

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on January 7, 2019 at Bellacino's in Princeton, WV <http://www.erarc.com> local emergency HF freq: 3.860+-5. Skywarn® local simplex freq: 146.53. Our backup meeting location is at the Princeton, WV. Burger King.

The meeting was opened at 703pm by Keith Jennings AD8L ERARC Vice President. There were 17 members in attendance. He welcomed all. He had Eddie Spence and Darrell McGlothlin KM4HDM introduce themselves, Eddie is from Bluefield, WV, and is studying for his Technician license. Darrell is a new ERARC member and lives in Richlands, Va.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes of the November 5, 2018 meeting and they were approved. A report on the Christmas dinner was given also. He handed out copies of our "to do list" to each member. Keith reported that Matt had procured the Glenwood Park site for Field Day.

Keith gave Bruce Puckett's KJ4YTR Treasurer's report. He paid a power bill for the 145.49 site in the amount of \$28.69 and deposited \$123.00 in dues and donations. It was mentioned that Bruce had emailed a new membership roster to the Club's officers and that he will send it to our webmaster, David Lester N8VFR after any suggested additions/changes. Greg Dominguez AF8GD is almost finished with a 'welcome' booklet for new members.

Jay Belt K8CTI gave the repeater report. "They are working." He and Don Anderson WD800R are still perplexed as to the on/off problems with tx/rx on the 145.49. Don mentioned that the current General question pool changes on July 1, 2019. He also said that the Kenwood TS-2000 HF rig is back at the Mercer 911 Center and that it does indeed work on all bands.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR said that the Monday 730pm Skywarn Practice Net is on hold for the time being. Keith said that Charlie Priest KN400H is taking over the position of Mercer Co. ARRL Emergency Coordinator. He is in the process of getting the education requirements done, etc. Charles reminded the group that the Club is more than welcome to setup at the April Appalachian Festival on the Bluefield College campus and show the public about Amateur Radio.

Gary Kadar N8GK said that the annual January VHF contest is on the weekend of January 19, 2018. <http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf>

Charlie Hampton K8CEH is going to need help in retrieving and transporting a tower from Arlie Hick's N8AH home to his home when the weather breaks.

Keith read part of a FCC release concerning the Baefong HT's that have been for available in the US. The FCC does not approve these units for sale or use due to their not being Part 90 permissible.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-cites-baofeng-importer-for-illegally-marketing-unauthorized-rf-devices>

Hooger asked if any new or current member / visitor needed anything from the Club in the form of advice, expertise, etc. No takers.

Keith had asked David Sexton AB8D if he would give a short program on DMR at possibly the next meeting. David said that he would try to have it ready. Keith said that it would be nice to have alternate exercises, trivia, etc. to bring before the Club for educational purposes.

The meeting was over at 0753pm.

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“To Do” / ‘wants’ or ‘needs’ list. Items mentioned:

- (1) A new HF antenna for our use, We now have 5 HF rigs
- (2) New repeater site to replace 145.49 We will have to move next summer per Jay Belt
- (3) “Welcome” booklet for new members Greg working on this
- (4) New ERARC QSL card for The Club
- (5) Increase the height on the G5RV HF antenna at the 911 Center.
- (6) Possible auction/sale on excessive equipment at the 911 Center.
- (7) Fix the 145.49 receive/transmit problems.

Repeated information here: “Charles Priest KN4OOH was asked about the REMIND DOT COM program. He said that as a music professor, he uses <http://www.remind.com> for notifying his students of changes in meeting times, locations, etc. He said that we can use this free service for Club members to be notified of just about anything. **(To partake in this service, text “ @w8mop “ to 81010.** The system will text you back and asks your name. You can use your name or callsign or both. The system will then text you back and the rest is easy to follow. Your phone number WILL NOT be displayed anywhere.)

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