

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on March 3, 2014 at Burger King in Bluefield, VA. <http://www.erarc.com>

The meeting was opened at 710pm by Bill Sowers K8WBS, ERARC Vice President. There were 8 members in attendance. All were welcomed. This meeting was at Burger King due to Ryan's closing early due to inclement weather. We especially welcomed Bruce Puckett KJ4YTR from Bluefield, VA. Bill suggested that we officially make Burger King our backup meeting location. All agreed.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the February minutes. He noted that Dave Lester N8VFR, the erarc.com webmaster has updated the membership page(s) on that site.

Don Anderson WD8OOR talked about the requirements for an ARES Emergency Coordinator (EC) and suggested that we research these requirements and report on them at the next meeting.

<http://www.arrl.org/emergency-coordinator>

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR, ERARC Treasurer, gave his report. He paid a phone bill in the amount of \$21.98.

John Riddle N8RIG is still working on the packet and APRS modems/software/hardware. He mentioned that he has a replacement antenna for the 53.37 repeater on East River Mountain and talked to Jay Belt K8CTI about getting it on the tower. He has a computer for the 2M Echolink but it needs memory. There was talk about memory types, etc. Bill Sowers suggested that Club members who have computer memory 'lying around' donate it to the Club if not needed. We will make a "memory depository" for future need. He suggested that John be responsible for holding onto the memory cache.

Gary Kadar N8GK said that there were 6 testees that showed up for the February test session. There were 2 new Technicians, two General upgrades and one Extra upgrade. The ERARC VE team has a balance of \$385.71.

Hooger passed around the flyer for the Charlotte, NC Hamfest this weekend

<http://www.charlottehamfest.org>, and the Charleston, WV Hamfest and Computer Show the next weekend.

Charleston Hamfest and Computer Show 03/15/2014

Location: Coonskin Armory 1707 Coonskin Drive Charleston, WV 25301

Sponsor: Charleston Hamfest Committee **Type:** ARRL Hamfest

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He also passed around a certificate for the September 2012 VHF contest for W8MOP; N8GK and KC8LGR, ops. first place for multioperator WV section. There was a letter explaining the tardiness of the award.

Old business: After discussion, it was decided that the ERARC will use HF 3.860 +-5 for use in case of emergency and/or if all repeaters are out.

Jay Belt mentioned that there will be a car show and fly-in at the Mercer County airport sometime in May. He said that airplane rides will be given.

The meeting was over by 755pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.