

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for November 2015

November 2, 2015

- Introductions
 - Ronnie Livingston (W4RWL)-President
 - Individual attendee introductions

- Past Month's Meeting Minutes: Steve (KI4VGA) announced that October's meeting minutes cannot be found on the club's website, since that meeting was cancelled due to flooding, all other minutes from past meetings can be found on the club's website (www.w4cae.com).

- Treasurer's Report: Andy (KK4DSD) announced that at the beginning of November the club had \$1513.63 in the account. Since that time the club had deposits from memberships that increased our account \$1575.63. Andy also announced that all new (less than one year licensed) are eligible for their first year membership free.

- CARC Net Report: Net Manager, Steve (W4SJD) announced that in August 2015 there were 9 nets held with a total of 227 check-ins.

- Kershaw County Amateur Radio Club Update: Lee (K4ELG) announced that the Club has had the telephone poles delivered, but not yet installed. Due to flooding, the crew that will set the poles has been busy with getting power restored in the Midlands. Lee anticipates that the poles will be set soon and will utilize a high bucket for setting rotors and antennas. Also, Lee indicated that the Kershaw EOC has extended an invitation to the Lugoff Fire Dept. and the Kershaw Club to be partners in an communications interoperability link between the Kershaw Emergency Operation Center, Lugoff Fire Department, and the Clubhouse. Lee reminded us that the KCARC holds their monthly meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month and all are invited to attend. Details can be found at the Kershaw County Amateur Radio club website www.KC4RC.com.

- Old Business:
 - CARC Trailer: Dwayne (N4LDL) wanted to let the club that the weather has limited work on the club trailer. Dwayne anticipates that these efforts will get going this Fall. Stay tuned for details....

- Hats: Ronnie (W4RWL) announced that we need ten more hat orders to get the \$11.00 price. See Tammy (N4TAL) after the meeting if you would like to order a hat.
- Jamboree on the Air (JOTA): Mike (N4BQQ) shared his experience at Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church. Even though they had radio set up/operation problems, they were able to get on the air for a limited number of scouts.

Jay (W4TFX) also helped out at a separate location (sorry Jay, I didn't write down where...) and was able to get on the air and make contacts. They had a troop visit (six scouts) and they got two scouts to actually talk on the air. Good job!!

- Go-Kit Competition: Ronnie (W4RWL) reminded all that the club will sponsor a Go-Kit competition on November 7, 2015 at SCETV. Details on the competition, a place to register to compete, and all the rules can be found on the CARC website (www.w4cae.com/gokit). Judging of the Go-Kits and award of the prizes will begin at 9 am.
- CARC Christmas Party: This year's Christmas party will be held on December 7, 2015 at the Flight Deck in Lexington. All are invited to bring friends and/or family. The meal is Dutch Treat and the festivities will begin at 6pm and run until 9 pm. Hope to see y'all there!!!
- New Business:
 - Gordie's Goodies: Gordy (N9FF) has cleaned out the garage and maybe a few closets and had some radio/electronic/cable items on the front table that need a new home. The table will be open for business directly after the regular meeting.
 - Upcoming Events: All were reminded that CARC will be supporting the following events;
 - JDRF walk Feb. 21, 2016 at River Bluff High School. Details to follow.
 - Nail the Trail 5K at Sesquicentennial State Park on December 5, 2015. We will meet at 8 am and the race will start at 9am.

- Harbison 50K on January 9, 2016 at Harbison State Forest. Details to follow.
- Winter Field Day is on January 30, 2016, so stay tuned for details.
- Election results: the following are the result of this year's election;

President: Andy (KK4DSD)

Vice-President: Steve (KI4VGA)

Treasurer: Jim (W4KNI)

Secretary: Steve (W4SJD)

Trustee: Dwayne (W4LDL)

2-yr Directors: Gary (K4HGA) & Jay (W4TFX)

1-yr Director: Marty (AG3EK)

- Meeting Topic: "Go-Kit Presentation" by Ben Barr & Damon Newton.

Ben Barr, Master S.E.R.E. (Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape) Instructor and Damon Newton, President of Universal Survival Innovations (USI) provided a very informational presentation on survival techniques. This included many of Ben's personal experiences, an overview of some of USI survival philosophies, and some in-depth discussion about what everyone should have in their survival go-bag.

Discussion started with the "Seven plus One" priorities of survival. These include; Positive mental Attitude (PMA), Medical, Water, Fire, Personal Protection, Communication, Food, and the "plus" is Navigation. After a discussion of each priority, Damon demonstrated items from his go-bag that directly address these priorities. His go-bag including the following; shelter (small poncho/tarp), simple first aid/medical kit, water purification tablets, water container (plastic bags), light sticks, signal flag, headlamp/flashlight, signal mirror/whistle, folding knife (Opinel), small compass, simple fishing kit, eye/hand protection, and a fire starting kit. This lead to discussions about each of these items and how to be prepared to tough it out beyond the first 72 hours of an emergency.

Thanks guys for a very interesting presentation to help us prepare ourselves for emergency conditions!

All were reminded that we will next meet for the Christmas party on Dec. 7, 2015 at Flight deck in Lexington. And our next CARC club meeting will be on January 4, 2016, at SCETV on George Rodgers Boulevard starting at 7:00 pm.