

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for May 2016

May 2, 2016

- Introductions
 - Andy Haworth (KK4DSD)-President
 - Individual attendee introductions

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

- Treasurer's Report: Jim Donelan (W4KNI) announced that at the current amount in the Club's account is \$1448.22. And it was announced that the club now has 99 members.

- CARC Net Report: Net Manager, Gary Anderson (K4HGA) announced that in April 2016 there were 8 nets held with a total of 216 check-ins.

- **Old Business:**
 - Events Committee Report:
 - MS Walk: (past event) Sheryl (N4PDM) announced that this was a 1.2 mile walk that four hams from the club provided communication support. Great event, several hundred walkers, and no injuries.
 - Tour De Cure: Sheryl and Andy indicated that this event (along with others) will be held on May 21, 2016, with a pre-brief at 6:30 am at Robert Mills House. We need 20+ hams to help out and a sign-up sheet was available for volunteers.
 - Bio-Blitz at Congaree National Park: Tom (W1TEF) will be organizing a National Parks On The Air (NPOTA) station at the Bio-Blitz (environmental educational program) at Congaree National Park on May 21, 2016 starting around 9 am. If interested, contact Tom.
 - Mini-maker Fair: Andy announced that on May 21, 2016, he and a handful of hams will be representing amateur radio at the Mini-Maker Fair at EdVenture from 9-5. If interested, contact Andy.
 - Contesting 101 Workshop: Tom (W1TEF) gave an over view of this successful training session for existing contesters and aspiring contesters.

- **New Business:**

- Upstate Hamfest: This hamfest will be on May 7, 2016 at the Spartanburg Fairgrounds.
- License Class: Joh (W3KH) announced a licensing class will be held at the SCETV building on June 8-10, 2016, running from 6 -10 pm. Then on June 11, 2016, a regular VE testing session at SCETV.
- Kershaw ARC: Gary (K4HGA) announced that the Kershaw Radio club will provide communication support for the Tour-De-Camden on May 7, 2016. Also the Kershaw Radio Club will be holding a fox hunt on June 11, 2016, at Goodall State Park.
- ID Badges: Dave (W4DMC) indicated that if anyone needs a club ID due to new license, vanity call, or license upgrade, contact him (contact info on club website) so you can get all necessary info to him for your new ID tag.
- Field Day: Steve (KI4VGA) provided a brief update on the clubs discussions with the SC State Guard to conduct joint Field Day operations at their facility in Olympia. A motion was made for the club to vote on having Field Day at the State Guard facility, was seconded, and those in attendance voted to have Field Day there.

PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING:

Jack Jackson (W4EFZ) presented some of his trails and victories of operating at 1 GHz and above

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