

# CARC Monthly Meeting Minutes for FEBRUARY 2017

**February 6, 2017**

- Introductions and Opening:
  - Club President Marty Allred opened the meeting.
  - Marty introduced himself, and members and visitors each stood in order and introduced themselves.
  - Andy Haworth, past club president, delivered stacks of *QST*, *CQ*, and *QRP Quarterly* for anyone to pick up. He also brought a collection of very old QSL cards for folks to examine, some dating back to the early 1920's.
  
- Financial Report: Treasurer Jim Donelan (W4KNI) gave the financial report. The balance in the club's account at the end of January was \$2,298.96 and, at the end of January, there were 123 members in the club, up 7 since the end of the year!!
  
- CARC Net Report: Net Manager, Gary Anderson (K4HGA) announced that in January 2017 there were 9 nets with 262 check-ins, an average of 29 per net. All members were encouraged to participate in the regular Sunday and Wednesday evening nets.
  
- There were a number of announcements:
  - The Club picnic will be on August 19<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Jackson recreation area. Those interested in helping may contact Gary Anderson.
  - Support for the Harbison 50K was very good, with a large number of members participating both on foot and in their vehicles.
  - Winter Field Day was a success with folks working SSB, CW, and digital modes on assigned bands. The weather was great, and folks were able to help set up antennas and rigs as well as get on the air. The bands were not open for most of the day, but a handful of contacts were made. Thanks to Thom Ashton for once again hosting the event at his home.
  - Not many folks attended the recent Hamfest in Charleston. It was reported that there were not many vendors present at that Charleston event.

- A VE session will be held at the ETV Building on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The members were reminded that the Church of Latter Day Saints (LDS) will have their “emergency preparedness” fair on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. The Club will have a table there to explain ham radio and emergency communications.
- The CARC will have its Swapfest from 8 am until noon on Saturday the first of March. At this time, plans are for the event to take place in a parking area near the ETV Building.
- Weatherfest will be held at Edventure in Columbia on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March. The program will be kid and family oriented. Members interested in learning more about weather and weather reporting are encouraged to attend.
- The Mini Maker Fair will be at Edventure on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. Ideas and suggestions about programs and displays by the club are being discussed.
- The web hosting service for the club website, W4CAE.COM, will be moved to another service provider. The motion to make the change was approved by a vote of club members present.
- By show of hands, a large number of members indicated interest in learning Morse Code. Bill Minikiewicz will plan and schedule the classes.
- The Charlotte Hamfest will be in Concord, NC, on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Those interested in travelling together should reach out to other club members.
- Additional information on the Worldwide Flora and Fauna program will be shared in the months ahead.

The program for the evening was presented by John Miller. The topic was the upcoming QSO party scheduled for February 25 and 26. A goal for the day will be work all counties in SC. Three classes of stations will be participating: less than 5 watts, less than 100 watts, and greater than 100 watts. Additional details are available at SCQSO.COM. A new option this year is “line sitting,” that is,

being able to position your vehicle near a county line and actually get credit for working BOTH counties from that single location! The club voted to provide \$300 for awards to the club members who racks up the most contacts.

At the conclusion of the discussion of these plans for 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).**