

CARC Monthly Meeting Minutes for 1 January 2018

Introductions and Opening: Club President Earl Dean (W4ESD) welcomed everyone to the meeting

Meeting Minutes: November 2017 minutes will be posted to club web site soon. The December 2017 meeting was the Christmas Party and minutes were not taken. But if requested, the "LOO 500" script may be acquired.

Financial Report: Jim Donelan, W4KNI, reported club membership count dropped from 148 to 140. Bank balance as of 31 Dec 2017 was \$2,645.80. Renewal/dues due date is now the member's birth month. For families, it will go by the "head of family's" birth month. For new members, dues will not be charged from date of sign-up until next birthday. Club liability insurance will be coming due soon, approximately \$320 per year. Working to get the club registered with the IRS as a non-profit entity to enable donations to the club by donors as tax deductible (donations from businesses, etc.). The club PO Box fee is coming due soon, a little over \$100 per year. Still waiting on any items the club needs to pay for Christmas party.

CARC Net Report: Net Manager Gary Anderson (K4HGA) reported for November and December 2017. The controller with the most check-ins for November was Pete Emmel, K4LLE and for December was David Huddleston, K14LKG. The 2018 Net Manager will be William Cordoba Jr., KM4VWS.

Month	Check-ins	Traffic	Sessions	Month Avg
Nov	200	25	9	22
Dec	234	39	9	26

Meeting Announcements:

- Earl Dean, W4ESD, asked for donations of radios that might go to other club members what currently don't have one.
- Earl Dean, W4ESD, congratulated the last group of new licensees from the December 2017 testing.
- [Winter Field Day](#) is Jan 27/28 at [Weston Lake Recreation Area](#), officially starting at 1400 on 27 Jan and ending at 1400 on 28 Jan. For technician class participants, if they make a contact during the Winter Field Day, they will be entered into a drawing for a free radio, to be drawn at the February club meeting.
- William Cordoba Jr., KM4VWS, is the club 2018 Net Manager.
- Elaine Thorpe, N4EHT, is thinking about starting a Ladies Net.
- If the club repeater (147.330 / W4CAE) fails, contact Dwayne Livingston (N4LDL), the repeater Trustee.
- The Harbison 50K marathon will be 6 Jan 2018.
- Mike Magnuson, N7ETA, brought a visitor from Oregon; Mike Lane, KX7N.

Presentations: Doug Anderson, W4NWS from the National Weather Service (NWS) office in Columbia, gave the Advanced Thunderstorm Spotter training. During the presentation, radar image applications were mentioned: PYKL3 (pronounced "pickle") and RadarScope (links to both at end of minutes). Doug stressed that HAM radio operators are an integral part of the SkyWarn system and NWS alerting/notification.

Columbia Amateur Radio Club

Meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7 PM at the ETV Building near downtown Columbia.

Eat Before We Meet: Carolina Ale House on Lady St. in the Vista. We gather between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

<http://w4cae.com/>

Everyone is reminded they may contribute to the club newsletter, Feed Line, by contacting [Tim Polito](#), KN4TIM

Web Links for more information:

SkyWarn: <https://www.weather.gov/skywarn/>

SkyWarn Training from MetEd: <https://www.meted.ucar.edu/>

Advanced Spotter Training (Radar Interpretation Training): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sreogytRrD4>

Columbia SC (CAE) NWS Office: <http://www.weather.gov/cae/>

Norman OK () NWS Office: <http://www.weather.gov/oun/>

NWS NWSChat: <https://nwschat.weather.gov/create.php>

PYKLE3: <http://www.pykl3radar.com/>

RadarScope: <https://radarscope.io/>

Storm Track/Radar Scope online: <https://stormtrack.org/radarscope/>

Winter Field Day: <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>

Weston Lake Recreation Area: <https://jackson.armymwr.com/programs/weston-lake>