

**Minutes**  
**Pentagon Amateur Radio Club**  
**May 6, 2009**

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Gene Kaiser and was called to order at 12:00 pm. Introductions of members present were made.

The 22 club members in attendance were: Uldis Adamsons-N4TE, Phil Kania-KJ4GYJ, Gary Sessums-KC5QCN, Hugh Katz-K3HU, Daryl Noel-W4EC, Mike Bartos-KB3RES, John Haskins-KJ4EPH, Gene Kaiser-KI4BUI, Rick Low-N6CY, John Croft-K3NJ, John Miller-KE4JEM, Doug Lindsey-KB3HER, Doug Donnell-KD4MD, Dan Hausauer-W0CN, Ken Heitner-WB4AKK, Darrell Adams-KA5DWZ, Ken Carpenter-KD6DBX, Bruce Freund-K7BC, Bob Carroll-N3KDC, William Liggett, Pat Aument, and Shawn Lee.

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

Captain Rick Low briefed final details of the annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Military/Amateur Radio Communications Test to be conducted on Saturday May 9, 2009. We will be using the Department of Defense call sign W-A-R for this event and broadcasting the Secretary of Defense digital message for amateur radio stations to copy.

Dr. Gene Kaiser reported that the Air Force had finished processing outstanding PNT badge renewals and that card swipe access to the new radio room was pending with the Pentagon Force Protection Agency (PFPA) for members who filled out the alarmed space access request form at last month's meeting. The new radio room is scheduled to be turned over to us in late July. Digital pictures taken of the new radio room were displayed on a laptop computer.

PENREN representative Mr. Pat Aument gave an update on the construction progress of the new radio room located in 5D1061A and the new rooftop antennas. The radio room is essentially complete except for some remaining minor details on the punch list. The rooftop antennas, grounding system, lightening protection system, environmental protection cabinets, and coaxial cabling work is ongoing at present with an expected completion date of next week.

Mr. Gary Sessums announced that he had procured additional call signs for the Pentagon MARS station. The station now has a separate call sign for each military service. The call signs are: Army MARS - AAN3PNT, Air Force MARS - AGA3DC, and Navy Marine-Corps MARS - NNN0PNT. These are in addition to the DoD issued call sign WAR and the FCC issued amateur radio call sign of K4AF.

It was reported that a Harris RF-350K HF radio, Terminal Node Controller (TNC), and laptop computer has been installed in the station for the purposes of conducting Automatic Link Establishment (ALE), E-mail over-HF-radio, and other digital modes of radio operations.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 3, 2009 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5B272.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 PM.