

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for August 2014

August 4, 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 \$ 2,375.33.

- CARC Net Report: Bruce (K14VRO) reported that there were a total of 14 Nets in July with a total of 264 check-ins.

- Old Business:
 - Club Trailer: Efforts continue on repairing and completing an inventory of the club trailer. Tom (W1TEF) is working through the trailer inventory and is currently seeking the help of club members. Stay tuned for further developments...

 - Shirts/hats: No shirt examples were available to view due to a personal crisis with the shirt supplier. It is anticipated that examples will be available for upcoming club meetings.

 - 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. Also, if you have a grill and can bring it please let Ronnie know. See you at the park.

 - Club ID's: No new updates on the club ID's other than plans are for the ID's to be color coded for level of operating class. A list of all members with paid club dues will be given to Tammy for eligibility and photos for the badges may be taken at the September CARC meeting.

- Misplaced Equipment during Field day: The misplaced MFJ antenna Analyzer from Field Day at Sandy Run EMS Station has not been found. Based on the vote taken at the July meeting, the CARC will be replacing the analyzer.

- New Business:
 - W1AW Centennial QSO Party: Todd (KN4QD) and Tom (W1TEF) provided an update to the activation of W1AW/4 in South Carolina during July as part of the W1AW Centennial QSO party. Specifically they estimated that a total of 23 operators netted around 30,000 QSO's during the final time this year that W1AW/4 will be activated in South Carolina as part of the W1AW Centennial QSO party.
 - South Carolina QSO Party: Todd (KN4QD) reminded all in attendance that the South Carolina QSO party will be held on September 20, 2014. This contest, for folks to make contacts with South Carolina stations, starts at 10 am to 11 pm on Saturday. More information is available at <http://scqso.com/>
 - Nominating Committee: Ronnie (W4RWL) called for a Director from the CARC Board to form a committee to begin the development of nominees for the November Club officer election.

Program: This month's program was hosted by Ken (K4KXO). He presented the 1959 Bell Labs film on, "Similarities of Wave Behavior". This film provided an overview of impedance matching and standing wave ratio.

All were reminded that the next CARC Board meeting will be on September 1, 2014, at 6:30, just prior to the next CARC meeting will be at ETV on September 1, 2014 at 7:00 pm.