

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on August 1, 2016 at The Valley Country Restaurant, Green Valley, WV. <http://www.erarc.com> local emergency HF freq: 3.860+-5. Backup meeting location at Burger King, Bluefield, Va. The meeting was opened at 0658pm by Harold Hodges N8NCP, ERARC President. There were 17 members/ guests in attendance. Harold welcomed all

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes of the July meeting. There were no changes made and they were approved.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR, ERARC Treasurer, gave his report. A deposit of \$16 was made for membership. THERE ARE TWO MORE SAMS CLUB MEMBERSHIPS (THRU THE CLUB) AVAILABLE IF ANY MEMBER IS INTERESTED.

Jay Belt K8CTI was asked about the Magic Jack internet phone system for the repeater. He is still working on it.

It was mentioned that David Sexton AB8D and others are having problems trying to work the DMR repeater. Greg Dominguez N3MPR said that he has had a lot of trouble trying to work it also and Jay Belt K8CTI said that he will check the computer controlling it. There was a lot of discussion about this problem.

Don Anderson WD8OOR and Jay Belt have put a PL tone of 103.5 on the 145.49 and 147.06 in order to cut down on the noise that we have been experiencing lately. We would rather keep it as an 'open' repeater but the noise is really bad at times.

Ed Evans WV8ED introduced himself and proceeded to tell the members about the October 14-16 Scouting event Jamboree on the Air. (<http://www.arrl.org/jamboree-on-the-air-jota>). The event will be held at Boy Scout Camp Roland and the ERARC had previously agreed to help put on the event. Ed has received permission to use the coveted K2BSA/8 call sign for this event. The local Scouting District is having their Fall Camporee on that weekend and JOTA will be a part of it. Ed hopes that 60+ young

people will attend and he hopes that we can get several HF radios on the air in order to make contacts with other Scouting groups around the world. We will also demonstrate UHF/VHF, and hopefully other modes of communications. Ed plans on teaching the Radio Merit Badge (<http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/mb093.asp>) during the weekend also. We have any number of different antenna and transceiver systems that can be put into use.

Harold asked if there were any nominations for President and Treasurer. Discussion. Keith Jennings accepted the nod for the President's position and George Leedy KJ4BXS said that he would try the Treasurer's position. We will vote on the officers for the upcoming year at the next meeting. Thank you Keith and George!

Keith Jennings NO8P mentioned the August 5-6 Mercer County Fair at Pikeview High School on Eades Mill Road outside of Princeton, WV. (<http://www.fairofmercercounty.com/index.html>) The ERARC will be there to promote Amateur Radio and the Club. Keith will need help for sure and hopes to get DMR, 2M, 440 and HF displayed and used at this event. He has brochures, etc. to pass out. We will be sharing the Mercer Co. 911 Communications trailer with the Princeton, WV Rescue Squad. They need a space to treat heat related illnesses and the like.

Don Anderson said that we need to get to Bill Sower's K8WBS home and get his tower down, scraped and painted and moved to Camp Roland. Bill has donated this tower to the Camp for our use as an antenna and as an alternate flag pole for the Scouts. Don had up to 2 yards of concrete donated by the Rocky Gap concrete company. He has all of the bolts, etc. for use in putting it in the ground and into the air again. There was some discussion. Don will get the word out via email, etc. when we can move on this project. "Maybe next week," he says.

The meeting was over by 758pm.

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