

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
August 11, 2004

The Pentagon Radio Amateur Club (PARC) met in the new OSD Conference Center, 2C554, and room #3, at 12:00 hours. Service men, government employees, and contractors working at the Pentagon attended.

The 11 club members in attendance were: Uldis Adamson-N4TE, Bret Eaton, Paul Esch, Neil Friedman-N3DF, Eric Hall-K9GY, Mark Hatcher-N0NKA, Claude Hennessey-KG4TVN, Hugh Katz-K3HU, Robert Lipp-W4LIP, Brian Sirois-N1DNZ, and Paul Valentino-K4FPF.

The Club will continue to meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Conference Center @ 12:00 hours.

1. Welcoming Remarks

One new PARC member attended the meeting:

Air Force Sergeant Mark Hatcher; Mark works in Reston, Virginia and resides with his wife at Bolling Air Force Base. He is an avid mobile radio amateur. Mark is an experienced communications repair technician.

2. Accomplishments

Since PARC's July 2004 meeting progress continues to be made:

- a. Doug Donnell installed his Hy-Gain multi-band vertical antenna.
- b. Master Sergeant Eric Hall worked 100 contacts in two hours during the North American QSO Party using Doug's antenna.

3. Special 9/11 Station Event

Ms. Allison Tullis, Webster Consultant Group, attended our meeting concerning the Pentagon Memorial Fund. Allison described the Memorial, which will be located in front of the West side of the Pentagon, immediately where Flight 77 was crashed. The Pentagon Memorial will be a park with memorial benches cantilevered over individual lighted reflecting ponds. There will be a bench for each life lost in the plane as well as in the Pentagon. Some 184 lives were lost, 59 aboard Flight 77. The benches will be grouped by age. When viewing the name of the person to who a memorial bench is dedicated, one will view the sky for Flight 77 victims and the Pentagon for victims killed inside the Pentagon.

Mr. Brett Eaton, Washington Headquarters Services (WHS) Communications, explained that construction and perpetual maintenance of the Pentagon Memorial is funded through private donations to the Pentagon Memorial Fund. To shorten the time that the Memorial is completed, WHS is proceeding with construction of the Memorial on a pay-as-you-go basis. The Pentagon Radio Amateur Club's Special 9/11 Station Event will commemorate the third anniversary of the 9/11/2001 attack throughout the worldwide radio amateur community and the construction of the Pentagon Memorial.

Details of the Event are as follows:

- a. Ms. Tullis will provide Pentagon Memorial Fund artwork to Doug Donnell that may be used in the design of QSL cards. Some 2000 cards are will be printed.

PARC's Special Station Event will commence Saturday morning, 11 September 2004, at 00:01 hours local time and terminate 24 hours later. Operations will be from the Club's Pentagon Station in room 5B272. Club member guests who are licensed radio amateurs are welcome. Should there be an over flow of member participation, a nearby station, K4NCS, is available for PARC use.

- b. Club members should provide Doug Donnell via E-mail the times they plan to participate. Doug will host daily a combined schedule on the Club's Website: www.k4af.org
- c. In the interest of informing as many hams as possible about the Pentagon Memorial it was agreed that self-addressed envelopes would not be required before QSL cards would be mailed. Ms. Tullis will inform the Club whether the Foundation would consider defraying the cost of printing and mailing the QSL cards.
- d. Brian Sirois, N1DNZ, will check out the Clubs transceivers for proper operation. Eric Hall reported that the FT-1000 had shut down unexpectedly, possibly due to overheating.
- e. Eric Hall volunteered to enter the Club's Station in the Log Book of the World.

4. Plan of Action

The following plan of action has been updated reflecting new initiatives and issues:

Action Item	Volunteer	Status
Completed Form 1450 (Club's Renovated Space Plan requirements)	Gene Kaiser	Open.
Log Book of the World entry	Eric Hall	Opened 8/11/04
Bank Account Ownership	Gene Kaiser	Open – Bank of America account closed two years ago.
Antenna Committee	Doug Donnell, Paul Esch, Robert Hughes/K4YWV, George Eveland/W8VG	Closed – Ongoing effort to install multi band vertical antenna.
9-11 Special Event Committee	Gene Kaiser	Open - On going
Station Custodian/Trusteeship	Gene Kaiser	Open – On going
Election Committee	MSG Hall/K9GY	Open
AF Personnel List	Maj Mottley, Doug Donnell	Closed - Notice sent via

	and Art Lutz/K5DID	Air Force's Pentagon electronic Information Bulletin to all AF personnel
ARES/RACES Affiliation	TBD	
9/11 Special Event QSL Cards	Doug Donnell	Open – On going.
North American QSO Party Registration. Sat, Aug 7 th , at 2pm EDT until Sun, Aug 8 th , at 2am (12hrs)	MSG Eric Hall	Closed - Single-op CW entry

- Following the meeting, Club members adjourned to the PARC station for an inspection and tour.
- The next PARC meeting is Wednesday, 11 August 2004, @ 12:00 hours, in room #6 of the new OSD Conference Center, 2C554

Respectfully submitted,
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