

# Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for January 2016

**January 4, 2016**

- Introductions
  - Andy Haworth (KK4DSD)-President
  - Individual attendee introductions
  
- Past Month's Meeting Minutes: Andy announced that last month's meeting minutes can be found on the club's website ([www.w4cae.com](http://www.w4cae.com)).
  
- Treasurer's Report: Jim Donelan (W4KNI) announced that the current amount in the account is \$1,608.88. This total does not include the amount to be debited (\$320.00) to offset the annual liability insurance policy for the club/club events in 2015. It does include expenditure for a new computer for the CARC trailer. Jim also discussed that he had collated and revised all membership data for the club.
  
- CARC Net Report: Net Manager, Gary Anderson (K4HGA) announced that in December 2015 there were 9 nets held with a total of 174 check-ins.
  
- Old Business:
  - Visiting Presidents: Tom Francis (W1TEF) President of the Dutch Fork Amateur Radio Group announced that the club will be performing many improvement projects for the clubhouse.
  
  - Club Trailer Update: Dwayne Livingston (N4LDL) announced the club trailer is fully operational. With the addition of a new computer, it should be an asset for Winter Field Day.
  
  - Club Merchandise: Tom(W1TEF) announced that the hats are in and that if further customization is desired, the vendor can supply that. Also Dave(W4DMC) stated that club badges are still available for whoever needs one.
  
  - Upcoming Service Events: On January 9<sup>th</sup>, the Harbison 50K will take place and Tammy (N4TAL) announced that there is still a need for HAMS to work the event. Volunteers are asked to meet at 6:30 AM.

- Service Events Continued: The LDS Church on Jackson Blvd. will hold a Preparedness Event on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. HAMS are asked to volunteer to answer questions about Amateur Radio as this group recognizes the need for proper communication in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophic occurrence.
  
- New Business:
  - Formation of Events Committee: Tammy (N4TAL) asked that the present and board form a committee to assist in event planning and handling for the club. Due to schedules and the fact that the club is assuming more and more service commitments, Tammy cannot handle the entire load of executing the logistics of planning and preparing for the various events.
  - Net Controllers: Gary (K4HGA) made a plea for additional HAMS to become net controllers and passed around a signup sheet. Gary also stated that a workshop for net controllers would be conducted at a future date. It was also pointed out that the list of area nets posted on the W4CAE website needs to be revised and updated.
  - Workshop Ideas: Jay (W4TFX) and Marty (AG3EK) passed around a sheet for folks to communicate their ideas for workshops and topics.
  - CARC Trailer Integration: Dwayne (N4LDL) discussed various ways the club trailer will be used over the next few months – specifically Winter Filed Day and the SC QSO party.
  - PV Controller Battery Tender Short Course: Angelo (AC2BC) will be conducting a course on assembling and programming, using freeware, a photovoltaic controller and battery tender. Details will be posted to the club website.
  - Greenwood Ham Fest: will be held on January 9, 2016.
  
- Tonight's Topics
  - National Parks on the Air: Tom (W1TEF) presented the details of the year-long National Parks on the Air contest. All national parks are eligible and Tom laid out the basic rules for the contest. This is in celebration of 100 years of the National Park Service.
  - South Carolina QSO Party: will be held in conjunction with North Carolina and has been moved from September to February 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Winter Field Day: Andy (KK4DSD) stated that the Winter Field Day will be held at Thom Ashton's (W4THA) farm on January 30, 2016.

At the conclusion of the presentations, the meeting was adjourned.

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