

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
September 2, 2009

The meeting was chaired by club president 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: Hugh Katz – K3HU, Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, Rick Low – N6CY, Phil Kania – KJ4GYJ, John Miller – KE4JEM, Ken Heitner – WB4AKK, Ben Baddley – W4FQT, Bob Lipp – W4LIP, Gene Kaiser – KI4BUI, Uldis Adamsons – N4TE, Darrel Adams – KA5DWZ, Gene Harrison – N3EV, Jack Reed – WA4FXX, Daryl Noel – W4EC, Doug Donnell – KD4MD, Curt Bartholomew – N3GQ, John Haskins – KJ4EPH, Doug Lindsey – KB3HER, Ken Roh – KB3OXX, Arnal Cook – N9ACC, Terence Wise, and John Crowley.

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

Captain Rick Low gave an update on station operations since the move to the new room. Several members have volunteered to serve as team captains for the various operating positions. The team captains will work with club members to ensure that each position's radio is installed, wired, and operational.

Mr. Gary Sessums gave an update on a few remaining facilities related issues on the punch list to be completed. The mounting of the overhead desk cabinets and the white board, installation of the sound soak materials on the walls, and the changing of the X-09 lock combination on the safe remain to be completed.

The 34th annual Marine Corps Marathon is scheduled for Sunday October 25th. The MARS Station will serve as a backup net control for amateur radio voice operations and serve as the primary net control for the digital operations/medical net during the marathon. Several members volunteered to staff the station during this event. Additional amateur radio volunteers are also needed for positions along the 26 mile course and can sign up online at <http://www.ncacdc.com/>.

A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony for the new MARS station is planned for Wednesday October 21, 2009. Invitations have been extended to the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the three MARS Chiefs, and other dignitaries to attend.

The Harris radio equipment provided by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) National Communications System (NCS) mentioned in the July meeting minutes has been installed and is operational. A Type-1 cryptographic device to allow secure NS/EP communications on government/military frequencies has been installed on the radio and is ready for our participation in secure communications testing during the Defense Interoperability Communications Exercise (DICE) scheduled for late October.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for October 7, at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.