

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for OCTOBER 2016

OCTOBER 3, 2016

- Introductions
 - Andy Haworth (KK4DSD)-President
 - Introduction of Board members and Officers and Attendees

- Past Month's Meeting Minutes: Andy announced that last month's meeting minutes can be found on the club's website (www.w4cae.com).

- Treasurer's Report: The current amount in the account is \$2175.52. There are now 116 members of CARC.

- CARC Net Report: Net Manager, Gary Anderson (K4HGA) announced that in September 2016 there were 8 nets held with a total of 208 check-ins, and a total of 16 announcements.

- EVENTS: JDRF will hold its walk on November 13. Approximately 6 or 7 hams will be needed for the event.

- **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - License classes set for week of 10/3/2016 for Technician Class. Testing is set for Saturday, October 8, 2016 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Irmo.
 - Nominating Committee reports that the slate is set for the November elections for new officers for 2017. Marty Allred is nominated for President, Earl Dean for V.P., Dan Cunningham for Secretary, and Jim will remain as Treasurer. The formal election will be held at the November club meeting which will be on November 7.
 - Tom, W1TEF reports that the SC QSO party will happen as scheduled on 2017. However, there is talk of combining North Carolina and South Carolina into one full weekend QSO party for the Carolinas. This may happen as early as 2018.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

- Angelo, AC2BC, presented his take on a Bug-Out Bag. Something to be kept in the car in case of temporary emergency. Intended to be a support system for a short time frame, the Bug-Out bag should pack vital necessities.
- Andy, KK4DSD, stated that he is entertaining article contributions for the newsletter.
- It was announced that the Florence Amateur Radio Club has activated its Hurricane Watch Net in anticipation of Hurricane Mathew.
- December 5th at 7 PM will be the Club Christmas party to be held at The Flight Deck in Lexington, SC
- The BOD presented to the membership a proposal to resolve the club trailer issue by simply giving ownership of the trailer to Ronnie Livingston, W4RWL, pending his acceptance.
- There was brief discussion on getting the club set up on a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. It was decided to table that action until the new administration takes over in 2017.
- Bill, W4FSV, gave out door prizes.

PROGRAM FOR THE EVENING:

Steve Brumagin, KI4VGA, gave a rousing, action-packed, fact-filled, illustrative discussion of NVIS antenna systems.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the meeting was adjourned.