

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
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August 3, 2011

The meeting was chaired by club president Dr. Gene Kaiser and called to order at 12:06 PM. Introductions of members present were made.

The 17 club members in attendance were: Hugh Katz – K3HU, Dennis Wilson – KD4WGN, Bob Carroll – N3KDC, John Croft – K3NJ, Claude Hennessey – KG4TVN, Van Evans – KB3XC, Rae Ohlert – N5VFR, Eric Ervin – KK6AIR, Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, Bob Lipp – W4LIP, Eugene Kaiser – KI4BUI, Doug Donnell – KD4MD, Darrell Adams – KA5DWZ, John Lagozzino – KKYAHY, Jerry Stueve – K4INT, Uldis Adamsons – N4TE, and Keith Brown – WP4OKI.

A motion was made by Mr. Claude Hennessey to approve the July 2011 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Mr. Hugh Katz seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

Mr. Bob Lipp reported that the club's Ten-Tec Titan 425 linear is back in the station after repair and will be installed at one of the operating positions in the near future.

Mr. Uldis Adamsons, treasurer, gave a report on the club's financial accounts. The Post Office box rent is due soon and partial payment will be made to Mr. Bob Lipp for reimbursement of the amplifier repair.

Major Robert Anderson, USAF, is organizing the Pentagon Amateur Radio Club's special event station from September 11-September 12 1100Z-0100Z during the 10th anniversary commemoration of the 9/11 attacks on the United States with special remembrance of the 184 people who lost their lives at the Pentagon and on board American Airlines Flight 77. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to sign up for a time slot to operate the radios during the event. For additional details, visit the K4AF website or <http://www.arrl.org/Events/view/35620>

It was noted that the 61st Annual Berryville Hamfest is scheduled for this Sunday, August 7, 2011, at the Clarke County Ruritan Fairgrounds in Berryville, Virginia. A PDF flyer can be downloaded from <http://www.svarc.us/2011flyer.pdf> A joint-service MARS meeting is scheduled at the pavilion for 11:00 AM.

A discussion was held on reviving the PARC Volunteer Examiner (VE) team to be able to offer regularly scheduled amateur radio examination sessions for all levels of licensing exams (Technician Class, General Class and Amateur Extra Class) with the team seeking accreditation by the ARRL and Laurel Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) organizations.

The ARRL August UHF contest runs from 1800 UTC Saturday, August 6 through 1800 UTC Sunday, August 7. The objective of the event is to work as many amateur stations in as many 2 degree by 1 degree grid squares as possible using authorized amateur frequencies above 222 MHz and all authorized modes of emission during the contest window. For complete contest details, visit <http://www.arrl.org/august-uhf> . The station is available to those wishing to participate.

As a follow-up to the presentation given on solar geomagnetic storms at the February 3, 2010 PARC meeting, a DVD entitled "When the Good Sun Goes Bad: The Halloween Flare-Up" was shown that explained solar Coronal Mass Ejections (CME) and their potential adverse affects on radio communications and the electric power grid.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 7, 2011 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 PM.