

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for March 2013

March 4, 2013

1. Introductions and club business
 - Richard Mote (AL7MO) 2013 President
 - Individual attendee introductions

2. Past Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to not read last meeting minutes, a second was made, and a unanimous vote was made to not read the minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report: Current amount in the account was \$ 2254.11. The club has recently received a bill for \$ 260.00 for plaques for the winners in the 2012 SC QSO party.

4. CARC Net Report: There were a total of 131 check-in for January and 136 check-ins during the CARC nets during February 2013.

5. Old Business
 - Certificates that could not be handed out during the Christmas party were distributed. Three individuals were not present and their certificates will be mailed to them.
 - There was a question if anyone present had attended the Trident foxhunt in January. None in attendance had participated.
 - Two tickets to the Charlotte Hamfest were given to two individuals at the meeting that indicated that they were going, but had not purchased their tickets yet.
 - VE session in Camden: A VE testing session will be held in Camden at the Camden Public Library on March 9, 2013, at 10 am.
 - LMC Colon Cancer Ride: A reminder was made that the club will be providing communication support for the Colon Cancer Ride on March 23, 2013. Tammy (N4TAL) will be contacting hams by e-mail looking for volunteers to help provide communication support. All volunteers should meet at 7 am at the Dutch Fork High School for the pre-event meeting.
 - Georgia QSO party: Richard (AL7MO) wanted to remind everyone that the Georgia QSO party will be on April 13 & 14. This will be an opportunity for us to support a neighboring state's QSO party and to make some radio contacts.
 - Taylor's Ride and NAMI walk: Richard (AL7MO) also wanted to remind everyone that there will be two CARC supported events scheduled for

April 20, 2013. The club will support both the NAMI walk (at River Walk) and Taylors Ride at Dutch Fork High School, so we will be looking for enough volunteers to handle both events. A future e-mail will be sent out asking for volunteers.

- MS Walk: Tammy (N4TAL) informed the club that organizers for the MS walk have asked if CARC would provide communication support for their walk on April 13, 2013. A motion was made that the club supports this event. This motion received a second and was put to a vote. Those in attendance voted that the club will support this event.
- CARC Swap-fest: Richard (AL7MO) wanted to remind all in attendance that there will be a ham swap-fest on April 27, 2013 at the ETV building from 8-12.

6. New Business

- No New Business.

7. Presentation

Richard Mote (AL7MO) and Bruce Frost (KI4VRO) facilitated a discussion about the reasons why we got involved in amateur radio. This discussion focused primarily on emergency operations and participation in local nets. This is very important for all operators, not just the newly licensed, to make sure that their radio equipment is in good operating condition and to familiarize all operators with net protocol while keeping their effective communication skills well honed. These skills are very important especially during the high stress conditions associated with emergency situations.