



# East River Amateur Radio Club

**W8MOP**

## Meeting Minutes

**September 3, 2012**

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

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The September ERARC meeting was opened at 700pm by Doug Ritchey WG8D, ERARC President. There were 11 members and guests in attendance.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Roger Stefancic KC8LGR ERARC Treasurer gave his report: He paid a phone bill in the amount of \$20.01.

**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.**

Don Anderson WD8OOR said that the 145.49 is having issues besides the feed line / antenna problems. Its volume will go down and down to almost nothing and then go back to full volume. He said that the last time the repeater did something like this; he pressed the loosened electrical components back into the boards. They get loose due to the heat/cooling of the building.

**ERARC ARRL VE Test Session:** Gary Kadar mentioned the August 11 ARRL VE test session at the Mercer County 911 Center. Charlene Stinson, now KD8YZC, took and passed her Technician exam that day. **Congratulations!**

**September VHF Contest:** Gary said that amateurs are invited to participate in the ARRL September 8, 2012 VHF contest at "The Overlook" above Cole Motor Company. This trip will be discussed at the Saturday breakfast meeting. He and Roger Stefancic plan to work 2M and 6M SSB simplex. See: <http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf> for information.

**Repeater Report:** It was also mentioned that the "bear hunters" are back in the area and are using the input frequency for the '49 machine (144.89) to communicate with one another.

John Riddle N8RIG said that we/he was contacted by the South Eastern Repeater Association <http://www.sera.org/> concerning duplicate trustees listed for the "East River Amateur Radio Club, Inc.". One was himself and the other was Lee Brooks, K8BHG, SK. He got that straightened out with the SERA but then noticed that the "East River Radio Club" was listed with the FCC. Discussion. Gary Kadar made a motion, seconded by Harold Hodges to have John change the "ERRC:" to "ERARC, Inc." with the FCC. Vote taken. The motion passed. He will get the paperwork started. ((Addendum: Hooger looked into the paperwork that he had on hand and found that the "East River Radio Club" was incorporated on July 21, 1961 and that the "East River Amateur Radio Club, Inc." was incorporated on April 6, 1993. This change

was done to allow the Club to be a not-for-profit entity.))

**Hamfest:** Harold Hodges N8NCP, his son Scott KC8ECA and David Sexton AB8D all went to the Shelby Hamfest over the weekend and gave a short report on the 'fest. **Harold has a Yaesu FT757 with matching accessories for sale if interested.** [handdhodges@frontiernet.net](mailto:handdhodges@frontiernet.net)

**ERARC Elections:** Doug again said that he was not seeking the elected office of President this fall. Don Anderson placed David Cox's N4DBC name in consideration for the office.

The meeting was over by 0747pm.

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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