

UNIVERSITY of PENNSYLVANIA
AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



Minutes of the Amateur Radio Club
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Lunch and Organization Meeting: Friday September 8, 2006 at Brasserie Perrier at 1619 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, PA.

Attendees:

Rob Brown – VE3SHZ, Kay Craigie – N3KN, Mike Feeley – KB3NDC, Russ Miller – WA3FRP, Henning Olesen – OZ9O & W1YS, Fred Serota – K3BHX and Professor Saswati Sarkar – Faculty Advisor.

President's Welcome, Remarks, and Update

President Russ Miller called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm and welcomed everyone. Russ noted that this was the first Club meeting in ten years. Each member of the Club introduced themselves.

Discussion

The Club members welcomed Professor Sarkar to the Club. Kay led the group in an illuminating and very thorough discussion about Amateur Radio. This was well received by Prof. Sarkar and greatly helped her understanding of Amateur Radio. Prof. Sarkar indicated that she needed to know how the Amateur Radio Club could be a useful adjunct to the University's academic mission.

Kay offered to provide information about the work that Temple University Faculty Advisor and Trustee, Dr. Dennis Silage, K3DS, has been doing for years at the College of Engineering. Kay also offered to develop a short list of Amateur Radio Internet links for Prof. Sarkar's use.

Prof. Sarkar asked how she can assist the Club in her role as Faculty Advisor. Russ talked about two pressing needs for the Club. The first need is the identification of new undergraduate and graduate Club members. Prof. Sarkar offered to distribute a PDF file of information about the Club to her students as well as her peers in the Engineering School. Russ also spoke about a need to a Club room for an Amateur Radio station on campus. Russ also mentioned that room 214 in the Moore Building is a part of the Club's history back to at least the 1940's. Russ noted that recruitment of Club members would be much easier if there were an operational Club station on Campus. Prof. Sarkar agreed to see what can be done.

Russ thanked Prof. Sarkar for arranging the meeting, for the wonderful lunch and also asked that she thank Prof. Dan Koditschek, Chair of the Electrical and Systems Engineering Department for his ongoing help and support. Russ thanked everyone for coming and announced that the next Club meeting will be held later in the month.

Minutes prepared and submitted
by:
Russ Miller