

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for July 2014

July 7, 2013

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

- Past Month's Meeting Minutes: Ronnie 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 \$ 2,150.33.

- CARC Net Report: Bruce (KI5VRO) reported that there were a total of 14 Nets in June with a total of 276 check-ins.

- Old Business:
 - Club Trailer: Ronnie wants to make sure that we continue to make progress with repairing and using the club trailer. Ronnie asked if someone would take the lead to make sure that the inventory of all items in the trailer during a future Rodgers Workshop. Tom (W1TEF) indicated that he would be willing to take the lead and make arrangements to finalize this task with the help of club members. Stay tuned for further developments...

 - Shirts/hats: Tom (W1TEF) had an example of a polo shirt that had been embroidered with his call sign and club logo that he indicated could be purchased for \$ 31.00. Tammy (N4TAL) made a suggestion that Tom would bring some samples (shirt styles and colors) together for the next club meeting so that those in attendance could choose a club color and style of shirt. This would allow members to make decisions on a club color/style and other styles and colors to expand their personal wardrobe. In addition, Tammy made a motion that the club reimburse Tom for his out of pocket expenses related to having the club logo digitized so that the embroider could replicate the logo on shirts. This motion received a second and those in attendance voted to reimburse Tom \$ 35.00 for the cost of digitizing the logo.
So plan on attending the August meeting to see the examples of club shirts!!

- Club Picnic: The club will have the annual club picnic the third Saturday in August (8/16/14) at Sesquicentennial State Park. In addition the picnic, the club will have a 2 Meter Fox Hunt starting at 10 am. After the Fox Hunt we will gather at one of the pavilions and eat. All are asked to bring a side or desert, and the club will provide dogs and burgers. So dig out your 2 M directional antenna and bring your appetite!!
- New Business:
 - Club ID's: Dave (W4DMC) and Bill (W4FSV) have the ability to manufacture credential ID badges. They provided some examples of the ID cards that are color coded for the level of license and indicated that they could produce each card for \$1.00 (for materials). Discussions were held on how these ID cards could be used for many club functions. A motion was made to have cards made for all members and to have the club pay for the first card. This motion received a second, and those in attendance voted in favor of this motion.
 - W1AW Centennial QSO Party: Todd (KN4QD) indicated that he along with several other operators have been asked to activate W1AW/4 as part of the W1AW Centennial QSO party. Todd will be activating W1AW/4 during the upcoming VHF contest being held on July 19-20. He also indicated that this will be the last time this year that W1AW/4 will be activated in South Carolina as part of the W1AW Centennial QSO party.
 - WRTC: Tom (W1TEF) announced that World Radiosport Team Championship will be held on July 8-14, 2014. The World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC) is a competition between two-person teams of amateur radio operators testing their skills to make contacts with other Amateur Radio operators around the world over a 24 hour period. So this is a good time to get on the air and help these folks make contacts.
 - Field Day Breakfast: During Field Day, Miss Tammy and her assistants went out and got some biscuits for Sunday morning breakfast for those people who were still keeping the club stations on the air. This resulted in Tammy buying \$70.00 worth of biscuits!! Since this was a club function (Field Day), a motion was made to reimburse Tammy the \$70.00 and received a second. A vote was taken of all in attendance and the motion was carried. Tammy will be reimbursed \$70.00 for breakfast.

- Run Wild: Tammy (N4TAL) wanted to let the club know that this year's Run Wild running event at Sesquicentennial State Park has been cancelled this year and the club will not be supporting this event this year.
- Ronnie's Birthday Goodies: Tammy (N4TAL) wanted to let the club know that in order to celebrate Ronnie's birthday (age not disclosed), that she had brought lemon pound cake and brownies for a post meeting celebration. Happy Birthday Mr. President!!!..
- Misplaced Equipment during Field day: A MFJ antenna Analyzer was misplaced during Field Day at Sandy Run EMS Station. Please contact Ronnie (W4RWL) if you know where this analyzer is or if you happen to find it when you unpack your stuff from Field Day. Since Field Day was a club event, a motion was made to provide money to replace this analyzer if it isn't found by next CARC meeting. This motion received a second and a vote was taken. The vote was in favor of replacing the analyzer if not found by the August CARC meeting.

Program: This month's topic was the summary of this year's Field Day. Bill (W4FSV) and Richard (WF7F) provided a summary of all the events that occurred during Field Day. This year the club conducted Field Day at Sandy Run EMS station in Calhoun County. This year we operated as 5F and we made a total of 861 total contacts. This would include not only voice contacts but also digital/CW contacts. The discussion included several funny stories and great details about all the food!! We had a great turn out and some respectable numbers to show for the effort. Way to go club!!!

All were reminded that the next CARC Board meeting will be on August 2, 2014, at Lizard Thicket at 10170 Two Notch Road. Take US 1 (Two Notch Road), north of US 1 and I-20 Interchange to the Lizard Thicket out by the Target, not the one by the railroad tracks near the interchange. We will start the eating at 8 am with the meeting starting around 9 am. Also the next CARC meeting will be at ETV on August 4, 2014 at 7:00 pm.