

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
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October 5, 2011

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 20 club members in attendance were: Hugh Katz – K3HU, John Miller – KE4JEM, Dennis Wilson – KD4WGN, Darrell Adams – KA5DWZ, Rae Ohlert – N5VFR, Van Evans – KB3XC, Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, Curt Bartholomew – N3GQ, George Corron – AF4JH, Uldis Adamsons – N4TE, Phil Kania – KJ4GYJ, Don Lewis – KI4D, Hans Blondeel Timmerman – NB2T, John Lagozzino – KK4AHY, Claude Hennessey – KG4TVN, Doug Donnell – KD4MD, Jerry Stueve – K4INT, Rick Bunn – N4ASX, and via telephone conference bridge, Gene Kaiser – KI4BUI, and Larry Caramia – WA2NBT.

A motion was made by Mr. Curt Bartholomew to approve the September 2011 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Mr. Phil Kania seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

Dr. Gene Kaiser, via conference bridge, gave a briefing on the Pentagon Amateur Radio Club's special event station that took place from September 11-September 12 1100Z-0100Z during the 10th anniversary commemoration of the 9/11 attacks on the United States. Event photos are available on the K4AF website, <http://www.k4af.org>.

It was noted that the 54th annual Boy Scout Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) is scheduled for 15 and 16 October 2011. Visit <http://www.scouting.org/jota.aspx> for complete details. A local Arlington, Virginia Cub Scout Pack has requested to visit the station during JOTA. Several PARC members have agreed to serve as escorts and demonstrate amateur radio to the scouts during the event.

The PARC Volunteer Examiner (VE) team will begin offering amateur radio examinations on a regular basis to members of the Pentagon community. Please check the K4AF website for specific dates and times.

The 36th annual Marine Corps Marathon is scheduled for Sunday October 30, 2011. The Pentagon MARS Station will again be providing digital communications support to marathon medical operations. 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. Hans Blondeel Timmerman-NB2T gave a presentation on the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). The IARU represents amateur radio concerns to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the body that coordinates the shared global use of the radio spectrum and establishes worldwide technical communications standards. The IARU is organized into three regions with IARU Region 2 representing amateur radio operators in North and South America. Mr. Blondeel Timmerman is the president of IARU Region 1 which represents amateur radio operators in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and northern Asia. IARU Region 3 represents amateur radio operators in Australia, most of Asia, and the Pacific Islands. Visit <http://www.iaru.org/> for additional information.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 2, 2011 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 PM.