



### Minutes for 7-13-2019

**Meeting opened at 1300.** By Vice President Joe Cobos KG5BPK

**Roll call** sign-in-sheet was passed out.

**Minutes:** Minutes from June are on the website for anyone to read

**Finance Report:** We have approximately \$166.00

**Rio Link report:** So far all is up and running except for the La Feria repeater. The DMR and D-star repeaters are also running good and so is the GMRS repeater

**VEC Report:** Dave Waldrige WA5MMY informed us that we had no one sign up for July testing.

**District 3 ARES:** Rene Lopez,Jr KF5KYL all is well with the check ins.

**Website Report:** RGVARC.org is our website and a good source of information. Members are urged to check it periodically for updated information on events. Membership dues and donations can be done on the website utilizing PayPal.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Saturday Breakfast was moved to the Junction Cafe in Pharr due to renovations being made at El Mana. If anyone wants to try another location please bring it up to the club.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Guest speaker was Joe Rodriguez N5JLR who spoke about DMR and the current repeaters. There are 6 repeaters throughout the valley. The closest one to McAllen is at McAllen Medical Hospital with the antenna at 135 ft.. The tallest one is at Blutown in Cameron County with an antenna at aproximatley 750 ft. You may purchase a DMR radio and use these repeaters or you may use DMR with a hotspot set up at your house. The DMR Metro Channel is not linked and uses the repeater as a stand alone, while other channels are linked through the internet. Several members in the club use DMR and you may contact them for more information.

**Meeting adjourned:** at 1400.

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President  
Eddie Olivarez, K5UEZ

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Secretary  
Rene Lopez,Jr. KF5KYL

