

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on January 5, 2015 at Ryan's steakhouse in Bluefield, VA. <http://www.erarc.com> local emergency HF freq: 3.860+-5. Backup meeting location at Burger King, Bluefield, Va.

The meeting was opened at 656pm by Harold Hodges N8NCP, ERARC President. There were 12 members and guests in attendance. All were welcomed.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the November minutes and read the written account of the December Christmas dinner/meeting. The minutes were approved. He also passed around a copy of the homemade Christmas card from the ERARC to the Union Mission explaining how we came up with individual donations to their organization, our contact information, and our wishes to them for a wonderful Christmas and prosperous New Year. The thank-you note from the Mission was read to those present. They noted that a total of \$215.00 was donated by ERARC membership. Ginny Fisher KF4YBU was thanked for her setting up the event, decorating the meeting room, providing the Christmas music as well as taking care of all of the other details.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR, ERARC Treasurer, gave his report for November and as of today. He paid two phone bills in the amount of \$23.09 for each month, \$30.00 to charity in remembrance of Doug Hash (former KD4ARY) son of Randall Hash WB4BBF, \$50.00 to La Fiesta for setup and clean-up for the Christmas dinner and made one deposit of \$16.00.

Harold said that he and other Amateurs went to Bob Frazier's WB8NRK wake on Friday, December 19th. Bob had donated his body to the WVU medical department for scientific research and education. Don Anderson WD8OOR will find out to which charity the family would like the Club to donate to. Harold made a motion, seconded by John Riddle N8RIG to donate to a charity in Bob's name. The motion passed. Our 50/50 drawings cover these costs.

Harold asked on Anderson WD8OOR for an update on the new 145.49 repeater and controller. He said that he is still working on it as it is still a challenge and hopes to have it on the air by the next meeting.

Jay Belt K8CTI said that the 146.955 machine has been off the air for about a month due to a tower failure. It failed at about the 80 foot level on its 170 foot structure. It is hoped that the machine will be back on the air within several more weeks.

Don Anderson spoke about his recent purchase of a "Jetstream" mobile dual bander 10W radio that he had purchased for \$139.00. This unit included CD and programming cable.

Gary Kadar N8GK mentioned that at the November 8, 2014 VE test session that two new Technicians tested and passed and a new General tested out and passed also.

A visitor, Brian McGlothlin, from Bluefield, Va. was in attendance and introduced himself. He and his father, who lives close to Richlands, Va., are studying for their Technician licenses and he asked some Ham-related questions. He found the Club listed on the internet and decided to join us tonight.

John Riddle said that the 6M antenna on his N8RIG repeater had ice failure and that he has another antenna to replace it. He and Jay Belt were discussing the possibility of changing it out.

Roger Stefancic won the 50/50 drawing. The meeting was over by 0733pm.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary.