

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
July 7, 2010

The meeting was chaired by club president Dr. Gene Kaiser and called to order at 12:03 PM. Introductions of members present were made.

The 10 club members in attendance were: Gene Kaiser – KI4BUI, Phil Kania – KJ4GYJ, Hugh Katz – K3HU, Terry Hines – N4ZH, Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, Robert Anderson – KR4YO, Curt Bartholomew – N3GQ, Dee Bartholomew – K3KAT, Doug Donnell – KD4MD, and Claude Hennessey – KG4TVN.

A motion was made by Mr. Claude Hennessey to approve the June 2010 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Mr. Phil Kania seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

Mr. Phil Kania gave a report on the PARC American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day activities conducted on June 26th in conjunction with the Arlington Amateur Radio Club.

Mr. Gary Sessums briefed the group on the DoD communications exercise involving military airborne assets that took place on June 11th. The Pentagon Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) Station was able to provide both voice and data communications support to DoD units during the exercise.

Dr. Kaiser reported that Mr. Bob Lipp and Mr. Ben Baddley have repaired the Drake L7 amplifier power supply by replacing damaged capacitors and diodes in the unit. The amplifier has been tested and is now operational once again. They will next tackle the repair of the Ten-Tec Titan 425 linear amplifier.

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. MARS personnel are working with DoD Washington Headquarters Service employees and the roofing contractor to minimize any downtime required by movement of antennas to facilitate roofing work.

It was noted that the Berryville Hamfest is scheduled for Sunday August 1, 2010. A PDF flyer can be downloaded from <http://www.svarc.us/flyer5.pdf>. A joint-service MARS meeting is scheduled at the pavilion for 11:00 AM.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 4, 2010 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A. A guest speaker from the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) will give a presentation on High Altitude Electromagnetic Pulse (HEMP) and its impact on post-attack HF radio communications.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 PM.