

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, September 25, 2006 at the Moore School Building Room 317

Attendees:

Rob Brown – VE3SHZ, Mike Feeley – KB3NDC, Russ Miller – WA3FRP, Henning Olesen – OZ9O & W1YS, Fred Serota – K3BHX.

President's Welcome, Remarks, and Update

President Russ Miller called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm and welcomed everyone. Russ described the focus of the meeting:

- Identify new student members as soon as possible
- Identify student members who are interested in a leadership role
- Begin plans for a campus club station

Discussion

We talked about ways to identify the Club to students at Penn:

1. A meeting notice was on the front page of the Daily Pennsylvanian. This will continue for all future Club meetings
2. We discussed approaching the Dean of Admissions to see if there is a way to identify students who indicated this interest in their application to Penn. We agreed that Penn would not be likely to give up this information, if it were available due to privacy concerns. We agreed that Russ would approach Club member Bill Owen to get his thoughts since Bill is a former Dean of Admissions at Penn.

3. Fred Serota noted that his son Matt is an undergraduate at Penn but not currently interested in amateur radio but might be persuaded to join the Club.
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.
5. We talked about sending an e-mail message out to Engineering, College and Wharton students via a listserv, if available. Russ will follow up on this.
6. Henning volunteered to get on the N3KZ repeater system and see if he can locate any students via the repeater system.
7. Rob volunteered to check with Drexel University to see if their Club is active. We would like to have an opportunity to publicize both our club and Drexel's club by participating in the upcoming Collegiate Championship contest in November. Ideally, we would like to use this contest to promote amateur radio and to get any current Penn (and Drexel) students interested in the hobby and the respective clubs.

Russ thanked everyone for coming and announced that the next Club meeting will be held in late October. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

After concluding our meeting, we visited the former Club room at 214 Moore. The room is currently occupied by two emeritus professors and still has "Amateur Radio Club" painted on the door. Russ will approach the school to see if N3KZ and W3ABT can be painted on the door again. Apparently W3ABT was removed from the door when the callsign was returned to the FCC in the late 1970s. Our callsigns on the door will allow any interested hams to look up the Club information in qrz.com.

Minutes prepared and submitted
by:
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