

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club

Meeting held on May 5, 2014; Ryan's Steakhouse @ Bluefield, VA.

<http://www.erarc.com>

Local emergency HF freq: 3.860+-5

The meeting was opened at 703pm by Harold Hodges N8NCP, ERARC President. There were 15 members and guests in attendance. All were welcomed. He recognized Louie Rocchetti KD8VKZ and his brother Joe.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the April minutes and well as his notations for old business. The minutes were approved.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR, ERARC Treasurer, gave his report. He paid a phone bill in the amount of \$21.99 and paid \$190.00 for equipment insurance. The Sam's Club memberships through the Club are due to be paid in May and there is one membership open if any ERARC member is interested in it. The price went up to \$45.00 from \$40.00. Don Anderson WD8OOR made a motion, seconded by Bill Sowers K8WBS to purchase three Technician study manuals for placement at the two Bluefield libraries as well as the one in Princeton. The current study manual's question pools expire as of June 30. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Jay Belt K8CTI handed out flyers announcing the May 24 First Annual Wings and wheels Car Show at the Mercer County Airport. From the internet: "So what if I told you that you can take your family out on a Saturday, enjoy some good food from local vendors, enter raffles to win great prizes from local business', look at over a hundred classic cars, while listening to a great live local singer, get a tour of your local airport, and best of all your children under age 18 get a free airplane or helicopter ride? Well all you have to do is come to the First Annual WINGS and WHEELS Car Show at the MERCER COUNTY AIRPORT on MAY 24th."

Harold mentioned Field Day which will be held on the weekend of June 28-29, 2014. See: <https://www.arrl.org/field-day>. It was agreed that we will hold our event at Boy Scout Camp Roland in Bastian, Va. Hooger mentioned that Randall Hash WB4BBF wants to operate his CW station at this year's event. Gary Kadar N8GK asked if we needed to get anything for this FD event as we've talked about some different items in the past. Band-pass filters were mentioned. This could keep, for example, a 40 meter CW station from interfering with a 40 meter voice station and vice versa.

Gary mentioned the upcoming auction of the contents of Buddy Warden's Bluewell, WV museum which includes Walt Meador's WB8EWM homemade CW spark-gap transmitter that the Club had donated to the museum. The auction is on May 17. See: <http://www.4seasonsantiques.com/auctions/18-the-buddy-warden-country-store-museum-auction.html> for more information. The transmitter is on page 10 of the pictures presented there. Gary also said that he and Roger always purchase Field Day T-shirts for each Field Day and wondered if anyone else would be interested in getting their own shirt too. He said that the shipping is one flat rate and that if two or twenty shirts were ordered that the shipping would be minimal. See: <http://www.arrl.org/shop/Field-Day-Supplies> for more information. Please email Hooger Fisher, W4OF at w4of@hotmail.com if you want to include an order for a shirt. The shirts appear to be around \$13.00 each.

Don Anderson WD8OOR repeater report: The 145.49 and 147.06 are OK but the '49 is finicky and is still acting up at times. Echolink is now working on the 147.06 repeater.

Gary Kadar N8GK said that THE NEXT ERARC ARRL VE TEST SESSION WILL BE ON SATURDAY MAY 10 AT 9AM AT THE MERCER COUNTY 911 CENTER. The ERARC VE team has a balance of \$385.71.

The meeting was over by 745pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.