

Minutes of the Bluefield, WV's East River Amateur Radio Club meeting held on February 3, 2025. <http://www.erarc.com> Local emergency HF freq: 3.860+-5. We meet on the first Monday of each month at 7pm at 704 Bland Street, Room 523, Bluefield, WV 24701. Mailing address: P.O. Box 1362, Bluefield, WV 24701 (ERARC +\$15 dues Paypal +\$56 dues fees, \$3.42)

President David Lester N8VFR, Vice President David Sexton AB8D, Treasurer; Jay Belt K8CTI, Secretary: George "Hooger" Fisher III W4OF, Webmaster, David Lester N8VFR, HamClubOnline liaison and VE team leader Berlon Roberts W8ZBR

The meeting was opened at 700pm by Dave Lester, ERARC President. He welcomed the other 11 in attendance. There were no participants via ZOOM tonight. The Group stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. (Henry Shinn KC3KGY donated the flag, pole and stand.) David asked that we keep Matt Morris KC8GLS and family in our prayers as his mother passed away several days ago.

MEMBERSHIP: There are 26 individuals that have not renewed their membership for the upcoming year. Please consider supporting the East River Amateur Radio Club in our endeavors to keep the repeaters on the air, purchasing insurance for same, purchasing liability insurance for members, keeping us 'legal' with the State and other necessities for the Club. We would appreciate it!

VE testing: By Berlon Roberts W8ZBR ERARC VEC team. **The next session will be Saturday, Feb 15, 2024**, at 9am at 704 Bland St. Bluefield, WV, room 523. (The VE team must have a copy of your current license if applicable, a photo ID is a must as well as a copy of a CSCE, if applicable.) Those testing must have a FCC Registration Number and valid email address before testing. The cost is \$15 and we will accept cash and check but NO PLASTIC. The new FCC \$35 federal licensing fee must be paid to the FCC, NOT THE ERARC. (<https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/publicHome.do>) The VE team tests quarterly on the second Saturday in February, May, August and November.)

BLAST TECHNICIAN CLASS: We will have the Technician Licensing Class on Feb. 28 and March 1, 2025 at the Bluefield ERARC classroom. 704 Bland Street, Bluefield, WV. Room 523. The Club will provide lunch. The Friday evening session is a review of the program, etc. and Saturday includes instruction, Q&A, review and testing. Contact Nelson Linkous nlinkous at citlink dot net. Nelson has said that he's received reservations from 6 to 8 people so far.

David asked if there was any pressing business for the Club. There was none. We will conduct a business meeting at the March session.

David commenced with his presentation of: "Build a Hamclock using a Raspberry Pi 4 to construct a Hamclock "from the ground up". The presentation was interesting, well planned and presented. All in attendance seemed to be very interested in the subject. The meeting was over at 0815pm.