

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for May 2014

May 6, 2013

- Introductions
 - Ronnie Livingston (W4RWL)-President
 - Individual attendee introductions

- Past Month's Meeting Minutes: Club Secretary (KI4VGA) announced that last month's meeting minutes can be found on the club's website (www.w4cae.com).

- Treasurer's Report: Current amount in the account is \$ 2347.36.

- CARC Net Report: The Net Manager (KI4VRO) reported that there were a total of 295 check-ins for the CARC nets held in April.

- Old Business:
 - Mud Run Update: Bill (W4FSV) announced that recent Mud Run had been the safest Mud Run yet with only one participant having to go to the hospital. The communications for the event were handled with only two hams. He also announced that there will a summer Mud Run held on July 26, 2014, starting after dark. This will be the first mud run in the dark and may pose some additional challenges. Therefore, there may well be a need for additional hams to help out with communications. Stay tuned for further details...

 - CARC Swap-fest: Several in attendance remarked at how well the CARC Swap-fest went this year. This may have been the best one yet, with plenty of radio gear and fun for all. Photos of the event have been placed on the club website.

 - Tour de Cure Update: Tammy (N4TAL) announced that this year's Tour De Cure had a new route starting from downtown Columbia and having the riders tour lower Richland County. There was only one incident that required a rider to go to the hospital for non-life threatening injuries. The weather was good and this was great event to support a great cause (the American Diabetes Association).

 - Rock Hill Fox Hunt: Tammy (N4TAL) also wanted to let everyone know that there would be a Fox Hunt within the limits of Rock Hill on May 10,

2014, starting at 9:30 and ending by 11:45. Talk-in and announcement of the end of the hunt will be on 146.565.

- New Business:

- Camden VE Session: It was announced that the next testing session for ham licensing will be held on May 10, 2014 at the Camden Public Library, starting at 10 am.
- Rodgers Workshop: Bill (W4FSV) announced that the next Rodgers Workshop will be held on May 31, 2014, at the Sandy Run EMS station. Starting around 10:00 am they will be building Morse code practice oscillators. You can build an oscillator at a cost of \$15.00 per kit.
- Mini-maker Faire: Tammy (N4TAL) announced that the Mini-Maker Faire will be held on June 14, 2014, at Ed-Venture in Columbia. Tammy will be providing details on this event as they come available and we will need volunteers to help out with the three tables that we will have at the event. Like last year, we anticipate a table of home built radios, a code bracelet/ QSL card table, and a table of oscillators to allow attendees to tap out some code. Tammy also indicated that some materials will be needed for this event. A motion was made for the club to allocate up to \$100.00 for the purchase of materials for this event. This motion received a second and was passed by those in attendance. Expect to hear more on this event at the next meeting and to be asked to help out....
- Club Hats/shirts: Bill (W4FSV) had an example of a hat that had been embroidered with his call sign that he purchased for \$6.00. Bill also indicated that he could get T-shirts that could be embroidered with call signs, names, club name, etc. The reason he wanted to discuss at the meeting was to see if there would be any interest by those in attendance to purchase hats and/or shirts. The general consensus was that several club members would be interested in either a hat, a shirt, or both. Expect to hear more about this at a future club meeting.
- Field Day: This year's Field Day will be held on June 28-29, 2014, from 2 pm to 2pm. This year CARC will be conducting Field Day at Sandy Run EMS station in Calhoun County. This year we are planning on operating as 5F and we will be finalizing plans over the next two months. So be sure you mark your calendar and plan on coming out and having a great

time.

- Code Classes: Ronnie (W4RWL) asked those in attendance if there would be any interest in learning Morse code/attending a Morse code class. Many in attendance indicated that they would be interested in learning code and would like to attend this class. Ronnie indicated that based on interest, a code class may be a future Rodgers Workshop.
- Tour de Midlands: Tammy wanted to let everyone know that the tour de Midlands had been cancelled this year and that we would not need to provide communication support.

Program: There was no program available, so the “Swing into Spring” HT drawing was held. This drawing was the culmination of a month long (or so) tracking of all amateurs that checked into the CARC nets (Sundays and Wednesday nights) and the New Ham net held on Thursday nights. Everyone received a single ticket for each check-in and received a second ticket if they would stick around for discussion. So at the end of the contest, the drawing buckets included a ticket with your call sign on it for each check in/discussion session in which you participated.

This drawing was to award three 5 watt 2M HT’s (pre-programmed with all local repeaters/PL tones), Charger, and a programming CD. The three categories for the drawing included, those who checked into the New Ham net, those who checked into the CARC net, and those who checked into both the Newbie and CARC nets.

The winners in each category were;

New Ham Net: KK4WNO, Anne

CARC Net: W1TEF, Tom

Both Nets: KK4LKG, Dan

Congratulations to all!!! Enjoy the radios.

All were reminded that the next CARC meeting will be at ETV on June 2, 2014 at 7:00 pm. The Board of Directors meeting will be held prior to the Rodgers Workshop at the Sandy Run EMS station on May 31, 2014, and will begin around 9:00 am.