

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
October 6, 2010

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

The 21 club members in attendance were: Hugh Katz – K3HU, John Croft – K3NJ, John Miller – KE4JEM, Ken Heitner – WB4AKK, Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, Sean Anderson – KR4YO, Darrel Adams – KA5DWZ, Tom Azlin – N4ZPT, Gene Kaiser – KI4BUI, Curt Bartholomew – N3GQ, Terry Hines – N4ZH, Dennis Wilson – KD4WGN, Anthony Davit – W7AJD, George Corron – AP4JH, Ken Akehurst – N3UTP, Uldis Adamsons – N4TE, Steve Butler – W4HA, Bob Carroll – N3KDC, Doug Donnell – KD4MD, Harry Rensel – KF4CFZ, and via telephone conference call, Larry Caramia – WA2NBT.

A motion was made by Mr. Hugh Katz to approve the September 2010 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Mr. John Croft seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

An update report was given on the status of the resurfacing of the Pentagon roof and the effect of the project on the station antennas. The project is nearing completion and the HF vertical antenna has been placed back in service.

It was noted that an article featuring the Pentagon MARS Station and several club members was published in the October 2010 issue of World Radio Online. A PDF copy of the article is posted on the K4AF website at URL http://www.k4af.org/MARS/WorldRadio_October_2010.pdf.

A report was given by Mr. Gary Sessums on the recent Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) disaster exercise that took place on Saturday September 18, 2010. Several PARC members participated with Arlington County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) by providing communications support during the exercise.

The 53rd annual Boy Scout Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) is scheduled for 16 and 17 October 2010. A PDF document detailing the event and listing the amateur radio frequencies to be used can be downloaded from URL: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/intl/pdf/130-218.pdf>.

Mr. Tom Azlin gave a briefing on the 35th annual Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) that is scheduled for Sunday October 31st. The station is hosting digital operations/medical net support for the marathon using D-STAR 1.2 GHz and 2-meter packet radio equipment. Several PARC members are needed to staff the station during this event.

It was noted that the Pentagon MARS Station has acquired a Rockwell Collins airborne HF communications system from our partners at the 89 Communications Squadron located at Joint Base Andrews Naval Air Facility Washington. This communications system contains the Air Force standard AN/ARC-190 airborne HF radio capable of providing Automatic Link Establishment (ALE), Link-11 Tactical Digital Information Link (TADIL), and secure voice and data.

Mr. Dennis Wilson from Raytheon Washington Operations gave a presentation on the Raytheon Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Network.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 3, 2010 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM.