

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on January 7, 2013; Ryan's Steakhouse Bluefield, VA. <http://www.erarc.com>

The meeting was opened at 700pm by Steve Rector KA8QHC, ERARC President. There were 28 members and guests in attendance. He welcomed all to the meeting and wished all a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the November minutes since there was no business transacted during the December meeting. No changes were noted by the membership.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR ERARC Treasurer gave his report: He paid a phone bill in the amount of \$20.19. He has at least 3 renewals just tonight. **ROGER IS STILL ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. IT'S STILL \$15 PER AMATEUR AND \$1 PER ADDITIONAL AMATEUR AT THE SAME MAILING ADDRESS. PLEASE RENEW! SEND TO: P.O. BOX 1362, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701.**

Repeater report: Don Anderson WD8OOR said, "some work, some don't." A mouse got into the case on the weather receiver radio and made a meal of some of the parts and is out of commission. Don contacted the Wx radio company and they will sell us a new one for \$500 and will give a trade-in value of \$100. Don said that he will seek repair and get an estimate. The 145.49 has a problem. It will work fine then the volume gradually decreases to painfully low levels and he's not sure why. He's reseated the ICs on the boards, which usually fixes such a problem, but this did not work. He is trying to get power supplies for the APRS (144.39) and packet (145.69) radios and get them back on the air. The '49 autopatch is not working at present as he needs to do some 'repairs' on that system. John Riddle N8RIG said that the 54.37 6M machine has very low volume and power and Jay Belt K8CTI and Don said that the 6M antenna is the

problem. John has a replacement antenna that they were not aware of.

No old business.

New business: Don Anderson introduced Mark Williams KQ4Q of Bluefield, Va. to the Club. (Mark has the 224.86 machine on Dismal Peak) He talked about public service as it relates to Amateur Radio and his personal experiences with public services since he was 12 years old. He is also representing the Greater Bluefield Jaycees (The United States Junior Chamber) public service Club. Their Club has decided to make a sizeable donation to the East River Amateur Radio Club and Mark presented the check to Stephen Rector, the ERARC President. Mark, as well as the Jaycee board have been in contact with members of the ERARC to see if their donation could help along the line of public service administration. The members present gave Mark their wholehearted thanks. We will be sure thank the Jaycees for their generosity and confidence.

George Leedy KJ4BXS stood and gave his congratulations to the Amateur Radio community, the Club and the local Hams for all that they do for the communities that we all live in. He has been so impressed with what can be done when our services are needed. Gary Kadar N8GK mentioned the Hamfests that we all worked every June in Bluefield and how hard we worked to raise money for the Club and for service to the community. He was personally and deeply appreciative of this donation.

Stephen passed out a card to all of those in attendance which reads: "

"CQ CQ CQ

You are invited

East River Amateur Radio Club

First Monday of each month

Ryan's Steakhouse Bluefield, Va.

6:00pm Dinner 7:00 pm Meeting

145.49 MHz

147.06 MHz (-offset)

442.445

no tones needed

Hope to see you there! 73! K".

He suggested that we, as Hams, put them under the wiper blade of other Amateur's vehicles that we see while out in public in order to introduce the Club to them and to ourselves. He suggests putting our Name, Call, etc. on the back of the card.

This "CQ Card" has the ERARC logo in green and yellow included on the front as well as the CQ and East River Amateur Radio Club in green. The back of the 4.5 x 5.5" card is blank. One could also add an address and a stamp and make a postcard out of it.

Steve asked those in attendance to introduce themselves, give their call sign and tell what was their first radio and which radio was their favorite.

The meeting was over by 8pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC
Secretary.