

Columbia Amateur Radio Club

November 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Dan Cunningham. The meeting was held at ETV and was also on Zoom.

Business

We had 34 members at the meeting tonight and an additional 12 joined via Zoom.

We had a visitor with us this evening who is interested in HAM radio, but does not have his license yet, and our visitor from last month, Adam joined us again tonight.

Stick out your “paw” and say hello to anyone within your reach and tell them to have a good night.

The club presently has 137 members and 14 families.

Our Sunday night 2 Meter Repeater Net report for the month showed that there were 5 nets with 183 check-ins and 31 pieces of traffic. The Simplex net had 25 participants over 2 sessions., and 2 pieces of traffic.

Treasurer, Amanda McKinnis, reported that the club has a balance of \$7,152.22.

A motion to accept the secretary’s report was made by Jim Lathan, seconded by Bill Covey and the motion passed.

As many of you already know, the McKinnis family will be moving out of the area in a few months to be closer to family. They have been a very active and driving force in our club. In recognition of their hard work and dedication, a plaque was presented to them from the club.

Announcements

Club members meet for dinner before each monthly meeting at California Dreaming at 5:00 PM. All club members are welcome to attend.

Past Events

This past Saturday, October 30th, a trunk fest was held at Potters Community Park in Elgin. The event was very successful with club members from 3 or 4 local clubs and some from NC attending.

Upcoming Events

The CARC Christmas Party will be held on Dec. 6th. It will be held at Spring Valley Baptist Church in Columbia. The menu will include Roast Beef and gravy, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, White Gravy, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Roll and tea and will be catered by Shealy’s Bar-B Que. Members of our club will be providing desserts. We will open the doors at 6:30 and dinner will be served at 7:15. The cost per adult is \$10 and \$25 for a family. We hope to see everyone there for a great evening of fun and camaraderie.

On Nov. 11th there will be a Veteran’s Day Parade in Columbia. Earl Dean is going to take the trailer and anyone who would like to bring a vehicle or walk in the parade is encouraged to do so by contacting Earl.

Winter Field Day this year is going to be a one-day event rather than a whole weekend event.

The main focus will be on getting together, having fun, and learning from each other. It will also be a time to test our Go-Boxes. To prepare for that field day activity, members were reminded to bring their Go-Boxes to the January meeting.

Jim Lathan would like to do a fox hunt.

On November 20th, we will have “Ham and Eggs” breakfast at the Golden Corral at 5300 Forrest Drive in Columbia. All members are invited to attend. After the breakfast approximately at 12 noon, an Operating Day to test your equipment will be held at Potter Community Park in Elgin.

Hamcation will be held in Orlando, FL February 10th thru 12th. Jim Lathan and Tedd Clayton will be going early to help with the preparations. They will be in the Buddy Parking Area and will have food, etc. The National ARRL Convention is also being held at the Hamcation this year. There are a lot of motels/hotels in the area, but they fill up fast, so make your reservations if you are interested.

A training session will be held November 13th through 17th, with the test on Saturday, Nov. 18th. Please go to our website SCHEART.US to sign up.

Presentation

Our presentation this evening was a Zoom Presentation by Jason Oleham, KM4ACK. In 2009 he lived in Murfreesboro, TN and it was hit by a tornado. No one was prepared and it gave Jason the impetus to make sure he would be prepared in the future. He wanted to marry computers to radios. His presentation was about using Raspberry Pi, a compact computer to achieve his goal. More information can be found at Raspberrypi.org. Jason has many videos on YouTube at [YOUTUBE/COM/km4ack](https://www.youtube.com/km4ack)

Election Results

As members entered the meeting this evening, each one was vetted to make sure they were eligible to vote for the 2022 officers and were then given a ballot. Tammy Livingston was in charge of voting and she made a motion that we put Tedd Clayton's name on the ballot even though he is a few days short of being a member for 1 year. The motion was seconded by Earl Dean and passed by the members present. The ballots were collected, and an impartial team calculated the results.

Congratulations to the new officers for CARC for 2022:

President – Jim Lathan

Vice-president – Tedd Clayton

Secretary – Jean Covey

Treasurer – Pete Emmel

Trustee – Ronnie Livingston

Directors – Jay Leeper elected to fill 1 yr. term vacated by Pete Emmel who is running for Treasurer, and Mark Goddard and Steve Nixon elected to 2 yr. terms.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary