

*UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA*  
*AMATEUR RADIO CLUB*



**Minutes of the Amateur Radio Club**

University of Pennsylvania  
**Philadelphia, PA 19104**

<http://www.seas.upenn.edu/alumni/amateurradioclub/home.html>

Monthly Meeting: Monday, March 19, 2008 at Houston Hall – Morris Seitz Room.

Attendees:

Russ Miller – WA3FRP, Hesham Wahby (Wharton MBA '09), Sam McGarity – KB3DZU, Donald Ying – KB3NFJ, Reuven Z. Gevaryahu – KB3EHW

President's Welcome and Update

President Russ Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and welcomed everyone to the March Club meeting. Russ thanked Hesham for coordinating the room location and for arranging for the pizza and sodas. Russ thanked everyone for their help in running the Spring Activities Fair.

Discussion about Attracting New Club Members

The following ideas were advanced during this discussion:

- Look for new Club members among students who are interested in Public Service
  - Contact other student campus organizations focused on Public Service and inform them about the Amateur Radio Club
  - Use the proposed ARES project with HUP as a recruiting tool for new Club membership

- Look for new Club members with an interest in technology
  - Propose Amateur radio based Senior Design Projects ideas for engineering students to explore
  - Ask Prof. Sarkar to circulate Club information within the Engineering School
- Look to other College and University Clubs for ideas on what has worked in finding new Club members
  - Sam KB3DZU will ask his Dad AC3V, Trustee at Swarthmore W3AJ for ideas and comments.

### Licensing for New Hams

Hesham indicated that he is half way through the study guide and continues to work toward his Technician license.

### Hospital Emergency Communications Meeting

Russ Miller and Fred Serota from the Club and ARRL EPA District 1 Emergency Coordinator Bob Famiglio recently met with the Corporate Director of Emergency Management and Safety Programs for the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (HUP). The meeting, requested by HUP, focused on the emergency communication needs for HUP and two other University hospitals in Philadelphia. A future meeting is planned. The scope of this engagement may expand as Penn Public Safety has also indicated an interest in Amateur Radio provided emergency communications.

### Strategic Plan - On-Campus Station

There was a discussion about the status of the Club's on-campus station. At this point, because of access and security issues, plans to use one of the high-rise dorms for the station have been put on hold.

A meeting was held with the Club's Faculty Advisor in February where an agreement was made to request the use of the Moore School Building or one of the adjacent buildings within the SEAS complex for the on-campus station. The request was placed via the Dean's space committee. We are awaiting word on the status of this request.

### Next Meeting

A commitment was made to hold a Club meeting on campus in April.

The meeting was concluded at 6:30 PM.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:  
Russ Miller, President