

*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, October 16, 2006 at the Moore School Building  
Room 317

**Attendees:**

Mike Feeley – KB3NDC, Cameron Finucane, Russ Miller – WA3FRP, Henning  
Olesen – OZ9O & W1YS, Donald Ying – KB3NFJ

President's Welcome, Remarks, and Update

President Russ Miller called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm and welcomed everyone. Russ described the focus of the meeting:

- Identify new student members
- Identify student members who are interested in a leadership role
- Begin plans for a campus club station
- November election meeting
- Field Day

The meeting minutes for September were distributed and approved as written.

## Old Business

Identifying the Club to students at Penn:

1. Monthly meeting notices continue to appear in the Daily Pennsylvanian. (ongoing task)
2. Russ reported that Prof Sarkar has received and distributed information about the Amateur Radio Club to her students. (task closed)
3. Russ spoke with Club member Bill Owen to get his thoughts about approaching the Admissions Department to find students who indicated a hobby interest in Amateur Radio. Bill is a former Dean of Admissions at Penn. Bill indicated that admissions data is not that granular. (task closed)
4. The group discussed the proposal to request the Engineering School to allow a Club guest lecturer to give a presentation about Amateur Radio in a large lecture hall setting. This did not seem to be practical for the fall semester since the curriculum would be set by now. (tabled for now)
5. Russ got permission from Engineering to send a listserv message about the Club. He still is working to get permission to send a similar message to the College and Wharton. (task ongoing)
6. Henning reports that he has not been able to identify any students via the repeater system. (task ongoing)
7. Rob checked with Drexel University to see if their Club is active. Things are not positive, based on one e-mail response from a Drexel faculty member. Rob will write to the Drexel Club Trustee. (task ongoing).
8. Russ will approach the school to see if N3KZ and W3ABT can be painted on the door again above "Amateur Radio Club". (no progress).
9. No update on Field Day. (ongoing task)
10. No update on progress to regain an on campus Club station. (ongoing task)

## New Business

1. Russ reported that the listserv message to Engineering was successful as we've identified Cameron Finucane EE '09 (in attendance). Cameron is our third student Club member. Russ will continue to work to get a similar message distributed to the College and Wharton.
2. Donald volunteered to see how a Club message might be distributed via the Law School listserv.
3. Mike volunteered to distribute more flyers around campus. Russ suggested that Mike contact Fran Walker from the Office of Student Life to see what support she can give, especially to places where bulletin boards are behind glass.
4. Our November meeting will be the annual election meeting. The Club needs student leadership in order to continue to be considered a student organization. Cameron and Donald expressed an interest in running for office. Russ will distribute the responsibilities of each office to all Club members.

5. Mike will contact the Club trustee as he wishes to use W3ABT for the Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club FM Simplex Contest this coming Saturday, October 21. This is a way to show Club activity in the Philadelphia Area and may identify more student membership.
6. The Club received two QSL card gifts in the mail. The first was from Club member David Pennes, WA3LKN, who mailed the Club a copy of a W3ABT QSL card that was used in the 1940's. The second QSL card came from Tony Ricicki, W2VRK. Tony is not an alumnus or a Club member but he saw a note about the Club's QSL archive on the ARRL website. Tony is a collector of pre-World War II College and University QSL cards who sent us a pristine 1935 W3ABT QSL card that will be scanned and posted on the Club's website. This is the oldest known copy of a Club QSL card. Thanks very much Tony!

Russ thanked everyone for coming and announced that the next Club meeting will be held in late November. Everyone seemed to be OK with a 1:00 PM meeting time. A conference line will be in place for the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 PM.

Minutes prepared and submitted  
by:

Russ Miller