

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for November 2014

November 3, 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).
- Treasurer's Report: Current amount in the account is \$ 2,163.77. No additional debits since last month (lost analyzer paid out during October).
- CARC Net Report: There was no net report for the month of October.
- Kershaw County ARC: Lee Griggs (K4ELG) announced that Kershaw club will be offering a Technicians Class on November 5-7, 2014. The class will be held in the band room at Camden Military Academy from 6:30-9:00 pm each of these evenings. Lee indicated that this class will not be teaching the test, but will focus on theory and technical information to prepare students for testing. This class will require on-line studies outside of classroom time.

Lee also announced that the Latter Day Saints Church on Chestnut Ferry Road will have a Emergency Preparedness Seminar on November 8, 2014 between 10 am and 4 pm. There will be informational booths and discussions including amateur radio, solar power, food supplies, etc.

Finally, Lee wanted to let everyone know that the next VE session in Camden will be on November 8, 2014. The VE testing session will begin at 10:30 at the Camden Public Library.

- Old Business:
 - Club Trailer: Ronnie (W4RWL) announced that there are plans to design and construct a battery power source for the club radio trailer and that needed repairs are underway.

- Shirts/hats: Tom (W1TEF) announced that all interested club members can order shirts, hats, coffee mugs, key chains, etc. directly from Mike at <http://lse.espwebsite.com>. Just mention that you are a member of CARC and the club discount will be applied to your order.
- Boy Scouts JOTI/JOTA: Tammy (N4TAL) provided a brief history of the clubs involvement with the Indian Waters Council of the Boy Scouts of America with Jamboree on the Air. We have worked with several different groups over the past five or six years. This year we had overviews from a few that helped out. At Camp Barstow, John (W3KH), Jay (W4TFX) and Noah (W7RPX) provided assistance while using the SC HEARTS trailer. At Redeemer Lutheran Church, John (KI4VRH) and Bruce (KI4VRO) provided assistance by helping scouts get on the air and by making contacts in other states.
- Society for the Preservation of Radio (SPAR) Winter Field Day: Ronnie wanted to remind everyone that the next Field Day opportunity will be the SPAR Winter Field Day on January 24, 2015. He would like the CARC to participate this event again in 2015. A vote was taken to see if the club members would like to participate. A motion was made, a second was given, and a vote was taken. Those in attendance voted to participate in SPAR Winter Field Day. Now we need to decide where we should hold the event. Thoughts were that we could go to the Field of Dreams or the Sandy Run EOC. Stay tuned for details at the January 2015 meeting.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation: On November 9, 2014, CARC will provide radio communications for a fun walk to raise money to further the research to battle juvenile diabetes.
 - Friends of Sesquicentennial 5K: On December 6, 2014, CARC will provide communications for a 5 kilometer run at Sesquicentennial State Park.
 - Harbison 50K: On January 3, 2015, CARC will provide communications for the fifty kilometer run at Harbison State Forest.
- Technician Class in Columbia: John (W3KH) announced that there will be a technician class at SCETV on November 13 & 14, 2014. Class will begin at 6 pm and will run until 10 pm. On November 15, 2014, at SCETV there will be a review and testing will occur shortly thereafter.

- ARES District 3 Net: The ARES District 3 has a two meter net on Thursday nights starting at 8:00 pm on the 147.000 repeater (+ offset, PL 123.0). All licensed operators are encouraged to check-in, whether they are ARES members or not). If 147.000 Repeater is out of service, the backup is 147.330 Repeater.
- New Business:
 - Elections: The election for officers and the board of directors for 2015 was held at this meeting. Election results were;
President: Ronnie Livingston W4RWL_
Vice-President: Ron Marsteller K1TCB
Treasurer: Andy Haworth KK4DSD
Secretary: Steve Brumagin KI4VGA
Trustee: John Crockett W3KH
Directors: Todd Atkins KN4QD and Tom Francis W1TEF

Program: Jay (W4TFX) provided a brief presentation of his backpack and what he had packed for several days on the trail. In addition he had many great tips for keeping your backpack light while still staying comfortable. He discussed Ziploc baggie meals that he is able to make at home, items that should be in everyone's pack, and packing strategies for maximizing space in the pack while keeping manageable. Thanks Jay.

All were reminded that there will be no CARC Board meeting in December 2014. Also, the next CARC club meeting will be at SCETV on January 5, 2015 at 7:00 pm.