

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
April 1, 2009

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Gene Kaiser and was called to order at 12:11 pm. Introductions of members present were made. The start of the meeting was delayed to allow for escorted members to clear security and arrive at the radio room.

The 18 club members in attendance were: Uldis Adamsons-N4TE, Phil Kania-KJ4GYJ, Gary Sessums-KC5QCN, Hugh Katz-K3HU, Claude Hennessey-KG4TVN, Troy Warshel-KG6MGE, Daryl Noel-W4EC, Ken Roh-KB3OXX, Mike Bartos-KB3RES, George Corron-AR4JH, Jim Bennett-W9FW, Arnal Cook-N9ACC, Gene Kaiser-KI4BUI, Bruce Bryant-AB8CI, Rick Low-N6CY, John Croft-K3NJ, Curt Bartholomew-N3GO, and Mike Caiafa.

A motion was made by Mr. Phil Kania to approve the March 2009 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Captain Rick Low seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

Dr. Kaiser announced that we now have a new sponsor for PNT badges for club members that do not hold a Pentagon building pass. The first batch of requests for new badges and renewals has been submitted for processing.

Dr. Kaiser also passed around an alarmed space access request form for members to fill out. PARC member's information will have to be submitted to the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA) for processing to allow card swipe entry into the new radio room that is nearing completion in the newly renovated area of the Pentagon.

Captain Rick Low gave an update on the annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Military/Amateur Radio Communications Test that will be held on Saturday May 9, 2009. We will be using our W-A-R military call sign and broadcasting the Secretary of Defense digital message for amateur radio stations to copy. This will be the final on-air operating event from the current radio room before relocation to the new station.

Captain Low also announced that telephone patch equipment had been installed on the Kenwood TS-940S radio used for MARS/SHARES operations. This will allow phone patch operations during NS/EP events.

Mr. Gary Sessums reported that he was successful in acquiring the donation of a multimedia system for the radio room consisting of a 42" high definition flat screen monitor, television tuner, VCR/DVD combo, and stereo speakers.

Mr. Uldis Adamson gave an update on the proposed new PARC constitution and by-laws. He should have a final copy available for member's consideration by the next meeting.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 6, 2009 at 12:00 PM in 5B272.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03 PM.