

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for March 2014

March 3, 2014

- Introductions
 - Ronnie Livingston (W4RWL)-President
 - Individual attendee introductions

- Past Meeting Minutes: The club President announced that January's club minutes could be found on the club's website (www.w4cae.com).

- Treasurer's Report: Current amount in the account was \$ 2357.22.

- Net Report: Club net coordinator, Bruce (K14VRO) was not present, but club President announced that there were eight CARC nets and 3 new ham nets held in February.

- Old Business:
 - Lexington Medical Center Colon Cancer Ride: Tammy (N4TAL) announced that this year's ride will start at Dutch Fork Middle School on March 29, 2014. Tammy is currently seeking volunteers for all work details. This would include rest stops, sweeps, and SAG's.
 - CARC Swap-fest: This year's Swap-fest will be held on April 26, 2014, at the SCETV building (around back). There will be coffee and AC power for testing any of the equipment for sale. Keep an eye on the club web-site for further details.
 - CARC Trailer update: Clark (K4HI) provided an update on the progress being made to prepare the CARC trailer for this next season. Propane tanks have been moved to the trailer tongue and there are various other tasks that need to be completed prior to having the trailer to where it should be prior to field use. Lark was arranging a work day later this month (on a Saturday) and those that were interested were to get with him after the meeting to exchange phone numbers so details could be worked out.
 - State Museum Display: Bill (W4FSV) provided the club with an update on progress made with the State Museum about refurbishing their amateur radio display. Bill is designing a code oscillator and donating a key that will allow the display to be used to demonstrate Morse code.

- New Business:

- Charlotte Ham-fest: Ronnie (W4RWL) reminded those in attendance that the Charlotte Ham-fest will be held at the Cabarrus Arena on March 7 & 8, 2014.
 - 10 M low code net: Ronnie also asked if there would be an interest for starting a local 10 M slow code net. This would dovetail with those completing the intro to code class being sponsored by the Kershaw County ARC. Tom (W1TEF) indicated that he would be interested in helping out with developing this net. Ronnie asked that all those that are interested in participating should contact him via e-mail.
 - Eat Before We Meet: Ronnie informed the club that the location/restaurant for the "Eat Before We Meet" has changed from D's wings in West Columbia to the Carolina Ale House on Lady Street in the Vista. All are invited to gather at the ale house between 5:00-5:15 on the evenings before the monthly club meeting for food and fellowship.
 - South Carolina QSO Party: The South Carolina QSO Party will occur again in September. Stay tuned for further details at club meetings and on the club web-site.
 - CARC Christmas Party: All were informed that this year's club Christmas party will be held the first Monday of December at The Flight Deck in Lexington. The gathering will begin around 6:30.
 - Next CARC Club & Board Meetings: All were reminded that the next CARC meeting will be at ETV on April 7, 2014 at 7:00 pm. The Board of Directors meeting will be held prior to the March meeting on April 5, 2014, at a location to be announced. The eating will begin around 8:00 am and the board meeting beginning around 9:00 am.
 - W4CAE QSL cards: Andy (KK4DSD) indicated that our current supply of club QSL cards are dwindling and that it is time again to get some more printed up. There are several companies that can provide QSL cards for the club for under \$50.00. Tammy (N4TAL) made a motion that the club provide \$50.00 for the printing of QSO cards for the club. A vote was taken and those in attendance voted in favor of spending the money to get new W4CAE club QSL cards made.
- March's Program: Programming HT's several club members brought their laptops and programming cables and were available to help any in attendance with programming HT's with the frequencies and PL tones for the local repeaters.