

**Minutes**  
**Pentagon Amateur Radio Club**

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**May 1, 2013**

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

The 22 club members in attendance were: Jonathan Branker – KJ4GYR, John Miller – KE4JEM, Phil Kania – KJ4GYJ, Rae Ohlert – N5VFR, Darrel Adams – KA5DWZ, Uldis Adamsons – N4TE, John Croft – K3NJ, Hugh Katz – K3HU, Ron Startzel – KB5LNC, Walter Jones – KC7HEX, Cynthia Kellams – KJ4CLK, John Lagozzino – KK4AHY, Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, Jonathan Heinlein – N4ERD, Daryl Noel – W4EC, Douglas Ellmore – NA1DX, Eugene Kaiser – KI4BUI, Van Evans – KB3XC, Dwight Reed, Max Cacus, and via telephone conference bridge Larry Caramia – WA2NBT, and Rick Bunn – N4ASX.

A motion was made by Lieutenant Colonel Walter Jones - USA to approve the April 2013 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Ms. Cynthia Kellams seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

The annual Armed Forces Day Cross Band Military/Amateur Radio Communications Test will be held on Saturday May 11, 2013. Operations will be conducted from the Pentagon Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) Station using the DoD call sign WAR from 0800 – 2200. WAR will once again be one of the stations broadcasting the Secretary of Defense digital message. Club members wishing to participate in this event should e-mail MARS Station Manager Gary Sessums.

The annual Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom event will be held during Memorial Day weekend. The American Legion Riders from Fairfax, Virginia Post 177 have requested amateur radio support on Sunday May 26, 2013 for their participation in the massive motorcycle ride to the Pentagon. Several club members who own/ride motorcycles volunteered to assist with providing communications support along the route from Fairfax to the Pentagon and on the Pentagon reservation during the event.

A report was given on the recent inspection of the MARS station conducted by the Office of the Pentagon Fire Marshall. The station passed inspection with no issues noted.

The annual Dayton Hamvention is scheduled for May 17-19, 2013 in Dayton, Ohio. Several club members said that they plan to attend this year's event. The meetup/rally point for PARC members will be the Joint-Service MARS booth located in the exhibit hall. Complete hamfest details and a list of scheduled forums can be found on-line at URL <http://www.hamvention.org/>

The American Radio Relay League (ARRL) annual Field Day event is scheduled this year for Saturday June 22nd. The Pentagon Amateur Radio Club (PARC) and the Arlington Amateur Radio Club (AARC) will again conduct joint Field Day operations

The office of DoD-CIO has requested MARS support in relaying long haul radio communications from Asia during a United States Pacific Command (USPACOM) Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Response (HADR) exercise entitled "Pacific Endeavor" scheduled for August. The Pentagon MARS station will coordinate message traffic into and out of the NMCC.

Mr. Max Cacus, Defense Editor at SIGNAL Magazine published by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA), gave a very informative presentation on earth bound preparedness for solar storms and electromagnetic interference on military and civilian communications systems.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 5, 2013 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM.