

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club
meeting held on
March 5, 2012; Ryan's Steakhouse Bluefield, VA.

<http://www.erarc.com>

The March ERARC meeting was opened at 658pm by Doug Ritchey WG8D, ERARC President. There were 16 members and guests in attendance. Doug had a handout for those in attendance which included: "MISSION STATEMENT: 'To promote fellowship between amateur radio operators, radio enthusiasts and the general public. To bring new people into the hobby by informing, teaching, and examining for license. To promote cooperation with outside clubs and associations to our mutual benefit and the overall good of amateur radio. To have fun with all things radio.'" Doug welcomed all to the meeting. He asked that we keep Jim Bailey KD8HAQ in our thoughts and prayers after having surgery on his hip. Harold Hodges N8NCP said that he was now home from the hospital.

Doug thanked Elmer Lonnie Underwood KI4EED for setting up a radio station for newly licensed Kathleen Tabor KD8RDS. Her father WB3JJT lives in Richlands, Va. and he was her first contact.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes from the February meeting. There were two corrections noted and changed.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR gave the treasurer's report. He paid a phone bill for \$19.95. There are 93 paid members now.

IF YOU HAVE A SAM'S CLUB MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE ERARC AND WANT TO RENEW, ROGER NEEDS YOUR \$35.00 BY MAY 1.

Gary Kadar N8GK mentioned the February 11 ERARC ARRL VE test session. There were two new Technicians and two each: upgrades to General and Extra.

Don Anderson WD8OOR hopes to be able to acquire a MS 5000 Motorola repeater to replace the 444.45 and place it at Windmill Gap.

March 17 2012 Charleston, WV Area Hamfest and Computer Show,

Inc. <http://www.w8gk.org/docs/HamfestFlyer2012.pdf>

April 17, 2012 Raleigh, NC Hamfest

<http://www.rars.org/hamfest>

Gary Kadar and Roger Stefancic gave an informative program on Radio Direction Finding (RDF) that covered several different antennas, different techniques and how to perform 2 and 3-point triangulation to find a radio signal. Jay Belt K8CTI had recently used RDF in his airplane to find a signal that was interfering with Tazewell County public service radios. The offending transmitter was found to be on a water tower in an adjoining county and the problem was taken care of.

The meeting was over by 0738pm.
Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC
Secretary.