

# Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for January 2015

**January 5, 2015**

- Introductions
  - Ronnie Livingston (W4RWL)-President
  - Individual attendee introductions
  
- Past Month's Meeting Minutes: Ronnie 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: Andy (KK4DSD) announced that the current amount in the account is \$ 2,203.00. 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.
  
- CARC Net Report: Net Manager, Steve (W4SJD) announced that in December 2014 there were 11 nets held with a total of 201 check-ins.
  
- Old Business:
  - Kershaw County Amateur Radio Club Update: Lee (K4ELG) announced that the KCARC will be meeting this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. (Jan. 8, 2015) at the Camden Military Academy, in the band room for their monthly club meeting. This month's presentation will be Solar Power. All are invited to attend.
  
  - Club Officers: Ronnie asked all CARC officers/directors that served during 2014 to stand and be recognized for their past year service. He also asked the recently elected officers/directors to stand and be introduced to all in attendance.
  
  - Awards/certificates: Ronnie had several recognition awards for Steve (W4SJD), Jay (W4TFX), and Ralph (KM4DRP).
  
  - Harbison 50K: Ronnie asked all who helped out with the communications for the Harbison 50 K (31 miles) ultra-marathon in Harbison State Forest on January 3, 2015, to stand and be recognized. All who helped out received a Harbison 50 K Participant Medal. Note: the 50 K medal (shape of a pine tree) also serves as a "bottle opening tool".

- CARCERT- Club Communication Trailer: Ronnie announced that a committee is being pulled together to oversee the upgrades/maintenance of the club trailer. Tom (W1TEF) indicated that the committee will be working on developing a solar/battery power system for the trailer. The club has two golf cart batteries and they will determine if the solar panels in the trailer work or not. In addition, Tom is researching a power switch to control the flow of power to trailer between solar/batteries and generator/AC power. He also indicated that the trailer needs cleaning, to have a few leaks sealed, and a few other needed repairs.
- Club ID's: Dave (W4DMC) announced that if anyone would like a club ID badge, that he would be taking photos after this meeting. He will then make the ID badges and bring them to the February CARC meeting.
- New Business:
  - Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio (SPAR) Winter Field Day: Ronnie wanted to remind everyone that the next Field Day opportunity will be the SPAR Winter Field Day in January 2015. CARC will be activating three Single Side Band stations at the Sandy Run EOC on January 24, 2015. Set up will begin around 11 a.m. with contacts beginning at 12:00 p.m. All stations will be indoors and all who are interested in operating are invited to attend. Typically the club operates through the afternoon hours.
  - Upcoming Events:
    - VE Session in January will be held at Camden Public Library on January 10, 2015, starting at 10 am. This is an ARRL VE testing session and is sponsored by the Kershaw County ARC.
    - Greenwood Hamfest will be on January 10, 2015.
    - A D-Star University class will be held at the Aiken Campus of USC on January 17, 2015.
    - SPAR Winter Field Day January 24, 2015.
    - Additional items were discussed that are scheduled for later in the year. An event calendar was available to all in attendance.

- CARC Board Meeting: Ronnie announced that the next CARC Board meeting will occur on January 31, 2015 at Ryan's on Bower Parkway. The eating will start at 8:00 am and the meeting will start sometime around 9:00 am.
- W4FSV Give-a rig: Bill brought several items to be given away by lucky ticket draw. This included desk top time/temperature/humidity/FM radios and a remote computer video camera.

All were reminded that the next CARC club meeting will be at SCETV on February 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm.