

WAARC September 13, 2011 meeting minutes

President Bill, NR4C, called the meeting to order. There were 26 attending. He welcomed all and all introduced themselves with comments on Hurricane Irene. The secretary's report was approved as posted on the club web and yahoo group pages. The Treasurer's report was provided by Treasurer Ken, NU4I. QSL Card manager Steve, KG4SMV, reported we are up to date except for cards that just arrived yesterday.

Chris, KC4CMR, gave a few highlights from activity during Hurricane Irene concerning EOC activation, station locations, and repeater coverage. The '76 repeater was on generator power for 81 hours. Joe, KI4LXT did a long shift at net control from the station located at Eastern State Hospital. Chuck, AI4WU, gave a report on the Williamsburg EOC. Chris also commented that right after the earthquake, about 15 local hams checked into the repeater. Chris also commented on the coverage provided for the Saturday and Sunday Triathlon event. There were 18 radio operators over the two day event.

Ed, K1NUH, Mr "Blast from the Past", presented some old QSL cards he located at a stamp event. There were cards from the 1935 era, pre WWII with countries soon to have drastic impact from the invasions. Per Ed, Ham Radio goes on regardless of politics.

Ken, NU4I, passed around a flyer from Three Star Inc, a company in Ashland that has assorted supplies that include items of interest to Amateur Radio.

Bill, NR4C, mentioned that the upcoming October Yorktown special event would either on the 15th or 22nd. He also suggested we might look for batteries for the CW station to use at Field Day. The September club breakfast that was delayed a week for the Virginia Beach HamFest would be at Victoria's on the 24th. It was announced that October 8th would be the fall club ARRL testing session.

We then had a great program by Don, N4DJ, on his 80 meter Half Square Antenna which he said was good for DX and contesting, but not for local work. He showed lots of modeling data, and provided good information on height needed compared to angle of radiation when comparing to traditional dipole antennas.

Attendees:

-	Norris	KJ4YQU	Tom
AB2AN	John	KK4BMY	Don
AF4QG	Jim	KU4FO	Carl
AI4QQ	John	KV4HT	John
AI4WU	Chuck	N4DJ	Don
K1NUH	Ed	NR4C	Bill
K2QIJ	George	NU4I	Ken
K9RAC	Rick	W#TB	Ted
KC4CMR	Chris	W4NYY	Mike
KG4SMV	Steve	W4RDJ	Don
KJ4ADE	Dennis	WA2IEI	Bert
KJ4WUX	Otis	WA4LMG	Bill
KJ4WUYfrANK		WG4F	Dan

Respectfully submitted, Dan, WG4F. Please send any corrections or additions to me.