



East River Amateur Radio Club

W8MOP

Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2012

Location: Ryan's Steakhouse 535 Commerce Drive Bluefield, VA.

The August ERARC meeting was opened at 700pm by Doug Ritchey WG8D, ERARC President. There were 18 members and guests in attendance.

President's Report: Doug mentioned ARES online training at <http://www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog> and the August 18 ARRL WV State Convention <http://www.gsl.net/wvsarc> at Weston, WV. Harold Hodges N8NCP said that in time of a real emergency, a Ham really needs to know how to correctly pass messages via the ARRL National Traffic System and its use of the Radiogram. See: <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Public%2520Service/MPG104A.pdf> for more information.

Secretary's Report: Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes from the July meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Roger Stefancic KC8LGR ERARC Treasurer gave his report: The autopatch is in place to be used and is encouraged. Gary Kadar N8GK reminded us that we pay 3 cents per minute for each outgoing call plus the base rate for the phone line.

ROGER IS NOW ACCEPTING MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. IT'S STILL \$15 PER AMATEUR AND \$1 PER ADDITIONAL AMATEUR AT THE SAME MAILING ADDRESS. PLEASE RENEW! SEND TO: P.O. BOX 1362, BLUEFIELD, WV 24701.

ERARC ARRL VE Test Session: There is an ARRL VE test session this Saturday, August 11, 2012 at 9am at the Mercer County 911 Center in Green Valley.

September VHF Contest: Gary Kadar said that other amateurs are invited to participate in the ARRL September 8-10, 2012 VHF contest on Oneida peak, just above Springville, Va. See: <http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf>. He also brought to our attention the untimely passing of Tom Mallory N4AZJ in Bland, VA and Sidney Puckett KF4CPM in Rocky Gap, VA

Repeater Report: Don said that the 145.49 and 442.45 machines were without power for about 3 weeks and that the '49 didn't come back on due to blown capacitors in the power supply. He put the backup repeater on the mountain while he replaced the bad parts. Both of the mentioned repeaters will accept autopatch codes. The '49 autopatch can even be accessed through the 147.06 repeater since it is linked to the '49 machine. On July 27, the 147.06 was off the air from 2pm to 830pm due to loss of power and the fact that the backup generator did not start. This problem was resolved that day.

Hamfest: Huntington, WV hamfest this Saturday; see: <http://www.rcara.site90.com/hunt.pdf>
Shelby, NC hamfest @ Dallas, NC September 1-2, 2012, see: <http://shelbyhamfest.com/>

ERARC Elections: Doug again said that he was not seeking the elected office of President this fall.

The meeting was over by 0745pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.

Check out a radio-active site at: [W8MOP](#) The East River Amateur Radio Club. We'll be glad that you did!
and the ERARC Facebook pages [EAST-RIVER-AMATEUR-RADIO-CLUB](#) on [Facebook](#).

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