

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for January 2017

January 3, 2017

- Introductions
 - Club Vice President Earl Dean (W4ESD) led the meeting. New President Marty Allred was unable to attend.
 - New officers were introduced, visitors and new hams were recognized, and those present introduced themselves. Among those there were two new Technicians, two new Generals, and one new Extra Class.
 - Here are the new officers for 2017:
 - President – Marty Allred AG3EK
 - Vice President – Earl Dean W4ESD
 - Secretary – Dan Cunningham K9DBC
 - Treasurer – Jim Donelan W4KNI
 - Director – Angelo Ferraro AC2BC
 - Director – Mike Weiber N4BQQ
 - Trustee – Dwayne Livingston N4LDL

- Last Month's Meeting Minutes: In December, the Club held a holiday dinner at the Flight Deck in Lexington in lieu of a regular meeting at the ETV Building. Members, spouses, and guests had a good time of food and fellowship. Steve Dornburg was awarded the Amateur Radio Operator of the Year Award in recognition of his work in teaching and encouraging new hams during the year. Ronnie, W4RWL, awarded Andy Haworth with a plaque (and gavel!) in recognition of the outstanding job he did as Club President in 2016.

- Before the business portion of the meeting began, past president Andy Haworth (KK4DSD) presented a number of "superlative" certificates. Several club members were humorously recognized for their unique contributions, including:
 - Angelo Ferraro: "Most Board Award"
 - Tom Francis and John Miller: "Go Toward the Light Award"
 - Cliff Kayhart: "The Longevity Award"
 - Bruce LaFleur: "Most Tenacious Award"
 - Bill Minikiewicz: "Rock Star Award"
 - Jay Leeper: "Bob the Builder Award"
 - Gary Anderson: "Picnic Picasso Award"
 - Richard Mote: "Speaking in Tongues Award"
 - Ralph Overstreet: "Most Industrious Award"

- Financial Report: Treasurer Jim Donelan (W4KNI) gave the financial report. Last month, there was \$2108.31 in the Club's account; this month the balance is \$2204.97. Club membership stands at 116, down one member from 117 in December.
- CARC Net Report: Net Manager, Gary Anderson (K4HGA) announced that in December 2016 there were 8 nets with 204 check-ins, an average of 26 per net. Gary again encouraged all members to participate in the regular Sunday and Wednesday evening nets.
- In Marty's absence, the agenda for the meeting was to review upcoming events. At this time, the following are on the calendar or are being planned:
 - Support for the 50K run in Harbison National Forest on Saturday, 1/7/17. Tammy Livingston (N4TAL) still needs hams to work several checkpoints. Hams are to meet at the Harbison Forest Education Center at 6:30 am on Saturday morning for this all day event.
 - Winter Field Day will be on Saturday, January 28th. Tentatively, the event is scheduled at Tom Ashton's farm. More details to follow.
 - The S.C. QSO Party will take place on February 25th. Plans are to coordinate the event with amateurs in North Carolina. More details to follow.
 - The LDS will again offer their preparedness fair, a free event that will provide information on water storage, water filtration, food storage, etc. The event will be in March at the facility on Fort Jackson Boulevard. All amateurs involved or interested in emergency services are encouraged to attend. More details to follow.
 - It is time to update personal information for ARES. Dwayne Livingston (N4LDL), our new DEC, reminded everyone to go to the ARES website as soon as possible to update their information.
 - Following the success of NPOTA, plans are for hams to work from US state parks as well, including the 47 state parks in South Carolina. This program may expand to include amateurs in other countries and on other

continents as well where interest in working from parks has grown. More details to follow.

- The Tour de Cure will be on May 20th. Gary Anderson (K4HGA) will be soliciting support for the event. More details to follow.
- The Mini Maker Fair will be on April 29th at Edventure. Those who participated last year reported having a great time. More details to follow.
- Our club Swap Fest will be on Saturday, April 1st. No fooling. More details to follow.
- Earl Dean (W4ESD) and Stan Slaughter (N3LU) will be scheduling classes for new hams and license upgrades. More details to follow.

At the conclusion of the discussion of these plans for the these upcoming events, the meeting adjourned.

Everyone is reminded that they may contribute to the Feed Line, the club newsletter, by contacting Andy Haworth (KK4DSD).