

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
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September 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order by club president Dr. Gene Kaiser at 12:00 PM. Introductions of members present were made.

The 21 club members in attendance were: Hugh Katz – K3HU, Peter Kean – KZAXI, Van Evans – KB3XC, Terry Hines – N4ZH, John Croft – K3NJ, David Trachtenberg – N4WWL, Howard Sterling – WB2AYE, Jerry Stueve – K4INT, Darrel Adams – KA5DWZ, Rick Bunn – N4ASX, John Miller – KE4JEM, Ashley Hughes – KK4KVN, Bob Hughes – K4YWV, Gene Kaiser – KI4BUI, John Lagozzino – KK4AHY, Ron Startzel – KB5LNC, Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, Nicholas Curcuro – KI4LFG, Steve Karty – N5SK, Gary Thomas – KJ4EOU, and via telephone conference bridge Larry Caramia – WA2NBT.

A motion was made by Mr. Terry Hines to approve the August 2012 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Mr. Darrel Adams 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/>.

It was noted that the 2012 ARRL September VHF QSO Party is scheduled for the second full weekend in September beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 0300 UTC Monday (September 8-10, 2012). The objective of the contest is for amateurs in the US and Canada to work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees X 1 degree grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz. For complete contest details, visit <http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf>. The station is available to those wishing to participate.

Mr. Gary Sessums briefed on Military Auxiliary Communications System (MARS) contingency radio communications support provided to Joint Forces Headquarters-Florida National Guard/J6 and U.S. Northern Command (USNORTHCOM) during the 2012 Republican National Convention that was held in Tampa, Florida. An after-action report has been forwarded to the Joint Staff.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 3, 2012 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 PM.