

CARC Monthly Meeting Minutes for June 2017

June 5, 2017

- Introductions and Opening: Club President Earl Dean (W4ESD) welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Meeting Minutes: Dan Cunningham (K9DBC) announced that the minutes for the May 1st meeting are on the club website, W4CAE.COM.
- Financial Report: Treasurer Jim Donelan (W4KNI) reported that balance in the checking account at the end of May was \$2,069.44. At the end of April, the balance was \$2,052.60. Membership was down 2 from the end of April, down from 124 to 122 by the end of May.
- CARC Net Report: Net Manager Gary Anderson (K4HGA) emailed his report to Dan (K9DBC). There were 210 check-ins over 9 sessions in May. The average for the period was 23 per session. There were 9 announcements made over the net in May.
- There were several announcements:
 - VE SESSION: There will be a VE session on the 17th at the ETV Building. Classes for all levels will be held from 6 to 9 in the evenings of the week before. Contact Stan Slaughter for details.
 - FIELD DAY: The club voted to hold 2017 Field Day activities at the Woodmen of the World Campground in Ballentine on Lake Murray. The club also voted to purchase food for the event, up to about \$300. The Woodman of the World campground is just off Johnson Marina Road about ¼ mile past the entrance to the Rusty Anchor restaurant. Dan Cunningham (K9DBC) will be the Captain and host for the event. Those who wish to bring a camping trailer or RV to the campground need to contact Dan ASAP at 803-807-0909. The fee for camping will be \$25 per night. There are power and water connections at each camp site, and there is a shower house and restroom facility for campers. There is not a dumping station. There will be a number of radio stations, including the GOTA station, in the main lodge building. There is plenty of space in the lodge building, including rest rooms and a full kitchen. Dan will be at the

campground early on Friday to help folks get settled and set up. Camping is available on Friday and Saturday night.

- TOUR DE CURE: Tammy Livingston (N4TAL) requested SWOT information concerning the Tour de Cure. She is interested in the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats related to the event. Please contact Tammy if you have any related comments.
- REMINDER ABOUT PROTOCOL ON THE 2 METER NET: PLEASE remember to speak slowly and clearly when identifying yourself to the Net Controller. Remember, the Net Controller is in control, and may ask you to repeat the information he or she needs for the log.
- QSO PARTY: Work continues to correct the discrepancies in the logging data. Tom Francis will report again at a later meeting.
- ROGER'S WORKSHOP: Club President Earl Dean asked if the club would consider starting again the hands-on activities of Roger's Workshop. In the past, the programs, projects, and education offered in those workshops were very much appreciated. If you have any ideas or opinions about restarting this program, please contact Earl.

Presentation:

Mike Ehrmantraut of STARR gave an informative and entertaining presentation on STARR. STARR is the acronym for Search, Tactics, and Rescue and Recovery. The S.T.A.R.R Team is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) volunteer organization that provides dedicated, well-trained professional personnel to assist official agencies in searching for the lost and the missing. They are committed to providing urban and rural search, rescue, and recovery operations, as well as resources and equipment for disaster response. STARR volunteers stand ready to respond to mission call-outs with their mobile command center, ground teams, K-9s, and ATVs. All of their services are provided at no charge, including the training of the dogs used in the rescue and recovery efforts. Mike shared several amazing stories about difficult cases and the way the members and their dogs were able to help. STARR volunteers use amateur radio to control and coordinate their activities when they are called into the field. Anyone interested in volunteering in any capacity to this organization should check

out the details on the STARR website at STARRSEARCHTEAM.COM

Everyone is reminded that they may contribute to the Feed Line, the club newsletter, by contacting Andy Haworth (KK4DSD).