

Minutes of the East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on August 3, 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 700pm by Harold Hodges N8NCP, ERARC President.

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. He paid the final phone bill in the amount of \$23.17. We had voted to obtain a 'Magic Jack' Internet phone connection and Jay Belt K8CTI said that this was still in the works.

Don Anderson WD8OOR was asked for a repeater report. "They are all working, except those that are not," was his report. He said that he regularly monitors the ERARC repeaters and finds that most people use the 147.06 and the 442.45. He has used 442.45 with a great signal from Tazewell. The 145.49 needs some antenna work. John Riddle N8RIG has had the chance to examine the 6M machine and he's in the hunt for some parts. It was reported that Echolink is off and Don said that he's moving the dedicated Echolink computer to his new garage where there is a reliable internet connection and get it back on the air. The Echolink link between 442.45 and 147.06 is not working at present.

Bill Sowers K8WBS said that Mona had gone to the Mercer County Fair and noticed the Clubs, etc. who had booths at the event and asked Bill why the Club doesn't do the same, since we're trying to increase licensed Hams and gain membership. Discussion.

Gary Kadar N8GK said that the quarterly ERARC ARRL VE test session is this Saturday at 9am at the Mercer County 911 Center.

Harold and others started talking about WB8NRK, SK Bob Frazier's Ham radio estate. Harold had sent Hooger a list of items for sale a month ago and he will now send Hooger an updated list with suggested prices with the items. Hooger will disseminate this list when he receives it. Don went by the home on Saturday and talked to Bob's daughter and son-in-law. They want to get rid ASAP of as much radio 'stuff' as they can and have asked for help. Don found one of the Club's radio-direction-finding units and took it with him. John Riddle said that he has the other one at his home. We will plan on going to Bob's soon and going through the inventory there and see what the Club owns and what the Frazier's are willing to get rid of.

Digital Mobile Radio information:

<http://www.va3xpr.net/dmr-repeater-map/>

http://www.trbo.org/docs/Amateur_Radio_Guide_to_DMR.pdf found at

<http://www.trbo.org>. <http://www.caldmr.org> <http://www.w4c1l.com>

<http://www.dmr-marc.net> ."

The meeting was over by 736pm.

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