

## Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for January 2014

**January 6, 2014**

- Captain Nichols had several receivers on the table at the front of the room. He is selling this collection, from an SK operator estate. Captain Nichols would like to sell the radios to fund his future transceiver purchase. All that were interested could look at the radios and talk with Captain Nichols after the meeting.
- Introductions
  - Ronnie Livingston (W4RWL)-President
  - Individual attendee introductions
- Awards not distributed during the Christmas party were distributed to those who were at tonight's meeting
- Past Meeting Minutes: At all previous club meetings, the secretary has been asked to read the minutes, which was usually followed with a motion to not have the minutes read. In order to not go through this for every meeting, review of the Club Constitution/By-laws specific to the secretary's responsibilities for club meeting minutes were presented. After reading the Constitution/By-laws, it was determined that if the secretary would simply announce at every club meeting that last month's club minutes could be read on the club's website, then all requirements in the constitution/by-laws would be met and further requests to read the minutes at each monthly club meeting could cease.
- Treasurer's Report: Current amount in the account was \$ 2614.22. The club had just recently received the annual insurance bill and received three new club memberships.
- Old Business:
  - Harbison 50K: Andy (KK4DSD) provided a brief summary of the fun that we had at the Harbison 50K ultra-marathon. Just so you know, 50K is 31.0 miles. Although the day was cold and it took some of the participants till late afternoon to complete the race, we all had a great time and there were very few incidents/injuries.
  - Club Post Office box keys: Ronnie (W4RWL) asked if any in attendance would have keys for the club's post office box. At one time there were at least three copies of the P.O. Box key. Currently only the secretary indicated that he had a key. So, if you have been a past member of the

board, please check all your key rings to see if you have a key with USPS stamped on it...

- VE Sessions: information for the VE sessions in Columbia will be on the club web site. Stan (N3LU) will continue to be the contact for the VE sessions in Columbia.
  
- New Business:
  - John Crockett announcements: John Crockett (W3KH) had several announcements for the club.
    - The Greenwood Hamfest will be held on January 11, 2014, at Piedmont Technical College starting at 9:00 am.
    - The Charleston Hamfest will be held February 1, 2014, at Armory Park. Details should be available on web (search under Charleston Hamfest).
    - Emergency Exercises:
      1. February 3-5, 2014, emergency exercises will occur on Fort Jackson. On February 4<sup>th</sup> a contagion emergency/ emergency communication exercise will occur. Details will become available on ARES-SC web site.
      2. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be a “rolling stock emergency communication” exercise. This exercise will include assembly of emergency communication trailers at the Lexington Co Health Building on SC-6 near the I-20 and SC-6 interchange. Trailers will assemble in the morning and sealed exercise will commence after trailers are set up and operational. Details will be available on the SCHEARTS web site.
  
  - CARC Board of Directors Roles: Ronnie (W4RWL) briefly discussed the roles of the elected club officials and indicated that these roles are on the Club web site.
  
  - Appointments: Ronnie (W4RWL) presented to all in attendance, those individuals that have been appointed by the Board to be coordinators. Specifically the following individuals will serve as;
    - Public Information Officer: Andy (KK4DSD)
    - Event Coordinator: Tammy (N4TAL)

- Rodgers Workshop Coordinator: Bill (W4FSV)
- Web Masters: Andy (KK4DSD) and Todd (KN4QD)
  
- SPAR Winter Field Day: Ronnie (W4RWL) announced that the club will participate in the SPAR (Society for the Preservation of Amateur Radio) Winter Field Day on January 25, 2014. It was decided that we will meet at the Calhoun County EMS station in Sandy Run around 8 am to set stations for operation starting at noon. Dave (W4DMC) was nominated to be the event coordinator and details will be posted on the club web-site.
  
- Club Calendar: Tammy (N4TAL) briefly went over the club event schedule for the next few months. Tammy indicated that details for club events will be developing over time and will be posted on the club web-site as they become available.

All were reminded that the next CARC meeting will be at ETV on February 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm. The Board of Directors meeting will be held prior to the February meeting at Ryan's on Bower Parkway on February 1, 2014, and eating will begin around 8:00 am and the board meeting will begin around 9:00 am.

- Meeting Topics: The following were discussed with those in attendance about how the club may be able to facilitate the following;
  - Elmering: Those in attendance discussed how the club might be able to help those recently licensed to learn more about Ham radio.
  
  - Transition for Hams: Those in attendance discussed how the club might be able to assist Hams from Technician level through General to Amateur Extra.
  
  - Club Trailer: Ronnie (W4RWL) presented to those in attendance, recent developments with repairs to the club radio trailer and his vision for the use of the trailer in 2014.
  
  - Reaching out to club members who currently not attending meetings: Ronnie (W4RWL) stated that there are many members to the CARC that are not currently attending regular club meetings. He wondered if there were suggestion for bringing people back. Also he asked if there was any interest in forming a committee to develop a program to reach out to members, however no one offered to volunteer.

- Nets: It was announced that a net occurs every Sunday night at 9:00 pm on 146.775 (PL 156.7). Part of this net includes simplex operation starting around 9:15 pm. Also it was announced that there are informal nets occurring on 6 Meter AM around 50.410 in the evenings along with 28.350 (USB).
- Dutch Fork Amateur Radio Group: Tom (W1TEF), a member of DFARG, wanted to tell those in attendance about the club's facilities/equipment in Little Mountain. DFARG has a focus in operating and providing a place to allow operators to make radio contacts in multiple modes. Tom detailed how he has used the DFARG facilities to operate since he lives in a community where large outdoor antennas are disliked. Tom invited all who are interested to come the next DFARG meeting (held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month starting at 7:00 pm ).