

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
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January 8, 2014

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, John Croft – K3NJ, John Miller – KE4JEM, Jonathan Branker – KJ4GYR, Terry Hines – N4ZH, Richard Bunn – N4ASX, Eugene Kaiser – KI4BUI, Rae Ohlert – N5VFR, Claude Hennessey – W4AT, Ken Heitner – WB4AKK, Gary Sessums – KC5QCN, Jerry Stueve – K4INT, Jonathan Heinlen – N4ERD, Ron Startzel – KB5LNC, Bob Hughes – K4WYV, Chuck Norton – KI4DHW, Harry Rensel – KE4CFZ, John Logozzino – KK4AHY, Steven Karty – N5SK, and via telephone conference bridge Phil Kania – KJ4GYJ and Chris Allen – W9CCA.

A motion was made by Mr. Bob Hughes to approve both the November and December 2013 meeting minutes as distributed to club members via e-mail. Ms. Rae Ohlert seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

A DoD communications exercise involving military airborne assets is scheduled for January 16th. The participation of the Pentagon MARS Station has been requested to provide communications support during the exercise.

The Pentagon MARS Station has been requested to provide contingency radio communications support during the President's State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress scheduled for Tuesday January 28, 2014 at the United States Capitol. Net operations will provide backup communications to the Department of Homeland Security's Office of Emergency Communications (OEC) SHARED RESOURCES (SHARES) High Frequency (HF) Radio Program. Several members volunteered to staff the station during this National Security/Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) event.

It was noted that the ARRL Virginia State Convention is slated to be held at the Frostfest hamfest scheduled for Saturday February 1, 2014 at the Richmond Raceway Complex. Visit http://frostfest.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/2014_mailorder-flyer.pdf for hamfest details.

The 2014 ARRL January VHF Contest is scheduled for the weekend of January 18-20 from 1900 UTC Saturday through 0359 UTC Monday. The objective of the contest is 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. The station is available for those wishing to participate in this event.

As part of its Centennial celebration, the ARRL has created a video that explains the League's history and mission over the past century: "ARRL at 100 – A Century of Ham Radio" The video can be downloaded from the ARRL website and also viewed on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JerSTUDqI7s&feature> .

In lieu of a scheduled guest speaker, a video from the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) series entitled *America Revealed* Episode: "Electric Nation" was shown after the business portion of the club meeting was concluded. The program detailed the modern electric power grid that delivers electricity to homes and businesses over 200,000 miles of high-tension transmission lines and highlighted the intricacies, vulnerabilities, and ingenuity required to keep America's modern electric power grid up and running.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 5, 2014 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 PM.