

<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

President David Lester N8VFR, Vice President David Sexton AB8D, Treasurer; Jay Belt K8CTI, Webmaster, David Lester N8VFR, HamClubOnline liaison and VE team leader Berlon Roberts W8ZBR. Join us for Friday breakfast at 9am at Tudor's on Cumberland Road. Gary Kadar and others meet on Saturdays at 730am at the Green Valley Restaurant.

The meeting began at 7:00 pm. There were 16 people in attendance and one on Zoom. President David Lester, N8VFR, welcomed the group. The pledge to the flag was recited. Don Anderson WD8OOR was welcomed to the meeting.

The minutes were read by Hooger Fisher III W4OF.

Jay Belt, K8CTI, read his Treasurer's report dated June 2, 2026. Credits totaled \$40.00 from a tree removal donation and one new membership and one debit of \$800 for New River Valley tree removal at the 145.25 site. PayPal had \$182.00 in credits from one new membership, one renewal and donations. Debits included \$2.61 in fees. Total balance \$4948.87.

We are accepting dues for the year at \$15/member with \$5 per family members. The PayPal link is listed on the website: HamclubOnline.com. Dues increase to \$20/member on January 2027.

David asked that we bypass old and new business, unless pressing, and talk about Field Day.

FIELD DAY June 27-28 at the Mercer Co. airport. There are two individuals bringing their own radios, antenna systems and generators. David is bringing his business's bucket truck and generator. We will meet at the Green Valley Restaurant at 830 on the 27 and finalize plans. The contest starts at 2pm local time but we'll start settling up when we arrive at the site. Marcus Boyd W4BD will work a CW station. George Dietrich KF4YGL will work FT8. We will use our solar generator. Dave asked if anyone knows of an elected official that can visit for bonus points. There will be an information table for bonus points. Dave will spend the night at the site. Any others are welcome to stay also. A GOTA (Get On The Air) position will be made if wanted or needed. The airport terminal will be available for restroom use. <https://www.arrl.org/news/start-planning-for-arrl-field-day-2026>.

TINKERING THURSDAY on June 18 will entail going through the stored dipoles, extension cords, antennas, etc. to get ready for Field Day. Our storage area is on the third floor.

VHF/UHF contest June 13-15. Gary Scott WE3J wants to participate in this contest. <https://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>

Gary Kadar N8GK mentioned that our Ham Radio Deluxe software needs to be renewed if we want to do so; \$39- 89.

The meeting was over around 751pm.

After the meeting, one Technician candidate tested at our special June test session.

Renewals: KB8YRJ

New: Matt Brown KQ4YLL, Jeff Woods AD8NQ

Tree removal: N8HKO

Donation: KB8YRJ, K8CTI

Check out a radio-active site at: <http://www.erarc.com> , The East River Amateur Radio Club. We'll be glad that you did! <https://www.facebook.com/w8mop>. and/or: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/296680905352/>

West Virginia DMR Net

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| Net | Bluefield 444.45 + 5 repeater | Scheduled | 2026-06-02 (Tue) | 19:30 - 20:30 EDT | Every Tuesday |
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Virginia DMR Net

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| Net | Bluefield 444.45 + 5 repeater | Scheduled | 2026-06-03 (Wed) | 20:00 - 21:00 EDT | Every Wednesday |
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Mercer County Skywarn & ARES Practice Net

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| Net | 145.490 -6 offset, 103.5 PL Tone | Scheduled | 2026-06-08 (Mon) | 19:30 - 21:30 EDT | Every Monday |
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ERARC Tinkering Thursdays

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| Club Meeting | 704 Bland Street, Bluefield WV. Room 523 (ERARC HQ) | Scheduled | 2026-06-18 (Thu) | 18:30 - 18:30 EDT | Every 3rd Thursday |
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ERARC Monthly Meeting

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| Club Meeting | 704 Bland Street, Bluefield WV. Room 523 | Scheduled | 2026-07-06 (Mon) | 19:00 - 19:00 EDT | Every 1st Monday |
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