

First State Amateur Radio Club Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February & March meetings

Next meeting: April 22nd, 7:24pm, Conectiv Corporate Data Center

[2010 Meeting Dates](http://fsarc.org/Meetings.html) (<http://fsarc.org/Meetings.html>)

[FSARC Main Web Site](http://fsarc.org) - (<http://fsarc.org>)

[FSARC Constitution](http://fsarc.org/Constitution/FSARC-Constitution.pdf) - <http://fsarc.org/Constitution/FSARC-Constitution.pdf>

February Meeting Attendees: Mike Federico, Rich Dalton, Scotty Moyer, Jerry Simonowits, Lou Ferrara, Mike Raymond Dave Drew, Chet Thayer, Dick Sanford, Wayne Smith, Pat Horner.

*I do not have a list on the members that participated in the on-air meeting on our regularly scheduled February meeting, so if you were "there", please send me an email - kb3reu@arrl.net.

March Attendees: Rich Dalton, Scotty Moyer, Jerry Simonowits, Frank Getz, Brian Crozier, Mike Raymond, Dick Sanford, George Lawton, Chet Thayer, Dave Drew, George Lawton, Craig Hodson, and Mike Markowski. I am missing the other sign in sheet, so I apologize for anyone I have missed.

I. Announcements

Next VE Session (ARRL) April 10th 2010 @ Bear Library. Full testing schedule can be found [here](#).

II. Old Business

- Thanks to Frank Getz for providing March's program, Smith Charts.
 - Here is a [link](#) to the presentation.
- Constitution review:
 - Jerry is still looking for volunteers to help review. Send him an email if you are interested.
 - Our Constitution can be found [here](#) on our website.
 - ARRL Constitution sample, can be found [here](#). (<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/constitution.html>)
 - What is a Constitution link [here](#). (http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/club/what_is_a_constitution.pdf)
 - ARRL's Articles of Association, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, can be found [here](#). (<http://www.arrl.org/aabl.html>)
 - ARRL Foundation's By-Laws can be found [here](#). (<http://www.arrlf.org/information/By-Laws>)
- The DE QSO party committee is in the process of completing the scoring and providing the list soon.

III. New Business

- New FSARC website is in place, take a look [here](#).
- Current DE section report - link [here](#).

- Field Day 2010 – Planning to start/continue at next month’s meeting.
- Delmarva Amateur Radio & Electronics Expo – April 17 @ Sussex Technical High School- link [here](#).
- 2010 Greater Baltimore Hamboree & Computerfest this weekend link [here](#).

IV. Some ARRL Items

Link to ARRL DE Section (<http://www.arrl.org/sections/?sect=DE>)

Link to ARRL Clubs in Delaware – link [here](#).

[Surfin': Hamming on the Edge](#)

Yesterday, March 26, 2010, 8:00:00 AM

This week, the denizens of the Surfin' visit blogs intended for ham radio hackers and makers

[FCC Issues Notice of Proposed Rule Making on Government Disaster Drills and Amateur Radio](#)

Thursday, March 25, 2010, 9:44:00 AM

On March 24, the FCC released a *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)* proposing to amend the Commission's Amateur Radio Service rules "with respect to Amateur Radio operations during government-sponsored emergency preparedness and disaster readiness drills and tests." While current rules provide for Amateur Radio use during emergencies, the rules prohibit communications where the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer. In October 2009, the FCC released a *Public Notice* clarifying the Commission's rules relating to the use of Amateur Radio by licensed amateurs participating in drills and exercises on behalf of their employers. To date, the FCC has granted several dozen waivers under this new policy.

[ARRL Executive Committee Examines Proposed Vanity Call Sign Changes, Legislative, Regulatory Issues, More](#)

Thursday, March 25, 2010, 9:36:00 AM

The ARRL Executive Committee (EC) held its first 2010 meeting Saturday, March 13 in Denver. The EC worked through a lengthy agenda that for the first time had been shared in advance with ARRL members -- the result of an ARRL Board action at its January meeting intended to increase transparency in the governance of the organization.

[Dayton Hamvention® Announces 2010 Award Winners](#)

Thursday, March 25, 2010, 9:27:00 AM

Three Amateur Radio operators -- and for the first time, an Amateur Radio club -- who have made significant contributions to the Amateur Radio Service will be honored guests when the 2010 Dayton Hamvention® opens in Hara Arena on May 14. In addition, Hamvention organizers will recognize a Club of the Year in keeping with the 2010 Hamvention theme: Amateur Radio Clubs Worldwide: The Lifeline.

"Choosing the finalists was a difficult process due to the number of fine nominations," said Hamvention Awards Committee Chairman Frank Beafore, WS8B.

[New ARRL Web Site Testing Continues](#)

Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 7:39:31 PM

Full-scale load testing of the new Web site is now complete and we have a much better picture of the problems that caused the site crash earlier this week. Thank you for your patience during this activity. These tests have been very helpful in assuring that the site will operate smoothly when it is formally launched. In the meantime, we will continue to use the old Web site.

[500 kHz Experimentation Grows in US, World](#)

Tuesday, March 23, 2010, 1:26:00 PM

In the 500 kHz Experiment quarterly report for the period ending February 2010, Experiment Coordinator Fritz Raab, W1FR, reported that since the experiment began in late 2006, 19 of the 31 participating stations are currently active. The FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology granted the WD2XSH experimental license to the ARRL in September of that year. Raab said that during the quarter, nine new stations were active on the air: "Conditions during the winter were generally good. As a result, there has been a great deal of activity during the past three months."

[The K7RA Solar Update](#)

Friday, March 19, 2010, 6:48:00 PM

On March 6-9, we got a taste of the bad old days from 2008-2009 when there were frequent stretches of 0 sunspots. After March 9, activity picked up and we hope there is no end in sight to the much-welcome sunspots. This week -- March 11-17 -- the average daily sunspot numbers increased from the previous period, from 12.4 to 29.4. Thursday March 18, had a repeat of Wednesday's sunspot number of 28. Sunspot numbers for March 11-17 were 31, 36, 32, 30, 28, 21 and 28, with a mean of 29.4. The 10.7 cm flux was 84.2, 89.6, 91.8, 89.4, 86.4, 85.2 and 86.7, with a mean of 87.6. The estimated planetary A indices were 9, 9, 4, 6, 3, 4 and 7, with a mean of 6. The estimated mid-latitude A indices were 9, 6, 2, 2, 2, 3 and 5, with a mean of 4.1.

Current Feature Articles

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- [Mar 19 Surfin': Hodgepodge Is Just Another Word for Mishmash](#)
- [Mar 16 *The Radio Amateur's Hand Book* by Archie Frederick Collins](#)
- [Mar 12 Surfin': Do You Hear What I Hear?](#)
- [Mar 08 The ARRL Second Homebrew Challenge -- And the Winners Are...](#)
- [Mar 05 Surfin': Using the Internet as a Public Service Radio Scanner](#)
- [Mar 04 Amateur Radio Quiz: Workbench Wisdom](#)
- [Mar 01 ARRL In Action: What Have We Been Up to Lately?](#)
- [Mar 01 It Seems to Us: Emergency Preparedness and the FCC Rules](#)
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