

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
August 4, 2010

The meeting was chaired by club president Dr. Gene Kaiser and called to order at 12:01 PM. Introductions of members present were made.

The 19 club members in attendance were: Hugh Katz – K3HU, Sean Anderson – KR4YO, Eugene Kaiser – KI4BUI, Dennis Wilson – KD4WGN, Ken Akehurst – N3UTP, Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, Darrell Adams – KA5DWZ, Walter Jones – KC7HEX, Van Evans – KB3XC, Phil Kania – KJ4GYJ, Claude Hennessey – KG4TVN, John Miller – KE4JEM, Arnal Cook – N9ACC, Larry Caramia – WA2NBT, Terry Hines – N4ZH, Rick Low – N6CY, Doug Donnell – KD4MD, Steve Butler – W4HA, and Marland Thurston.

The guest speaker scheduled for today's meeting was unable to present as scheduled and will instead give the presentation at the September PARC meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry Hines to approve the July 2010 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Lt. Colonel Walt Jones seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

Dr. Kaiser presented Captain Rick Low, USN with a plaque and recognized his 5 years of service as the manager of the Pentagon MARS Station. Rick has been reassigned to Naval Base San Diego, home of the Pacific Fleet, and today was his last meeting with the Pentagon Amateur Radio Club.

Mr. Doug Donnell and Mr. Gary Sessums briefed the group on a trip they took to Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia to visit the 2010 Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree. They visited amateur radio station K2BSA and made a 20 meter voice contact with K1KBO, the amateur radio station at U.S. Army MARS headquarters located in Fort Huachuca, Arizona.

A report was given on the status of the resurfacing of the Pentagon roof and the effect of the project on the MARS station antennas. Work on the area of the roof where vertical HF antenna was located has been completed. A weekend work party to re-install the antenna will be arranged.

Several club members reported attending the Berryville Hamfest this past Sunday at the Clarke County Fairgrounds. The weather was nice and several people reported finding good bargains on amateur radio gear at the event.

Mr. Van Evans gave an update on installation a new Rockwell Collins MDM-3001 MIL-STD HF radio modem and the interfacing of this modem with the KY-100 crypto gear on the Harris RF 3200E radio. Van and Mr. Ken Heitner have been working to expand the MIL-STD digital capabilities of the station.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 1, 2010 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 PM.