

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
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October 3, 2012

In the absence of club president Dr. Gene Kaiser, the meeting was chaired by Mr. Gary Sessums and called to order at 12:02 PM. Introductions of members present were made.

The 23 club members in attendance were: Hugh Katz – K3HU, Dennis Wilson – KD4WGN, Van Evans- KB3XC, John Miller – KE4JEM, John Croft – K3NJ, Jonathan Branker – KJ4GYR, Ron Startzel – KB5LNC, Phil Kania – KJ4GYJ, Howard Sterling – WB2AYE, Marland Thurston – KK4FQX, Claude Hennessey – W4AT, Harry Rensel – KF4CFZ, Rae Ohlert – N5VFR, Doug Lindsey – KZ3H, Daryl Noel – W4EC, Don Lewis – KI4D, Jerry Stueve – K4INT, Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, Rick Bunn – N4ASX, Steve Karty – N5SK, Gary Thomas – KJ4EOU, Bob Carroll – N3KDC, and via telephone conference bridge Larry Caramia – WA2NBT.

A motion was made by Mr. Don Lewis to approve the September 2012 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Mr. Rick Bunn seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

The 37th annual Marine Corps Marathon is scheduled for Sunday October 28, 2012. 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. Van Evans announced that he had procured the addition of two Icom IC-M710 150 watt MF/HF Marine transceivers from government surplus for the station. The radios are programmable for interoperable communications with Federal agencies in the National Capitol Region (NCR) during National Security/Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) events.

It was noted that the Columbia Amateur Radio Association CARAFest 2012 hamfest is scheduled for Saturday October 7, 2012 at the Howard County Fairgrounds located in West Friendship, Maryland. Visit <http://www.carafest.org> for complete details.

Mr. Steve Karty gave a briefing on contingency radio communications support to be provided by the Department of Homeland Security SHARES HF radio program during the upcoming Presidential debates.

A DoD communications exercise will be held later this month. The exercise will involve providing contingency communications support between MARS stations, airborne assets, and Federal government HF stations. A portion of the exercise will test interoperable communications using MIL-STD 188-110A PSK and MIL-STD FSK (RTTY) data modes.

It was noted that the 55th annual Boy Scout Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) is scheduled for October 20-21 2012. Visit <http://www.scouting.org/jota.aspx> for complete details.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November 7, 2012 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 PM.