

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on July 1, 2013; Ryan's Steakhouse Bluefield, VA.

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The meeting was opened at 700pm by Stephen Rector W8QHC, ERARC President. There were 13 members and guests in attendance. All were welcomed and were invited to join with the Pledge of Allegiance due to the upcoming holiday.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the June minutes. No changes were noted.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR, ERARC Treasurer, gave his report. He paid a phone bill in the amount of \$20.80 and paid \$300.00 for our liability insurance policy. He reminded all that membership renewals are due by August 31.

John Riddle gave a repeater report. The 147.06 is plagued with paging noise but is doing well. The 442.45 and 145.45 are doing OK. His 53.37 repeater needs a new antenna which he has on hand but needs it installed. Echolink on 442.45 is down but is working on 145.49.

Field Day report: "A good time was had by all". Gary Kadar N8GK was thankful that Bill Turner KK4RFA was there during his 15M setup and kept his tower from falling on his head. FD operations were from 2 to 1030 pm Saturday and 8am to 11am on Sunday. Our designation was 6A Virginia, meaning that we had 6 transmitters on the air maximum at any one time and that we had a 'Club'

FD setup in Virginia. It was mentioned that the Saturday 6pm potluck dinner was just great. Stephen said that it was good to meet Paul Gonzalez KT4AS and his wife Gaynell during the meal.

Roger said that he had heard the "bear hunters" transmitting illegally on 144.89 on Sunday.

Gary said that the next VE test session would be on August 10. He said to remember the September ARRL VHF contest on September 14-17, 2013.

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He mentioned that Lee Brooks', SK, friend had contacted him and let him know that there were a lot of 1970s QST magazines at his home and that anyone who wanted them could get them. They are still in their packaging.

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Hooger read a letter from the WV State Amateur Radio Council announcing the WV State ARRL Convention at Jackson's Mill on August 17 in Weston, WV. They are producing a program for the event and are taking donations for their "booster" page which will include the name and call sign of the donor for \$1.00. There were 5 members who donated to the cause tonight. The due date is August 3 and we meet next time on August 5. Hooger will go ahead and mail the signup sheet and funds in to Ann Rinehart, KA8ZGY, the WVSARC Secretary.

Earnest Johnston KD8RRM said that there is a fellow in Elgood, WV who has a self supporting 40 foot tower for

sale that is complete with about 10 antennas still mounted on the tower. The owner wants \$100 for the whole thing and will help dismantle it. Earnest showed pictures on his camera and did say that the tower itself is in great shape. His address per QRZ is: 409 Kirk St., Princeton, WV 24740  
The meeting was over by 733pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC  
Secretary.

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Randall had a 4 engine hover craft that took these pictures. Randall operated the 20M CW position for FD.