

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
June 3, 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.

As the National Communications System SHARES HF radio net was in progress at the start of the meeting, the station was checked into the net using the DoD call sign WAR.

The 12 club members in attendance were: Hugh Katz-K3HU, Gary Sessums-KC5QCN, Mark Bodkin-KI4OJB, Doug Donnell-KD4MD, John Miller-KE4JEM, Ross Merlin-WA2WDT, Darrel Adams-KA5DWZ, Daryl Noel-W4EC, Uldis Adamsons-N4TE, Harry Rensel-KF4CFZ, Rick Low-N6CY, and via telephone conference call - Gene Kaiser-KI4BUI.

A motion was made by Mr. Hugh Katz to approve the May 2009 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Mr. Doug Donnell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

Dr. Gene Kaiser reported via telephone that pursuant to conversations and meetings with the Joint Staff, the Pentagon MARS station will begin providing backup communications support per the National Military Command System – DoD Emergency Communications Plan in transmitting command and control (C2) messages during National Level Exercises (NLE). The Pentagon MARS Station is breaking new ground in this role and expanding beyond the traditional role of MARS. The next NLE is scheduled for late July.

Captain Rick Low gave a report of the annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Military/Amateur Radio Communications Test that was conducted on Saturday May 9, 2009. Sixteen PARC members stopped by the station to operate and/or visit during the event. The event went well although the number of radio contacts was down as compared to past events.

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) annual Field Day event is scheduled this year for Saturday June 27th. The Pentagon Amateur Radio Club (PARC) and the Arlington Amateur Radio Club (AARC) will conduct joint Field Day operations at the American Red Cross located at 4333 Arlington Boulevard Arlington, Virginia 22203. PARC members are invited to come out to visit and/or operate during the 24 hour period from 2:00 PM Saturday through 2:00 PM Sunday. Food and beverage will be provided.

Several club members attended the Dayton Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio the weekend of May 15-17 and gave a report of their trip. It was noted that the next local hamfest in the area is the Manassas Hamfest scheduled for Sunday June 14th.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 1, 2009 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5B272. This will be 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 2009 meeting, we will meet in the new MARS facility located in 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 PM.