

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for February 2013

February 4, 2013

1. Introductions and club business

- Richard Mote (AL7MO) 2013 President
- Individual attendee introductions

2. Past Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to not read last meeting minutes, a second was made, and a unanimous vote was made to not read the minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report: Current amount in the account was \$ 2234.11. The club has recently paid the annual bill for club insurance for 2013 and the annual bill for the Post Office box..

4. CARC Net Report: There were a total of 136 check-ins during the CARC nets during January 2013.

5. Old Business

- Certificates that could not be handed out during the Christmas party were distributed.
- LMC Colon Cancer Ride: A reminder was made that the club will be providing communication support for the Colon Cancer Ride on March 23, 2013. Details will follow on meeting location and time.
- SPAR Winter field day: Several participants provided details of the fun that was had during the January 26 event at Thom's home in Camden. Although the contact count was a little low, everyone had a great time operating under "field day" conditions.
- Recent Ham-fests: Several people gave first hand comments and reviews of ham-fests in Greenwood and Charleston.

6. New Business

- Trident ARC foxhunt: The Trident ARC will have a fox-hunt on February 23, 2013. More details can be found at [www:tridenthams.org](http://www.tridenthams.org).
- Charlotte ham-fest: The Charlotte ham-fest will be held on March 8 & 9 at the Cabarrus Arena in Concord, North Carolina.
- February VE Session: There will be a VE testing session at ETV on February 9, 2013, starting around 9 am.

- Rodgers Workshops: There was a general poll of those at the meeting to see what suggestions they might have for future Rodger Workshops in 2013. Suggestions were made for an Elmering program for new hams, Electronic QSL-ing, what all those buttons on my radio do, and continuing the CW training. Also Bill (W4FSV) presented additional Breadboard kits that could be constructed during 2013. One of those kits was one he brought to show the group. This kit was the “wood stain”, a qrp dummy load with RF output ports (use of typical Volt/Ohms multi-tester)for calculating transmit power. John (W3KH) also suggested that he would offer a session on testing, using some of the testing equipment he utilizes at ETV.
- Additional April Requests: Matt (W4ZYG) provided information concerning two requests for the CARC to support the Walk By The River (April 13, 2013) and to “man” a ham-information booth at the Columbia International Festival on April 12-14. Due to lack of details and discussion, action on these items was tabled until March club meeting.
- Bill's Give-a-way: Bill had a drawing for a Nye telegraph key and a Splinter CW kit. Darrin (KI4QIW) won the Nye key and Larry (Calhoun Co EMS) won the Splinter kit.

7. Presentation

Many fine vintage (older than 25 years) rigs were brought to this club meeting. Each owner provided a short history on each rig, which led to plenty of discussion by those in attendance who have/had similar rigs. This was a great time of nostalgia for many and provided a lot of information for those who have become hams during the solid state era.