

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for June 2013

June 3, 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 month's 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 \$ 2134.11. A reminder that annual club dues are now due for all members.

4. Old Business
 - Tour de Midlands: Tammy (N4TAL) provided an update on the Tour de Midlands bike ride. The weather was good, there were no SAG's, and no injuries or accidents.
 - Mini Maker Fair: Tammy (N4TAL), Richard (AL7MO), Bill (W4FSV), Ken (K4KXO), and Bruce (KI4VRO) all provided comments from their experiences at the Mini Maker Fair that was held on June 1, 2013, from 9am-5pm at Edventure in downtown Columbia. The club had three separate tables at this event. The club had a table with radios and other electronics that had been built by several club members, a table with Morse code oscillators, and a table where people could build "code " bracelets or design their own QSL card.

This was a great event with plenty of people in attendance. The table with the homebuilt radios was of interest by several adults and teachers. The table with the code oscillators seemed to be enjoyed by all ages and some of the children had pretty good fists. The table for the assembly/design of code bracelets and QSL cards was popular with those who had more of an artistic flair. Along with all this fun several people in attendance expressed an interest in Ham radio and the Columbia Amateur Radio Club.

 - Due to the interest by many at this event to try out Morse code oscillators and a limited number of oscillators available for these types of events, Ronnie (W4RWL) proposed that club members purchase/build five or six oscillators with keys and donate them to the club. If anyone was interested in helping out, Ronnie asked

that he be contacted by e-mail at W4RWL@W4CAE.com

- Andy (KK4DSD) made a video of the clubs outreach at the Mini-makers Fair. This was played for all in attendance.
 - VE Session: Stan (N3LU) announced that a VE session would be held at ETV on June 8, 2013 at 9 am. Stan also announced that he is involved in a Technician course at Midlands Tech on June 6 & 7 from 6-10 pm.
5. CARC Net Report: The Net Manager was in attendance and reported that the checks in numbers have been increasing since the beginning of the year. Specifically, the numbers from January/February were around 131 total check ins, rose to a total of 149 in March, to a total of 162 in April, and a total of 229 in May. This increase was due in part to the club sponsored contest for the 2 M HT give away.. This contest utilizes a hams total number of check ins and participation in the CARC nets to provide a basis for the number of “tickets in the hat” for each participant. At this Meeting a drawing was held for the winner of this current contest. A ticket was drawn and Susan (KK4DSM) was the winner of the 2 meter HT. Congratulations Susan!!!
6. Program
- Elmering Program: Stan (N3LU) announced that the club will be beginning programs for those newly licensed hams. The club is hoping to get an Elmering program started by identifying “seasoned” hams in surrounding communities that can help out with new hams locally. Stan provided a sign up list for not only those that were interested in being an Elmer, but also for those who wanted to be elmered. Stan will be using these lists as a starting point for developing the Elmering program. Stand by for more details as they develop.....
 - 2013 Field Day: Todd (KN4QD) indicated that for this year, Field Day will be held at Sesquicentennial State Park on June 22-23, 2013. The club will be meeting around 9 am to put up antennas and stations at the Retreat Center. Transmitting will begin at 2pm. Plans are for the club to operate 4A or 5A around the clock or until operators get too tired. Todd also discussed how all logging will be done electronically and will be networked to a screen showing (in real time) what states have been worked.

All were reminded that the next CARC meeting will be at ETV on July 1, 2013 at 7:00 pm. The Board of Directors meeting will be held prior to the June 29, 2013 at the Ryans on Bower Parkway, with breakfast at 8 am and the meeting at 9 am.