

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
September 1, 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 13 club members in attendance were: Gene Kaiser – KI4BUI, Ken Heitner – WB4AKK, Hugh Katz – K3HU, Joel LaBuda – KG4BLY, Arnal Cook – N9ACC, Uldis Adamsons – N4TE, David Trachtenberg – N4WWL, Ben Baddley – W4FQT, Curt Bartholomew – N3GQ, Stephen Saletta – KC8QBA, Harry Rensel – KF4CFZ, Ken Akehurst – N3UTP, and Darryl Smith.

A motion was made by Mr. Hugh Katz to approve the August 2010 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Mr. David Trachtenberg 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 MARS station antennas.

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) will conduct an FAA mandated disaster exercise on Saturday September 18, 2010 and has asked Arlington County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) to provide communications support during the exercise. As the Pentagon MARS Station is an operating position for Arlington ARES, several club members volunteered to participate and to provide amateur radio support during the disaster drill.

It was noted that the MARS Station Secure Telephone Equipment (STE) was recently re-keyed and the crypto card inventory updated by the COMSEC custodian.

The 35th annual Marine Corps Marathon is scheduled for Sunday October 31st. The Pentagon MARS Station will serve as net control for the digital operations/medical net during the marathon. Several PARC members volunteered to staff the station during this event. Additional amateur radio volunteers are also needed to provide communications support along the 26 mile course and may sign up online at <http://www.ncacdc.com/>.

Mr. Darryl Smith from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) led a discussion among members present on the type acceptance of radio equipment regulated by the commission, the commission's radio direction finding division, and differences in radio services regulated by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the FCC.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 6, 2010 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.