

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on June 6, 2016 at Valley Country Restaurant in Green Valley, WV. <http://www.erarc.com> local emergency HF freq: 3.860+-5. Backup meeting location at Burger King, Bluefield, Va. The meeting was opened at 7pm by Harold Hodges N8NCP, ERARC President. There were 13 members/ guests in attendance. Harold welcomed all to the meeting.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes of the May meeting. There were no changes made and they were approved.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR, ERARC Treasurer, gave his report. He paid \$300 for liability insurance, deposited \$11.00 in donations. He said that all of the 'big' bills have been paid for the year. THERE ARE TWO MORE SAMS CLUBS SLOTS (THRU THE CLUB) AVAILABLE IF ANY MEMBER IS INTERESTED. Harold asked that we all think about taking an ERARC office for the upcoming year. The President and Treasurer's offices will be up for some new blood for sure.

Don Anderson WD8OOR gave a repeater report. The 442.45 FM and 444.45 DMR repeaters are working well. The 145.49 and 147.06 machines are plagued with noise from time to time. He said that he has a plan on taking care of the '49s problem. He has contacted the WV 911 communications director concerning noise from 911 sites but has not heard anything out yet. It was mentioned that one can go to <http://www.radioreference.com> and find frequencies for states, counties, etc. but they do not give specific locations of the repeater sites. Jay Belt K8CTI said that Mike Clemons KM4UCR donated some shielded cable to the Club for use with our internet systems at the repeater site(s). Thanks!

Keith Jennings gave a report on recent Club activities. There was a book signing for J.K. George at Hearthside Books and Princeton Library and the Club was well represented with the new ERARC banner and handouts. The Club was at the Mercer County air and car show at the airport. Keith said that there were about 25 or so attendees at the book signing and he talked to at least 200 people at the airport. He gave out ERARC round TUIs and information. Many of the people were interested in Ham Radio and they were invited to attend an ERARC meeting. The airport manager came by the table and he heard Keith check into a net from Germany. He was impressed to say the least. Keith would like to hold a Special Event Station at the 2017 air show. We do have permission to set up at the Mercer County Fair Aug 5-6 and if we help the organizers with their wireless PA system, they will forego the \$30 fee for a space.

When asked about the possible link to the 147.33 machine, Jay Belt said that he has talked to the person in McDowell County and the ball is now in his court. More to come.

Nothing new on the antenna/flagpole for Camp Roland.

Reminder about Field Day on June 25-26. See: <http://www.arrrl.org/field-day>. Don Anderson made a list for operations: 75M Harold Hodges, 40M CW Randall Hash WB4BBF, 20M Roger and 15M Gary Kadar N8GK. There will be a potluck dinner at 6pm at Field Day at Camp Roland. Keith asked that we think about holding FD in a more public place to gain members, etc. We will be able to use the 'new' rotor that Wayne McBride KC8EHD donated to the Club. The 911 Communications trailer and our tower trailer and equipment will be picked up at 1pm at the 911 Center on the Friday before FD and delivered to the site.

The VE test session last month netted 4 new Technicians and an Extra upgrade for Bruce Puckett KJ4YTR. Congratulations Bruce. Another person did not pass the Technician test.

Roger said that Skywarn was activated yesterday via the Blacksburg NWS and they contacted our area on the 145.49 machine. All of the bad weather was to the north and south of our area. Roger received an email from them concerning the activation.

The meeting was over by 740pm.

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