

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on April 2, 2012; Ryan's Steakhouse Bluefield, VA.

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The April ERARC meeting was opened at 7pm by Doug Ritchey WG8D, ERARC President. There were 14 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.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes from the March meeting.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR gave the treasurer's report. He has made no deposits since the last meeting.

**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 next ERARC ARRL VE test session on May 12. Gary also wants the Club to consider purchasing at least two Technician study books/manuals for the Princeton and (either) Bluefield libraries. He's heard from people that download the question pool and answers, study

them, take the test, and still do not know how the questions relate to actual use, etc. They would like to have additional information to explain what the questions are talking about. The questions are changed about every 4 years and the latest pool was new and valid on July of 2010, leaving 2 years of pertinent information. The last time that the Club placed these books in the libraries was over ten years ago. Discussion. Tabled.

Don Anderson WD8OOR said that all of the repeaters are working fine..... now. The UPS that powers the 145.49 and 442.45 died on Saturday and Don plugged the repeaters into commercial mains until a replacement can be procured. Trancy Belcher KA8CFR would like to see the opportunity for members to go to the repeater site(s) and tour the facilities to actually see what they look like and how they function.

Doug gave two handouts to the members present. One was/is a reminder from the ARRL/radio community to remind us to use the proper phonetics when on the air. The other one was on the R-S-T system for signal reporting and the new suggested CS (Copyability and Strength reporting system that's being 'kicked around' for use

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The meeting was over by 0740pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.