

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on August 4, 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 13 members and guests in attendance. All were welcomed especially visitors Paul Gonzalez KT4AS, a snowbird from Florida, and Dave Herter from Princeton. (Paul lives in Green Valley during the summer.)

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the July minutes. The minutes were approved.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR, ERARC Treasurer, gave his report. He paid a phone bill in the amount of \$21.98 and deposited \$52.00 in membership renewals. ***DUES ARE BEING TAKEN NOW, THANKS.*** They are still \$15.00 per year and only \$1.00 per additional member at the same mailing address. There still are two Sam's Club memberships through the Club left if any member is interested. It's \$45 per year.

Bill Sowers K8WBS said that he had checked with Shoney's and Ryan's in Princeton about having our meetings at one of those locations. Keith Jennings NO8P had checked with La Fiesta Mexican restaurant across the parking lot from Ryan's in Bluefield. There was discussion concerning moving meeting locations. Bill made a motion, seconded by Roger to take a vote on whether the majority wanted to move or not. By a show of hands, it was decided to stay at our current location.

Don Anderson WD8OOR repeater report: The 147.06 is working fine. The 442.45 is off the air and is being repaired. The 145.49 is still having more problems than not. Discussion. Doug Ritchey WG8D said that we needed to seriously consider purchasing one new repeater (~\$1000) and one new (~\$300) controller and be done with this entire repairing, 'tweaking', etc. Discussion. Bill made a motion seconded by Doug to have Don and Jay Belt K8CTI discuss the options and come up with a recommendation for new equipment.

Gary Kadar N8GK said that **THE NEXT ERARC ARRL VE TEST SESSION WILL BE THIS SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 AT 9AM AT THE MERCER COUNTY 911 CENTER.** He also mentioned that the FCC is allowing any holder of an EXPIRED ham license to take the Technician license written exam in order to renew their EXPIRED license. He is sure that an old Advance license will revert to a General license. One must have proof of holding such an expired license. He reminds us of the upcoming VHF contest on September 13-15. <http://www.arrl.org/september-vhf> .

Hooger read the content of two hamfest flyers for the August 9th Huntington, WV Tri-State Amateur Radio Association 'fest and the August 30-31 Shelby NC event. See: <http://www.orgsites.com/wv/taraclub/> and <http://www.shelbyhamfest.org> . Remember the WV State Convention on August 23, 2014 at Jackson's Mill in Weston, WV. See: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/west-virginia-state-convention-4> .

Don mentioned that the Lee Brooks K8BHG, SK estate is going up for sale soon and that his old ham radio-related items are being moved out also. The property is at 2113 Hemlock Hill, Bluefield, WV and that his friend is taking care of dispersal. Patrick McNulty lives across the street from Lee. Don will get more information and Hooger will email it out sometime in the near future.

Dave Herter was asked if he needed any help with getting his license. He checked out the Technician study guide from the Princeton, WV library and is going over the question pool and answers.

The meeting was over by 752pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.

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