

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
July 1, 2009

In the absence of club president Dr. Gene Kaiser, the meeting was chaired by Mr. Gary Sessums and was called to order at 12:00 PM. Introductions of members present were made.

This was the final club meeting in the room that has been home to the Pentagon Amateur Radio Club for over 30 years. Beginning with the August meeting the club will begin meeting in the new Pentagon MARS Station located in Room 5D1061A. The next meeting will be delayed one week until August 12th and meetings will resume on the normal meeting schedule of the first Wednesday of each month starting in September 2009.

The 16 club members in attendance were: Hugh Katz-K3HU, Gary Sessums-KC5QCN, John Croft-K3NJ, John Miller-KE4JEM, Ken Heitner-WB4AKK, Wiley Rittenhouse-KD5EZK, Phil Kania-KJ4GYJ, Doug Donnell-KD4MD, Daryl Noel-W4EC, Ken Carpenter-KD6DB4, Ross Merlin-WA2WDT, Uldis Adamsons-N4TE, Troy Warshel-KG6MGE, Adam Beem, and via telephone conference call - Gene Kaiser-KI4BUI and John Courtright.

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

Photos of the newly installed antenna field located on the Pentagon roof above Corridor 10 which will support the new radio room were shown.

Volunteers are needed for the weekend of August 15-16 to help move the radio equipment to the new MARS station. A sign-up sheet will be available at the August meeting.

Dr. Gene Kaiser was mobile on his cell phone and reported that he was following up on previous meetings with OSD/NII about the funding proposal for a new MARS rooftop tower and beam antenna to support the Joint Staff with backup communications support per the National Military Command System – DoD Emergency Communications Plan.

A report on the joint Field Day operations between the Pentagon Amateur Radio Club (PARC) and the Arlington Amateur Radio Club (AARC) during last weekend's American Radio Relay League (ARRL) annual event was given.

The National Communications System (NCS) has agreed to install a Harris RF-3200E HF radio with ALE capability in the new Pentagon MARS station to serve as a backup SHARES net control station when needed.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 12, 2009 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.