

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

**February 1, 2016**

- Introductions
  - Andy Haworth (KK4DSD)-President
  - Individual attendee introductions
  - Andy introduced David Nance from the Harbison 50K who made a brief presentation of appreciation and awarded gifts to the Hams that participated.
  
- 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 \$1,740.28. There was a total of \$163.06 in expenses during the month. Jim also reported that we now have 80 paid members in the club.
  
- CARC Net Report: Net Manager, Gary Anderson (K4HGA) announced that in January 2016 there were 9 nets held with a total of 225 check-ins.
  
- Old Business:
  - Greenwood Hamfest: It was reported that the Greenwood Hamfest was not well attended..
  
  - Club Merchandise: Tom(W1TEF) can handle orders for caps and other club merchandise.
  
  - January Events: A few folks shared their personal experiences working the Harbison 50K. Tammy (N4TAL) discussed the Preparedness Fair and the benefit of attending. W4TFX (Jay) also shared his experiences. Finally, The results of the Winter Field Day were announced. The club scored 290 QSO's on all modes, though most were SSB.
  
  - Angelo (AC2BC) announced that the first PCB class would be held on Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at USC's Swearingen Engineering Building.

- New Business:
  - Monthly E-Mail Newsletter: Andy (KK4DSD) proposed that a club newsletter be initiated that he would oversee. A call for name suggestions went out and it seems that The Feedline will be the name of the newsletter.
  - Nets Page on Website: It was pointed out that the nets page on the club website is woefully out of date. Andy (KK4DSD) requested that any information on nets in the area be forward to him in order to update the page.
  - Canadian Ham Radio Training Books: Andy met a gentleman who was on his way to Florida and wanted to drop off a case of training Manuals for the Canadian Ham radio licensing. These were free for the taking.
  - February Events:
    - Charleston Hamfest will be held Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>
    - VE Session at ETV Building on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 9AM.
    - LOTW workshop conducted by W1TEF on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10AM.
    - JDRF Walk to Cure will be on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at River Bluff High School.
    - Tammy (N4TAL) and Cheryl announced they will conduct a bake sale to raise money for ADA sometime in March.
    - SC QSO Party will be on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Tonight's Topics
  - SC QSO Party: Tom (W1TEF) briefly discussed the structure of the SC QSO party which will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> followed on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> with North Carolina's QSO party. Tom also discussed that the Dutch Fork Amateur Radio Club's clubhouse will be utilized for the QSO party.
  - Build a Power Supply: Steve (KI4VGA) presented how to construct a viable amateur radio power supply utilizing old PC power supplies.
  - Antenna Workshop: Bill (W4FSV) announced that in March, date to be determined, he will conducted an antenna building workshop. The antennas will be OCFD for 80-10 M or 40-10 M with 4:1 baluns.

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