

Minutes
Pentagon Amateur Radio Club
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October 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM. Introductions of members present were made.

The 23 club members in attendance were: Ron Startzel - KB5LNC, Hugh Katz - K3HU, Phil Kania - KJ4GYJ, Gary Sessums - KC5QCN, Jonathan Heinlein - N4ERD, Matt Skowronski - KJ4PUR, Steven Karty - N5SK, David Irwin - KX4PW, Claude Hennessey - W4AT, John Kim - KM4HAQ, Doug Donnell - KD4MD, Dennis Orcutt - W5WHY, Jonathan Branker - KJ4GYR, Conner Fernandez - KK4EKS, David Thompson - KN4WKZ, Jordan Nash - N9AED, Brenden Sharp - W6BMS, Jason Potter, and via telephone conference bridge, Eugene Kaiser - KI4BUI, Don Lewis - KI4D, Bryan Clements - KC1ENT, Cynthia Kellams - KJ4CLK, and Uldis Adamsons - N4TE.

A motion was made by Mr. Claude Hennessey to approve the September 2019 meeting minutes. Chief Master Sergeant Dennis Orcutt, USAF, seconded the motion. The motion was approved by majority vote.

Mr. Hugh Katz announced that the CARAFest hamfest will be held on Sunday October 6, 2019 at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship, Maryland. Details are available at www.carafest.org.

The Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT) 50th Anniversary Space Symposium will be held in Arlington, Virginia from Friday-Sunday October 18-20, 2019 at the Hilton hotel in the Ballston neighborhood. The symposium will feature a display entitled "OSCAR Park" containing satellites from throughout the history of amateur radio in space. Details are available at www.amsat.org.

Mr. Phil Kania announced that the 62nd annual Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) will be held the weekend of Friday-Sunday October 18-20, 2019. The Pentagon MARS station is available for members to operate as amateur station K4AF and make on-air radio contacts with Scouts around the world.

It was noted that the 44th annual Marine Corps Marathon is scheduled for Sunday October 27, 2019. The Pentagon Amateur Radio Club will again be providing support through the use of our K4AF 70cm voice repeater and our K4AF-6 six-meter digipeater. Additional amateur radio volunteers are also needed to provide communications support along the 26 mile course and may sign up at www.mcmham.org.

A DoD communications exercise will be held on Thursday October 17, 2019. The exercise will involve providing contingency radio communications support to DoD assets. Members wishing to support the exercise should contact Pentagon MARS Station Manager Gary Sessums at kc5qcn@arrl.net to volunteer.

Guest speaker CW5 Jason Potter, USA, Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO) at the White House Communications Agency (WHCA), gave a briefing on the history of WHCA and their global mission to provide the President of the United States the ability to communicate to anyone, by any means, anywhere, anytime.

The next PARC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday November September 6, 2019 at 12:00 PM in the Pentagon MARS Station, room 5D1061A.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 PM.