

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on June 1, 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 645pm by Harold Hodges N8NCP, ERARC President. There were 15 members and guests in attendance. Matt Morris KC8LGS was in attendance and had to leave but wanted to give an update on what he's been able to get done for marketing the Club and trying to gain licensed Amateurs and possibly members. He talked to WVVA television about the possibly getting on their 30 minute "In Focus" TV program on Sunday at 9am. After talking to Travis Roberts, a WVVA reporter, they thought that a good 2 to 3 minute 'spot'/interview would hopefully do as well or hopefully better. Matt and Travis talked about several things including: a) "how could Amateur radio help the average person", with examples of how Am. Radio has helped us, from a young and older aged point of view b) "why someone got into Am. Radio and what keeps them interested in it, c) give a short talk about what Am. Radio is, etc., and other items identified. Matt said that once the WVVA spot airs, we should get onto WVVA's website, copy the video from their site and spread it by social media. As Matt said, "You know how fast information spreads if you do that.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the May minutes. The minutes were approved. Roger Stefancic KC8LGR, ERARC Treasurer, gave his report. He paid a phone bill in the amount of \$23.17 and made a \$16.00 deposit. Harold asked about the May 12 Civil Air Patrol meeting at which Stephen Rector W8QHC, Don Anderson WD8OOR and Jay Belt K8CTI informed their group about Amateur Radio, testing and licensing. Don Walker KD8MKY said that they did a really good job. Stephen purchased an additional Technician study guide book for them to study with. (This was in addition to the three study guides in the local libraries). Harold mentioned that the 2015 ARRL Field Day will be on June 27-28 and the ERARC will hold our event at Boy Scout Camp Roland. There will be a pot luck dinner at 6pm on the 27th. <http://www.arrl.org/field-day> Mike Puckett KE4MFO asked if there were anyway to take 'non-working' repeaters off of existing listings for the same. Discussion. He knows that the Horsepen, WV repeater that has been off of the air for at least 10 years and yet, it is still being listed. He also said that he had seen a Chinese-made dual bander for only \$99. Gary Kadar N8GK said that the new General Question pool will change on July 1 and that anyone is currently studying for that class license to be sure to test out before that date. The May 9th ARRL VE test session was not attended by anyone needing to test. Jay Belt said that the 444.45 DMR repeater was moved to the 145.49 site in Bluefield, VA and the 442.45 repeater was moved to Windmill Gap. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE CS-750 HANDHELD IS BEING RE-RELEASED AND THERE ARE NO APPARENT PROBLEMS NOTED WITH THIS ONE. He asked if the Club would accept a donation for a ~\$3000 Emergency Broadcast System receiver from WV/VA Media Group. It could be in tandem with the 442.45 repeater. We all agreed to accept it. It was mentioned that Paul Osburn's (W8NST) wife Lorraine passed away last week. Gary visited the 1pm visitation. We will send Paul a card of condolence. (Hooger found several DMR links:

[http://www.trbo.org/docs/Amateur\\_Radio\\_Guide\\_to\\_DMR.pdf](http://www.trbo.org/docs/Amateur_Radio_Guide_to_DMR.pdf) found at <http://www.trbo.org>. Other sites: <http://www.caldmr.org>

<http://www.w4c11.com>      <http://www.dmr-marc.net> ." The meeting was over  
by 738pm. Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary. ERARCP.O. Box  
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