

## Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for September 2014

**September 1, 2014**

- 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](http://www.w4cae.com)).
- Treasurer's Report: Current amount in the account is \$ 2,341.77.
- CARC Net Report: No Net report was provided for the month of August.
- Old Business:
  - Club Picnic: The club held our annual club picnic on August 16, 2014 at Sesquicentennial State Park. As part of that, the club had two, 2 Meter Fox Hunts with the first starting at 10 am. Several people commented on the good food and the fact that the fox hunt was very challenging. In fact, some indicated that they had never been on a fox hunt, didn't really know what to do, and found fox hunting a bit frustrating. Suggestions were made that a program or Rodgers Workshop be held as a primer to fox hunting to explain to use a HT as the weapon of choice for fox hunting.
  - Club Trailer: Efforts continue on repairing and completing an inventory of the club trailer. Tom (W1TEF) indicated that a majority of item have been inventoried and felt that this could be accomplished if someone could give him a hand. Richard (WF7F) volunteered to help one night during the upcoming week to help get this task completed. Stay tuned for further developments...
  - Shirts/hats: Tom (W1TEF) had an example of a blue polo shirt with the club logo, his name & call on it. His source can provide shirts, hats, coffee mugs, key chains, etc. All colors and options can be seen at [www.sanmar.com](http://www.sanmar.com). So, if you are interested in some club logo stuff, take a look at the sanmar web site and get you wish list together...

- Club Officers/Directors nominating committee: Currently the two Directors that have been elected to serve through 2015, Dave (W4DMC) and Matt W4ZYX) will be forming a nominating committee to provide a complete ballot for November's club elections. If you have nominations, please contact one of these guys. And if you are contacted by them, informing you that you have been nominated, please consider running for office.
- Misplaced Equipment during Field day: The misplaced MFJ antenna Analyzer lost during the Field Day at Sandy Run EMS Station in June has not been found. Based on the vote taken at the July meeting, the CARC will be reimbursing its owner by or during the next club meeting.
- New Business:
  - September VE Sessions: Ronnie (W4RWL) announced that the Kershaw County Amateur Radio Club will hold a VE session on September 13, 2014, at the Camden Public Library starting at 10 am. In addition, there will be a VE session here in Columbia at SCETV on October 11, 2014, starting at 9am.
  - Boy Scouts JOTI/JOTA: Tammy (N4TAL) announced that she has been contacted by local Boy Scout Council to see if the CARC would be willing to support several Jamboree On The Air in October. There will be a Cub-o-ree at Oak Grove Baptist Church on October 4, 2014. The Cub-o-ree is for the younger scouts. On October 17, 2014, a JOTA event will be held at Camp Barstow and on October 18, 2014, at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Tammy would like to know if the club would have any members who would be willing to support these outreach events and provide radios that will provide these scouts a chance to get on the air.
  - Kershaw County ARC Classes: Lee (K4ELG) announced that the Kershaw County Amateur Radio Club will be holding radio classes on September 10, 17, & 24, 2014. These classes are meant to be informational, but not specific for license testing. The classes will be held in the Camden Military Academy Band room starting at 7 pm and ending at 9 pm. The actual training topics will be determined during the first meeting, when those in attendance will be asked what they would like to learn. If interested, you are to contact Lee at [W4ELG@ARRL.net](mailto:W4ELG@ARRL.net).

- Old Time AM Radio Give-away: David (KI4LKG) brought in a 1920's era AM radio (working condition unknown) to be given away. The winner was Mike Dantzler, a first timer to our meeting and may be working toward a future ham license. Congratulations Mike!

Program: Todd (KN4QD) provided a brief discussion on the upcoming South Carolina QSO party that will be held on September 20, 2014. This contest, for folks to make contacts with South Carolina stations, starts at 1400Z on the third Saturday in September and ends at 0300Z the following Sunday (13 hours total). More information on this QSO party can be found at <http://scqso.com/>

Todd also discussed how this QSO party has grown over the years and how Rover operators have helped to activate some of the counties in South Carolina that have few active hams. He wanted to encourage all in attendance to try to make some time to get on the air and provide numerous South Carolina operators for all those who are participating.

All were reminded that the next CARC Board meeting will be on October 4, 2014. This meeting will be held at Ryan's on Bower Parkway with the eating starting around 8 am and the meeting beginning right before 9 am. Also, the next CARC club meeting will be at SCETV on October 6, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Notes:

Due to software issues, club ID photos/cards could not be processed during this meeting. An attempt will be made to process club ID's at the next club meeting.

Also, the new ARES Area 3 two meter net will be held on Thursday nights starting at 7:30 pm on the 147.000 repeater. All licensed operators are encouraged to check-in.