.

**Field Day Report:** Don Anderson WD8OOR reported that the FD crew went to the 911 Center on Saturday morning and loaded up the 911 Center's communication trailer with antennas, feed lines, etc. and then towed it, the 911 Center's generator and the Club's tower trailer to Camp Roland. The smaller 1500kw ERARC generator has new oil and fuel as well as having Stabil® added and is in storage as is the large ERARC generator. The 911 generator failed as the fan belt broke due to a rusty idler pulley during the event. Bob Hoge N8RIR was reportedly appreciative for the Club taking care of the 911 Center's equipment. Roger Stefancic and Randall Hash WB4BBF used their own computer logging software which allowed easier tracking of contacts. There were 100 40M CW contacts (Randall Hash) at 5 watts or less, 90-40M SSB contacts (Roger, et. al.), 45 15M SSB contacts (Gary Kadar N8GK) and 60-20M SSB contacts (Harold Hodges N8NCP, et. al.) made during the event. Don said that there were about 35 attendees at the pot-luck dinner.

**From Roger Stafancic:** This is the 27 alpha station set up we worked at field day . Search "w3ao" on YouTube also. <http://www.n3aln.com/W3AOFD2012.htm>

**ERARC ARRL VE Test Session:** Gary Kadar mentioned that the next ARRL VE test session would be on August 11 at the Mercer County 911 Center.

**September VHF Contest:** Gary Kadar said that other amateurs are invited to participate in the ARRL

September 8-10, 2012 VHF contest on Oneida peak, just above Springville, Va. See: <http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf>. He also brought to our attention the untimely passing of Tom Mallory N4AZJ in Bland, VA and Sidney Puckett KF4CPM in Rocky Gap, VA

**Repeater Report:** Don said that the 145.49 and 442.45 machines were without power and that they should come back online when the power to the mountain is restored.  
Jim Bailey KD8HAQ reported on the 147.135 Dismal Peak net at 830pm on most evenings. He said that there is a great need for additional net controllers as there are only three or so running the net now.

**Hamfest:** Doug asked Harold Hodges about the June 9 Black Diamond Hamfest in Beckley. He reported that it was a very nice place for the event, had a relatively small crowd and that he and David Sexton AB8D enjoyed themselves.

**ERARC Elections:** Doug again said that he was not seeking the elected office of President this fall.

The meeting was over by 0802pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.

Check out a radio-active site at: [W8MOP](#) The East River Amateur Radio Club. We'll be glad that you did! and the ERARC Facebook pages [EAST-RIVER-AMATEUR-RADIO-CLUB](#) on [Facebook](#).

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