

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
May 5, 2010

In the absence of club president Dr. Gene Kaiser, the meeting was chaired by Mr. Gary Sessums and called to order at 12:00 PM. Introductions of members present were made.

The 14 club members in attendance were: Hugh Katz – K3HU, John Miller – KE4JEM, Uldis Adamsons – N4TE, Ben Baddley – W4FQT, Claude Hennessey – KG4TVN, Terry Hines – N4ZH, Bob Carroll – N3KDC, Walter Jones – KC7HEX, Daryl Noel – W4EC, Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, Arnal Cook – N9ACC, Doug Donnell – KD4MD, Phil Kania – KJ4GYJ, and via telephone conference call Larry Caramia – WA2NBT.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry Hines to approve the April 2010 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Mr. Ben Baddley seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

A DoD communications exercise involving military airborne assets is scheduled for June 11th. The participation of the Pentagon MARS Station has been requested to provide both voice and data communications during the exercise. Several members volunteered to staff the station during the exercise.

Final details were briefed on the annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Military/Amateur Radio Communications Test to be conducted this weekend on Saturday May 8, 2010. 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. Details can be downloaded from URL http://www.netcom.army.mil/mars/docs/AMC_Test_2010.pdf

The annual Dayton Hamvention is scheduled for May 14-16 2010 in Dayton, Ohio. Several club members said that they plan to attend this year's event. The meetup/rally point for PARC members will be the Joint-Service MARS booth located in the exhibit hall. Complete hamfest details and a list of forums can be found on-line at URL <http://www.hamvention.org/>

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) annual Field Day event is scheduled this year for Saturday June 26th. 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.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 2, 2010 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.