

ERARC MEETING

September 4, 2025 |

PRELIMINARIES

Meeting began at 7:00 pm. Nine people in attendance and two guests on Zoom.

David Lester, N8VFR, welcomed the group. The pledge to the flag was recited by the group.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The August minutes were read by David Sexton and accepted by the group. Items mentioned were the move of the 147.06 FM repeater to Princeton. The 145.20 Fusion only repeater was tried at Windmill Gap and moved to East River Mountain. Subsequently, the 145.25 FM repeater was moved to Windmill Gap. All three repeaters are in operation.

TREASURER REPORT

Jay Belt, K8CTI, furnished and read a treasurer's report dated September 4, 2025. Credits included \$20 George and Virginia Fisher W4OF/KF4YBU renewal, \$15 Aiden Vrenna (AD8GM) new membership, \$45 Jeffrey King (N8HKO) three year renewal, and \$15 Anthony T. Cook (KD8EHT) renewal. Total credits: \$95.00. Debits were \$00.00. We are accepting dues for the coming year at \$15/amateur with \$5 for family members at the same address. The PayPal link is listed on the website: www.HamclubOnline.com.

OLD BUSINESS

The West Virginia State Fair special event station W8F on August 9th was discussed. David Lester, John Riddle, Nelson Linkous and Jeff White attended. Chris Hatcher of the ARA and other clubs conducted the station operation. Many visitors visited the tent and enjoyed ham radio during the Fair. The W8MOP VE Test Session took place on Saturday August 9th as well. However, the single test participant was not present and the session was terminated early. A big shout out to Berlon Roberts for conducting the exam session!

NEW BUSINESS

David Lester mentioned that the presentations for Wires-X operation and the Greenbank radio telescope operation have not been determined. The group voted to swap ownership of the 147.06 Windmill Gap repeater to the ARA to be coordinated as KD8XK and the 145.25 repeater East River Mountain coordinated as W8MOP with ERARC. David encouraged the group to consider future POTA events. Gary mentioned the upcoming fall VHF Contest on Saturday September

13th. This is a contest using simplex digital and voice on 6m, 2m, 220 and 440 bands. David spoke about the Meshtastic <https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Meshtastic> mode of communication. No internet or cell service is required to get started. The units can be purchased from Amazon. The phone app and the unit will seek out and connect to Nodes throughout the Tristate. Please see David N8VFR for complete details.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ADJOURN AT 8:05PM