

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
December 3, 2008

As this was the annual club Christmas party meeting, no formal meeting was called to order by club president Dr. Gene Kaiser.

The 11 club members in attendance were: Uldis Adamsons-N4TE, Bruce Bryant-AB8CI, George Corron-AF4JH, Doug Donnell-KD4MD, Terry Hines-N4ZH, Steve Hubin-KJ4BGV, Gene Kaiser-KI4BUI, Phil Kania-KJ4GYJ, Gary Sessums-KC5QCN, Robert Warshel-KG6MGE, and Darrel Adams-KA5DWZ.

Club members enjoyed fellowship while eating Christmas cookies and punch and informally discussing club activities.

Mr. Uldis Adamsons stated that our P.O. Box rent was current and that the past due notice issued by the U.S. Postal Service was a paperwork error.

The status of the Pentagon Amateur Radio Club as an American Radio Relay League affiliated club was clarified. PARC has been an ARRL affiliated club since 1976. The club has lapsed into an inactive status for neglecting to submit an annual club report to the ARRL for two consecutive years. An updated club roster showing 51% ARRL membership has been submitted to the ARRL and our club should be restored to active status upon receipt.

With the upcoming physical move of the club from 5B272 to 5D1061A, a possible tour during our January meeting of the new radio room still under construction was discussed. Gene Kaiser will coordinate with PENREN for access.

Permission was secured from club member Chas Richard-W4HFZ to modify his Kenwood TM-D700A dual band VHF/UHF radio that is on loan to the club. The modification will allow operations on Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) frequencies and allow the club to access the Army MARS National Capitol Region wide-area VHF repeater. PARC now has the ability to conduct EmComm operations on HF, VHF, and UHF Amateur and MARS frequencies.

A new club membership roster was distributed to members present and will be distributed via e-mail. Additional paper copies of the roster will be available at the January meeting.

It was suggested that wall space in the radio room be cleared and new picture frames acquired to prominently display our PARC call signs: Amateur Radio call sign K4AF, Military Affiliate Radio System call sign AAN3PNT, National Communications System SHARES call sign AAN3PNT, and Department of Defense call sign WAR.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 7, 2009 at 12:00 PM in 5B272.