

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for June 2015

June 1, 2015

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

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

- Treasurer's Report: Andy (KK4DSD) announced that the club's bank account balance was \$1565.00 in May. Since that time, the club has debited our account by \$63.51 for rental of a pavilion at Sesquicentennial State Park for the CARC picnic in August. That currently leaves \$1501.49 in the club account.

- Kershaw County Amateur Radio Club Update: Lee (K4ELG) reminded us that the KCARC holds their monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month. All are invited to attend. Details can be found at the Kershaw County Amateur Radio club website www.KC4RC.com. Lee also provided a charge controller as a gift to the club to be used with the solar panels that we currently have in the CARCERT trailer. Thank you very much Lee!!! Lee also announced that he has two used towers (already on the ground), that he would like to sell. He has a 45 foot tower (\$50.00), a 65 foot tower (\$80.00), and rotator/rotator control box for \$100.00. If you are interested, contact Lee. He also took time to provide his experience during the Tour-de-Cure event. He thought that the way that the club handled communications for the Tour-de-Cure was well done from the net control operators to all who participated and he had a good time.

- W2W station: Earl (KM4JSY) and Gil (KM4JRU) announced to the club that a D-Day Commemorative Station (from Baltimore, MD) will be operating from June 2-7, 2015. Broadcasts will be sporadic and will be on 20M and 40M (SSB 14.224 & 7.224 and CW 14.044 & 7.044)

- Old Business:
 - CARCERT- Club Communication Trailer: Dwayne (N4LDL) informed the club that the operational manual for set-up, use, and tear-down of the CARCERT trailer has been prepared along with a Power Point presentation for this operation. He indicated that this Power Point will be

presented during a Rodgers Workshop on June 18, 2015 at SCETV starting at 10 am. All are invited to not only see this presentation, but to also tour the trailer to see the CARCERT trailer in person. Dwayne also wanted those in attendance to know that a document outlining towing procedures for the CARCERT trailer are currently being developed.

- Elmer program: Tom (W1TEF) wanted to let everyone know that the Elmering program is still underway. He will be getting a list of all the club members who are newly licensed (last year or so) as a contact list. His plans are to let the folks on his list know about these sessions and to conduct these Elmer sessions at SCETV. His plans are to have classes on CW (code), DX-ing, contesting, and any other topic that the new hams are interested in. Stay tuned for details...
- Tour-de-Cure: Tammy (N4TAL) wanted to thank all who helped out with this year's Tour-de-Cure. With everyone's help we were able to not only able to provide solid communications for the event, but we were also excellent representatives of the club. Several of those in attendance had comments about their participation in this event. From all the stories, it sounds as though everyone had a great time helping out this worthwhile cause. Thanks to everyone!
- Mini-Maker Fair; Tammy (N4TAL) announced that the Mini-Maker Fair will be held on June 6, 2015, at Edventure in Columbia. Set up starts at 8 am with the event running from 9 am to 5 pm. She was concerned that she hasn't received enough interested volunteers to adequately cover this event. In addition, she must also attend a wedding that afternoon and will have to leave by noon. Due to this, she thought that it might be better to not try to attend this event instead of trying to run a skeleton crew and not be able to provide good coverage all the tables. So as a result there was a motion made to not attend this event. This motion received a second and discussion ensued (that I will not try to recreate in this document) that resulted in several awesome members stepping forward to help with set up, "manning" the tables, and to handle the close down/clean up. At the end of this discussion there were adequate numbers of volunteers available to handle this event. Since there was still a seconded motion on the floor (to not participate in the Mini-Maker Fair), a vote was taken. The club voted against not attending this event. Bottom line; CARC will be participating in the Mini-Maker Fair event this year.

- Cub Picnic: Steve (W4SJD) announced that the CARC will have a club picnic at Sesquicentennial State Park on August 15, 2015. He has reserved Shelter #3, they are planning on having a radio fox hunt. More details to follow, including information about what food to bring....
- SCQSO Party: Tom (W1TEF) wanted to remind everyone that the new rules for the SCQSO party have been finalized and can be found at www.w4cae.com. He also wanted to tell everyone that this year there will be a Team Category and that there is a committee forming to discuss the club's participation (W4CAE station) this year operating from the Sandy Run Emergency Operation Center.
- New Business:
 - Run Wild: Tammy (N4TAL) announced that the club has been asked to provide communications for the Run Wild 5K running race at Sesquicentennial State Park on August 22, 2015. We will have a pre-event meeting at 7 am with the run starting at 8 am. Look for e-mails and check the club website for details on this event and how to volunteer...
 - Hydrocephalus Walk: Tammy (N4TAL) announced that the club has been asked to provide communications for the Hydrocephalus Walk at Colonial Life Arena on morning of September 19, 2015. This will be this organization's first walk and details are still limited, but we will need to have a Net Control and several volunteers to cover this event. Look for e-mails and check the club website for details on this event and how to volunteer.
 - Meeting Topic: Field Day Discussion by Ron Marsteller (W1TCB).

Ron went through many of the details for this Year's Field Day. This event will be held at the Sandy Run Emergency Operations Center on June 27-28, 2015. Set up will begin around 9 am on June 27, 2015, and operation will begin at 2 pm. The club is planning on operating through the night with shut down sometime around noon on Sunday. We will need volunteers for operation, cooking, and clean-up. The club will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs and folks will need to bring a side dish or desserts. Lisa (KK4LKJ) volunteered to lead the food committee so watch your e-mail and stay tuned to the club website for details on what to bring and opportunities to volunteer.

This year the club is planning on operating as 5F or 6F. This means that we will be operating 5 or 6 stations on different frequencies utilizing different modes and "F" indicates that we will be operating from an Emergency Operation Center. We will have several trailers there this year including, Calhoun County's communication trailer, the SC HEARTS communication trailer, and the SC Guard communication trailer. One of these trailers will be used for the GOTA (get on the air) station. This station will be available for those recently licensed and the unlicensed to get on the HF frequencies under the careful assistance from a licensed station operator. All who are planning on attending are asked to visit the club website and sign up. Again this year we will be using N1MM logging software and all club members are asked to wear the ID badges that indicate your name, your call, and the color code of your level of license.

This year many are planning to exceed past years for fun food and contacts. So come out and help make this one of the best CARC Field Days ever!

All were reminded that prior to the next CARC meeting the Board will be meeting on July 6, 2015, at SCETV at 6:30 pm. The CARC club meeting will follow the Board meeting on July 6, 2015, at 7:00 pm.