

February 6, 2012; Ryan's Steakhouse Bluefield, VA.

**<http://www.erarc.com>**

The February ERARC meeting was opened at 700pm by Doug Ritchey WG8D, ERARC President. There were 18 members and guests in attendance. Doug had a handout for those in attendance which included: "MISSION STATEMENT: 'To promote fellowship between amateur radio operators, radio enthusiasts and the general public. To bring new people into the hobby by informing, teaching, and examining for license. To promote cooperation with outside clubs and associations to our mutual benefit and the overall good of amateur radio. To have fun with all things radio.'" Doug welcomed all and introduced: Jim Hayes N8OLF and his wife, Ernest Johnston who just passed his Technician license last night, Kathleen Tabor who is in the process of studying for her license and Brent Houston NØZBH, from Kansas City, now living in Wythe County, Va. Doug thanked Jim Bailey KD8HAQ and Lonnie Underwood KI4EED for holding Technician classes in Princeton during the past several weeks. The four fellows in that class tested out last night and all passed their exams.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes from the January meeting. There were no additions, corrections or deletions noted.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR gave the treasurer's report. He paid a phone bill for \$19.95, paid the State of West Virginia for our business license for \$25.00, made a donation for \$30.00 to the Bluefield Union Mission in memory of the Lee family and sent \$30.00 to the Southeast Repeater Association.

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Roger mentioned that there were 98 members at this time last year and that there are 89 as of tonight.

**Gary Kadar N8GK mentioned the upcoming ARRL VE test session this Saturday, February 11 at 9am at the Mercer County 911 Center.**

Doug asked Gary and Roger if they could do a program on Radio Direction Finding for the next meeting.

Don Anderson WD8OOR gave a program on the coverage-area footprints for the 145.40 and 147.06 machines as well as how their coverage areas overlap, antenna orientation, etc. Any DTMF tones passed through the '06 will be picked up and processed by the '49 so, as an example; the autopatch will work if going through the '06.

Members can DTMF a four digit number to connect and/or disconnect the remote base between '06 and the 440 link. Don hopes to be able to acquire a "new-to-us" MS 5000 Motorola repeater to replace the 444.45 machine and put it at the Windmill Gap site along with '06.

The meeting was over at 809pm.

February 17, 2012 Plateau ARA Hamfest, Oak Hill, WV

<http://plateauamateurradio.com/>

March 17 2012 Charleston, WV Area Hamfest and Computer Show, Inc.

<http://www.w8gk.org/docs/HamfestFlyer2012.pdf>

April 17, 2012 Raleigh, NC Hamfest

<http://www.rars.org/hamfest>

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.

- 1) **TO DO LIST:** Antenna for the Bluefield, Va. Rescue Squad (ongoing per Lonnie)

Check out a radio-active site at: <http://www.erarc.com>, The East River Amateur Radio Club. We'll be glad that you did!>.,.,.'~'.><(((0>.,.,. ><(((0>'.,.,.'~'.><(((0>