

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
August 12, 2009

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Gene Kaiser and was called to order at 12:03 PM. Introductions of members present were made.

This was the first club meeting to be held in the new Pentagon MARS Station. Today's meeting was delayed by one week. We will resume the normal meeting schedule of the first Wednesday of each month starting in September 2009.

The 17 club members in attendance were: Uldis Adamsons-N4TE, Doug Donnell-KD4MD, Daryl Noel-W4EC, David Trachtenberg-N4WWL, Ken Heitner-WB4AKK, Phil Kania-KJ4GYJ, John Croft-K3NJ, Darrel Adams-KA5DWZ, Jack Reed-WA4FXX, Richard Bunn-N4ASX, Bob Hughes-K4YWV, Gary Sessums-KC5QCN, Steve Butler-W4HA, Chas Richard-W4HFZ, Ken Roh-KB3OXX, Gene Kaiser-KI4BUI, and Terence Wise.

Dr. Kaiser welcomed everyone to the new meeting space and thanked all who had helped with the planning, requirements, and attending construction meetings with PENREN over the over the last year. The new facility is a considerable improvement over the previous radio room. Special thanks were extended to Mr. Terence Wise, USAF AFDW 11MSG, for his sponsorship of PARC & MARS over the years.

It was noted that the phone line, computer network connection, and security system for the new room are operational. Everyone was asked to check and make sure that their PNT badge works the new card swipe access system.

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

Mr. Uldis Adamson retrieved the mail from our P.O. Box and brought it to the meeting. He noted that requests for QSL cards from stations making contact with K4AF were piling up and needed attention.

The annual Marine Corps Marathon is scheduled for Sunday October 25, 2009. The new radio room will serve as an alternate net control station for amateur radio operations during the event.

An antenna work party is scheduled for Saturday August 15th to dismantle and remove all of the antennas, coaxial cables, rotator cables, and grounding cable located on the Pentagon rooftop above the old radio room. Several club members volunteered to help out with this event.

A grand opening for the new MARS station is planned for October. Invitations will be extended to the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the three MARS Chiefs, and other dignitaries to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for September 2, at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 PM.