

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on July 1, 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 700pm by Matt Morris KC8LGS, President. There were 20 members and guests in attendance. He welcomed all and especially: Tim Honaker KE4MFM, Derrick Ruble (both from the Tazewell Co. Va. 911 Center) and Jason Perdue KN4QMN from McCoy, Va.

Hooger Fisher W4OF read the minutes of the June 3, 2019 meeting and they were approved. Hooger also received a membership renewal and a new membership tonight.

Matt gave Bruce Puckett's KJ4YTR Treasurer's report. He paid \$250.00 for the new Club banner and \$300.00 to the ARRL for our liability insurance policy. He thanked Mike Clemons KM4URC for making the "Annual Field Day" banner that was connected to the new ERARC banner. Both were used at Field Day.

Don Anderson WD8OOR gave the repeater report. It seems that the power supply to the 145.49 had developed problems over the past several months. He changed out the PS and wiring and now the '49 seems to be working much better than before. We will monitor the repeater and see if further intervention is needed. Jay Belt K8CTI agreed with Don's assessment.

Roger Stefancic KC8LGR said that the Monday 730pm Skywarn Practice Net will resume next Monday July 8 on the 147.09.

Charles Priest KN4OOH, Mercer Co. WV ARRL Emergency Coordinator, said that he had attended the June LEPC meeting in Bland County, Va. and explained the use of Amateur Radio in emergencies. There will be a Mercer Co. ARES drill on Saturday, July 27, at 9am, starting at the Mercer Co. 911 Center. Members will split up and visit all of the fire departments in the County and attempt to contact the 911 Center on 147.06 and 146.530 simplex via mobile and handheld radios. One does not have to be an ARES member to help / participate. ((He is asking that those interested in helping with the local ARES group send him your name, call sign, email address and phone number. [charlestpriest@gmail.com](mailto:charlestpriest@gmail.com) He now has 10 Hams on his call-up list. ))

Keith Jennings AD8L will meet NEXT MONDAY AT 7PM at Bellacino's with anyone that may want or need some Elmering. The informal 'class' is going well and is being well received. The next ERARC ARRL VE test session will be on August 10, 2019 at 9am at the Mercer Co. 911 Center. NOTE: The new General test questions took effect on July 1, 2019. BE SURE that you study the new General material for upgrade for the next 4 years. Keith said that he had read about reallocation of 144-146 MHz to the Aeronautical Mobile service. <http://www.arrl.org/news/no-strong-opposition-to-144-146-mhz-reallocation-proposal-at-cept-meeting>

DMR: David Sexton AB8D will continue to hold a DMR net on Tuesdays at 0730pm on local Bluefield talk group 9.

Greg Dominguez AF8GD is making the final changes on the new Member's Booklet in PDF form and is requesting corrections, additions, clarifications and validations on the information within. Hooger will send this PDF out to members when received. Send any comments to Greg at [AF8GH@comcast.net](mailto:AF8GH@comcast.net). Thanks.

Hooger passed around the old ERARC QSL card as well as Keith Jennings rendering of a new card. No one else had come up with a suggested option so after discussion, Matt suggested that Keith get 100 cards made up. There was no opposition to this request.

THERE WILL BE A TOUR OF THE TAZEWELL COUNTY 911 DISPATCH CENTER ON WEDNESDAY AT 10AM. Derrick Ruble wants us to see what they have in place and for us to make suggestions to them. Several members said that they would be able to go on the tour. The 911 Center is on the east end of Main Street in Tazewell, just behind the public library.

Matt expressed sympathy to the families of Benny Mills N8XXA, SK and to Ginny Tickle Fisher KF4YBU, whose father, Charles Tickle, has passed away.

The 'to do' list:

- (1) "Welcome" booklet for new members Greg Dominguez AF8GD working on this
- (2) Possible auction/sale on excessive equipment at the 911 Center.

The meeting was over at 0738pm.

The meeting was turned over to Tim Honaker and Derrick Ruble for their presentation of information and requests for the 911 Center as well as our inspection of one of their communication trailers that they brought.

Submitted by Hooger Fisher W4OF, ERARC Secretary. ERARC P.O. Box 1362 Bluefield, WV 24701

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. )