

**Minutes**  
**Pentagon Amateur Radio Club**  
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**November 7, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by club president Dr. Gene Kaiser at 12:03 PM. Introductions of members present were made.

The 14 club members in attendance were: Hugh Katz – K3HU, Van Evans – KB3XC, John Miller – KE4JEM, Eugene Kaiser – KI4BUI, Nicholas Curcuru – K1LFG, Richard Bunn – N4ASX, Claude Hennessey – W4AT, Jonathan Branker – KJ4GYR, Curt Bartholomew – N3GQ, Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, Daryl Noel – W4EC, Rae Ohlert – N5VFR, Gary Thomas – KJ4EOU, and via telephone conference call Howard Sterling – WB2AYE.

A motion was made by Mr. Curt Bartholomew to approve the October 2012 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Ms. Rae Ohlert seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

The 37th annual Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) was held on Sunday, October 28th. The Marine Corps has sent a letter of appreciation for the station's annual digital radio communications support of the MCM medical net during the marathon.

The 55th annual Boy Scouts of America Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) event took place on Saturday October 20th. Several PARC members participated in this event with local Boy Scout troops around the area. The object of JOTA is to promote amateur radio and Scouting and to make contact with as many amateur stations located around the United States as you can during the event hours.

It was noted that the United States Postal Service (USPS) has announced that it will discontinue the sale of International Reply Coupons (IRCs) after January 27, 2013 due to lack of demand. IRCs provide foreign addressees with a means of sending an envelope with prepaid postage through the mail to facilitate the exchange of amateur radio QSL cards. USPS will continue to redeem IRCs that have been purchased in foreign countries and presented for payment at U.S. Post Offices.

Beginning Friday, November 9th at 6:00 P.M. the Corridor 3 entrance to the Pentagon will close until further notice for renovation, and the Corridor 2 Entrance to the Pentagon will begin operating 24/7. For those using the radios in the MARS station on the weekends, please take note of the change in building entrances.

The next PARC meeting will be the annual Christmas party with refreshments scheduled for Wednesday December 7, 2011 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 PM.