

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for October 2013

October 7, 2013

- Introductions
 - Richard Mote (AL7MO)-President
 - Individual attendee introductions

- Past Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to not read last month's meeting minutes, a second was made, and a unanimous vote was made to not read the minutes.

- Treasurer's Report: Current amount in the account was \$ 2409.22. Mention was made of the new licensed hams CARC policy for a free year membership and that Andy (KK4DSD) would be available after the meeting to take applications for membership.

- CARC Net Report: Bruce (KI4VRO) reported that in September we had a total of 201 check-ins during the Sunday and Wednesday night nets.

- Old Business:
 - MS 150: Richard (AL7MO) and Matt (W4ZYX) provided an overview of their experience of helping out with communications for the MS 150 on September 21-22, 2013. This bicycle ride started at locations in both North Carolina and South Carolina on Saturday and ended on Sunday near Myrtle Beach.

 - SC QSO Party: Ronnie (W4RWL) provided an overview of his mobile operation during the recent South Carolina QSO party. The South Carolina QSO party was held on September 21, 2013. He indicated that he made quite a few contacts and had a real good time.

 - Rodger's Workshop: Richard provided a brief description of the recent Rodgers Workshop that was held on October 5, 2013 at the Sandy Run EMS station. Robbie (KK4PDZ) provided details related to the construction of the 2 Meter roll-up J-Pole antennas. There were more people interested in building these antennas than there was materials for constructing these antennas. As a result, CARC will be scheduling a future Rodgers Workshop to provide an opportunity for all interested to construct a 2 meter roll-up J-pole antennas in 2014.

- Club Elections: Richard (AL7MO) wanted to remind everyone that the club will be holding election of club officers/board members during the November club meeting. An election committee will be taking nominations to make sure that we have a candidate for all openings.
- Lexington 2 Meter Repeater: a 2 Meter repeater is up and running in Lexington (near Lexington H.S.). This repeater will operate on a frequency of 147.00 with a + 600 offset and a PL of 123.0. All were encouraged to try out this new repeater and put it to use.
- 2013 CARC Christmas Party: Richard announced that the CARC Christmas party will be held on December 2, 2013. Last year we had the party at Grecian Gardens on U.S. 378 (near the intersection of U.S. 378 and I-26). Discussion was held on whether those in attendance were interested in having the party at Grecian Gardens again this year. General consensus was that perhaps we should confirm availability of the banquet room at Grecian Gardens on December 2nd prior to finalizing plans. Details will follow.
- New Business:
 - Technician and General class: John (W3KH) announced that a technician and general class will be held at Midlands Tech on October 17 & 18, 2013. This training will begin at 6 pm and will run until 10 pm. In addition to these training classes, there will be a VE testing session held at Midlands Tech on October 19, 2013, starting at 9 am.
 - Section Emergency Test (SET): It was announced that a Sectional Emergency Test (SET) will be conducted on October 19, 2013. This will be a test focused on the ability for providing information to the State and County Emergency Operation Centers related to vehicle (cars and trucks) counts as part of a simulated coastal evacuation.
 - JOTA/JOTI: Tammy (N4TAL) announced that the club will be supporting the Boy Scouts Jamboree On The Air/Jamboree On The Internet (JOTA/JOTI). This annual event will be held on October 19, 2013, during which boy scouts from around the nation will be making contacts with other scouts by radio/internet. This year a local radio event will held

at Oakwood Baptist Church, Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church, and at a location in Orangeburg. Currently hams with complete field set ups (radios, power and antennas) will be needed to help out at both locations locally. Tammy will be in contact via e-mail with additional details and with requests for help. Stay tuned for further details...

- Family Fun Run at Sesquicentennial State Park: Tammy also indicated that she had been contacted to provide communications for a Family Fun Run at Sesquicentennial State Park on December 7, 2013. This will be a five kilometer event that will be held within the State Park. Motion was made for the club to support this event, this motion received a second, and a vote was taken. Members voted in favor of supporting this event. Tammy will be contacting members via e-mail and she will be looking for volunteers. Stay tuned for details.....
- Program: Rodger Mull (KD4JQJ) gave a presentation on, "Public Safety Interoperability and Amateur Radio". He began this presentation with a discussion on what interoperability is, specifically the ability to share information across multiple jurisdictions using different equipment (and different frequencies). This is especially true for those emergency situations where there may be fire, police, EMS are responding and are trying to communicate and coordinate when each group may use different frequencies and/or different radios. Rodger provided several suggestions for addressing an interoperability situation and then the group viewed several brief videos with additional training. South Carolina AUXCOMM (auxiliary communications) has several on line training videos related to training for emergency situations. These training videos can be viewed at <http://scauxcomm.us>. During this meeting we viewed the video on radio interoperability. This video can be viewed at <http://interoperability.sc.gov/>.

All were reminded that the next CARC meeting will be at ETV on November 4, 2013 at 7:00 pm. The Board of Directors meeting will be at Ryan's on Bower Parkway on November 2, 2013, and will begin around 8:00 am.