

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
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July 6, 2011

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 19 club members in attendance were: Hugh Katz – K3HU, Phil Kania – KJ4GYJ, Rae Ohlert – N5VFR, John Miller – KE4JEM, Ben Baddley – W4FQT, Hans Blondeel Timmerman – NB2T, Sean Anderson – KR4YO, Gene Kaiser – KI4BUI, Curt Bartholomew – N3GQ, Darrel Adams – KA5DWZ, Larry Caramia – WA2NBT, Don Lewis – KI4D, Doug Donnell – KD4MD, Jerry Stueve – K4INT, Uldis Adamsons – N4TE, John Lagozzino – KKYAHY, Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, Harry Rensel – KF4CFZ, and Keith Brown.

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

Mr. Ben Baddley reported that the club's Ten-Tec Titan 425 linear amplifier had been repaired at the Ten-Tec factory in Sevierville, Tennessee. The total cost of repair including return shipping was \$351.40.

Mr. Phil Kania gave a report on the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Field Day activities held on Saturday June 25th.

The Pentagon Amateur Radio Club will host a 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. For additional details, visit the K4AF website or <http://www.arrl.org/Events/view/35620>.

The 61st Annual Berryville Hamfest is scheduled for 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.

It was noted that 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 degrees 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.

Major Sean Anderson, USAF, gave a briefing on the Global Positioning System (GPS) navigation system, the world's largest military satellite constellation. The presentation included very informative information on the satellite system developed, maintained, and operated by the U.S. Air Force that provides positioning, navigation, and timing services to military and civilian users.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 3, 2011 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 PM.