

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for September 2013

September 2, 2013

- Introductions
 - Richard Mote (AL7MO)-President
 - Individual attendee introductions
- Past Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to not read last month's meeting minutes, a second was made, and a unanimous vote was made to not read the minutes.
- Treasurer's Report: Current amount in the account was \$ 2294.22.
- CARC Net Report: The Net Manager was in attendance and reported that in August we had some really great nets, but unfortunately, he did not have the total number of check-ins for August.
- Old Business:
 - Run Wild Race: Tammy (N4TAL) announced that the Run Wild foot race was held on August 24th at Sesquicentennial State Park. She wanted to thank the 15-20 hams who attended and helped out. She said that the weather was nice and they had a great event.
 - MS 150: Tammy (N4TAL) announced that the MS 150 will be held on September 21-22, 2013. This bicycle ride will start at locations in both North Carolina and South Carolina on Saturday and will end on Sunday near Myrtle Beach. We still need sweeps and Director drivers. In order to work this event you will need a mobile 2 Meter rig in order to work this event (2 M HT do not have enough range).
 - SC QSO Party: Richard (AL7MO) announced that the South Carolina QSO party will be held on September 21, 2013. He was encouraging all to fire up the HF rigs and make some contacts. Details about this event can be found on the club web-site.
 - Club Elections: Richard (AL7MO) also wanted to remind everyone that the club will be holding election of club officers/board members at the November club meeting. An election committee will be forming to take

nominations and to make sure that we have a candidate for all openings (two directors and the board).

- Future Lexington 2 Meter Repeater: a 2 Meter repeater is going to be set up in Lexington later this year. This repeater will operate on a frequency of 147.00 with a + 600 offset and a PL of ??? However since last meeting there have been no updates, but this repeater should be on line soon._
- August Tech Class: Richard indicated that John (W3KH) held a technician class in August. Although John wasn't present, Richard wanted to tell everyone that this class resulted in the licensing of several new technicians.
- New Business:
 - Camden VE Session: It was announced that the next testing session for ham licensing will be held on September 14, 2013 at the Camden Public Library, starting at 10 am.
 - Rodgers Workshop: Bill (W4FSV) announced that the next Rodgers Workshop will be held on October 5, 2013 at the Sandy Run EMS station. Starting around 9:30 am they will be building roll-up 2 Meter J-pole antennas. You can build antennas with SMA, PL-259, or BNC connectors. Cost will be \$5.00 per antenna to help cover the cost of materials.
 - Next Year Doolittle's Raid: Richard (AL7MO) indicated that other clubs in the Columbia area may be organizing a special event station radio in April 2014 to commemorate the anniversary of the Doolittle Raids during WWII. Stay tuned for details....
 - JOTA/JOTI: Tammy (N4TAL) announced that the club had been contacted by a local Council of the Boy Scouts about the upcoming Jamboree On The Air/Jamboree On The Internet. This annual event will be held on October 19, 2013, during which boy scouts from around the nation will be making contacts with other scouts by radio/internet. This year a local radio event will held at Oakwood Baptist Church and hams with complete field set ups (radios, power and antennas) will be needed to help out. Also a second event will be held in Orangeburg. Stay tuned for further details...

- BSA Radio Merit Badge: Tammy also indicated that several members of a Boy Scout troop in Northeast Columbia are working to complete the necessary requirements for a radio merit badge. This Troup has asked for CARC assistance in this endeavor. As a result, Tammy is asking for three volunteers (licensed hams) to help out. Tammy believes that one of two Monday evenings will include a “classroom” portion of this training. In addition, a larger group (10 hams) is needed for a second Monday night to assist these Scouts with the “on-air” portion of this training. Tammy has also indicated that each Scout is required to operate on-air for several minutes.
- Annual Club Picnic: Due to numerous schedule conflicts, this year’s annual CARC picnic has been cancelled.
- Christmas Party: The annual CARC Christmas party is scheduled for the first Monday (12-2-13) in December (in-lieu of a club meeting). There were general discussions about whether everyone would be interested in having this dinner at Grecian Gardens (where we had last year’s party) or if there was interest in going somewhere else. Richard asked that we think about this and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.
- Program: Dr. Bob Connell (KI4RAX) gave a presentation entitled, “Disaster Preparedness, 2-way Communication & Media for Citizens”. He began this presentation with a discussion on disaster trends nationally and the disaster specific to South Carolina. Bob then provided a detailed discussion of preparedness and how we each should be prepared for disaster events. In addition to having your radios ready for emergency communications, this preparedness includes being able to meet the basic needs for you, your family, and even those in your local area. This should include being “self-sufficient” for at least 72 hours (water, food, medicines), but also knowing how to shut off gas/ electric and keeping your situation safe while you wait for emergency response from other organizations (Red Cross, FEMA, State/Local Government, etc.).

All were reminded that the next CARC meeting will be at ETV on October 7, 2013 at 7:00 pm. The Board of Directors meeting will be held prior to the Rodgers Workshop at the Sandy Run EMS on October 5, 2013, and will begin around 8:00 am.