

# Columbia Amateur Radio Club

## June 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Dan Cunningham, K9DBC assisted by Vice-President Jim Lathan,

### Business

Our treasury has a balance of \$6,562.00 which includes money raised by selling estate items donated to the club.

Our Sunday night 2 Meter Repeater Net report for the month showed that there were 5 nets with 173 check-ins and 29 announcements. The simplex net had 3 sessions with 55 check-ins.

The club presently has 144 members.

### Announcements

Everyone is invited to check out the South Carolina Historic Aircraft Foundation and their facilities at Owens Field. We might use their hanger for events later in the year.

June 14-18<sup>th</sup> Training will be held at ETV. Email Stan Slaughter if you are interested in getting your license or upgrading.

Hopefully we will be returning to in person meetings at ETV in October.

Our presentation this evening was given by Jim Lathan on Summer Field Day 2021.

Summer Field Day will be on June 26 and 27 this year from 2 PM on Saturday until 2 PM on Sunday.

There are some new FCC RF Safety rules for Ham Radio that are posted on our web site.

Jeremey Wirtz will be doing the Band plan for Field Day.

Field Day will be held at Lake Wateree State Park which includes the following amenities.

1. New Bath House and Rest Rooms
2. Plenty of parking available – take first right to the left upon entering the park.
3. There is a Park Store that has almost anything you might need.
4. There is a Food Truck from Highway 55 located by the Park Store.
5. There are many outdoor activities available for families:  
Fishing and Swimming  
Boat Ramp and Dock  
Other outdoor activities
6. There is a \$3 fee for adults and \$1 for kids to enter the park. If no one is on duty, they use the honor system.

The following radio activities will be available

1. There will be a GOTO station and the Communications will be fully operational.

- 2 . This is NOT a contesting event, but our main objective is for everyone to meet up and have fun.
3. There will be exhibits of HT, mobile and QRP radios, Go Boxes, Solar Power and antennas.
4. The following demonstrations will be available,  
HF Digital Mode - FT8, JS8CALL, and WSPR  
Digital Mode – DMR. Ham Shack Hotline, Ham Hotspots, and Networking of radios and satellite controls.  
Educational Programs– Getting on the air training, programming, and antenna set up and use of antenna analyzers.

Lunches and dinners are still in planning mode.

Jeremy Wirtz will be doing POTA – Parks on the air

There are 2 web sites where you can get information on band conditions.

HFpropagation.com or QRZed.

K6TU.Net – Propagation service where you fill out data and report will be generated and sent to you in email. This is one of the better tools available.

A question-and-answer session followed.

#### General Information

We need to know who will be coming to Field Day and bringing equipment, etc. Please let Jeremy know ahead of time.

Those wanting to operate from home may do so. The club name Columbia ARC should be used so that the club can receive credit for the points you earn.

We are looking for someone to volunteer to be the State Director for the 13 Colonies contest. Please let Dan know if you are interested.

Jim Lathan would like to invite everyone to come on out to Field day and have a good time. Bring water and a chair as it may be very hot!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary