

## CARC Monthly Meeting Minutes for 5 February 2018

Introductions and Opening: Club President Earl Dean (W4ESD) welcomed everyone to the meeting

Meeting Minutes: January 2017 meeting minutes are posted on the club web site.

<http://w4cae.com/club-minutes/>

Financial Report: Club membership is currently at 140. Bank balance as of 31 January 2018 was \$2372.76.

### Meeting Announcements:

- Winter Field Day (26/27 January) was reviewed. The club had 5 full time operators at Weston Lake with additional club members and visitors on Saturday and Sunday. The team of Gary Anderson (K4HGA) and Mike Wieber (N4BQQ) had the most club contacts (140+). James Swick (KN4JAV) won the drawing for the Boafang HT.
- Gary Anderson updated the club on the 19 May 2018 "Tour de Cure". This is a major event and will require 35+ operators. Mobile and HT radios will be needed.
- Tammy Livingston (N4TAL) briefed the club on the 7 April 2018 Nature Conservatory's Peachtree Rock 5K Run/Walk. Pete Emmel (K4LLE) and Tim Polito (KN4TIM) will be organizing the club's support of the event.
- Tammy Livingston briefed the club on the SC QSO Party, 24 February 2018. The club will need people to help activate all counties in the state. Operators nationwide will be attempting to make a contact with every SC (and NC) county during the event. The NC QSO Party on 25 February 2018 will be tied into the SC QSO Party.
- Dan Cunningham (K9DBC) gave an update on the 7 May 2018 "Go-bag" competition. There's a possibility that "Live PD" personnel will be assisting with the judging. The scenario will be "can you make it 3 days with only the items on your back". For those interested, contact Dan Cunningham for more information and planning assistance resources.

Presentations: Bill Minikiewicz (W4FSV) gave a presentation on antennas. He covered considerations and questions to be aware of when selecting an antenna, location of antenna, and your budget. He provided an interesting demonstration showing the effects of tuners in relation to an antenna's SWR (no operators were damaged during the demonstration). He also had several antennas and antenna feed components. At the end of the presentation, he did a drawing for a W2AU Balun (Jack Younts KM4RCN) and two free admissions to his 17 February 2018 "build session" (Rick Prosser/AB4MG and James Swick/KN4JAV).

### Columbia Amateur Radio Club

Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7 PM at the ETV Building near downtown Columbia. Eat Before We Meet: Carolina Ale House on Lady St. in the Vista. We gather between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

<http://w4cae.com/>

Everyone is reminded they may contribute to the club newsletter, Feed Line, by contacting Tim Polito (KN4TIM).

**Web Links for more information:**

SC/NC QSO Party (24 Feb)

<http://scqso.com/>

<http://www.rars.org/ncqsoparty/>

Nature Conservatory – Peachtree Rock 5K Run/Walk (7 Apr)

<https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/southcarolina/placesweprotect/peachtree-rock-heritage-preserve.xml>

<https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/southcarolina/events/earth-day-5k-runwalk.xml>

Tour De Cure (19 May)

[http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/TourAdmin?fr\\_id=12310&pg=entry](http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/TourAdmin?fr_id=12310&pg=entry)