

CARC Monthly Meeting Minutes for 5 March 2018

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

Meeting Minutes: February 2018 meeting minutes are posted on the club web site.

<http://w4cae.com/club-minutes/>

Financial Report: As of 28 February, the account balance was \$2374.07 and 128 members.

CARC Net Report: Net Manager William Cordova (KM4VWS) reported there were a total of 133+ check-ins and 26+ announcements.

Meeting Announcements:

- The group was asked by Dan (K9DBC) to think about where we would like to hold the Summer Field Day at. He also passed out a Summer Field Day preference form, to get club feedback on what we would like to do at Summer Field Day. Also, gave some suggestions on activities for Summer Field Day:
 - Workshop session(s) during the day; antenna construction, portable power (solar, etc.)
 - Fox hunt
 - "Get on the air" (GOTA) stations
 - Demonstration stations and explanations (Mike Magnuson N7ETA)
- W4CAE SwapFest will be on **21 April** in the old Kmart parking lot (Two Notch Rd and Parklane). This would be an all outside event.
- Stan Slaughter (N3LU) advertised license training (new/upgrade) will be held at the eTV facility.
 - Technician = 13-16 March @ 1800 - 2100
 - General & Extra = 14-16 March @ 1800 - 2100
 - Testing = 17 March @ 0850; bring \$10 and picture ID. For upgrades, bring original and copy of FCC license
- Gary Anderson (K4HGA) displayed the two club signs for club events.
- Gary also asked about the club interest in yellow vests (~\$20) and polo shirts (~30)
- Gary gave an updated on the May 19th Tour De Cure event. We will need 35+ operators to support the event. Operator meet time will be 0700, race start time will be 0800. This will be an all-day event.
- Gary gave an update on the 7 April Peachtree Rock 5K event. We will need 5 or 6 operators with HT's. Operator meet time will be 0800, race start time will be 0900 and most likely finish around 1000. For those that haven't worked an event before, this is a good way to see how they function and should be an easy event.
- Gary advertised the SC Military History Club will meet on 20 March, around 1700 at Little Pigs on Alpine Rd. Cost for food will be \$10.
- Gary advertised the Operation Thank You card signing at the Palmetto Sportsman Classic, 23 – 25 March. This is sponsored by the SC Air National Guard for troops deployed overseas.
- Dan discussed the new "Elmer Squad Application" and passed them out. The form is used to express an operator's interest in providing Elmer assistance.
- Charlotte HamFest is 9/10 March. Site link at bottom of minutes.
- The club "Go Bag" competition will be judge by Live PD. Considering possible participation from the Boy Scouts and Church of Latter Day Saints. Competitors should keep in mind the "bag" can be up to 35lbs and drag-able. If including a weapon, substitute two canned goods to simulate weight and volume. DO NOT put actual weapons in the Go-bag! Should include supplies for a

three day trek. Actual scenario will be provided at the competition and contestants will explain included items during judging.

- There will be a DMR training session on 17 March at the Florence American Red Cross facility (West Lucas Str). Training will be from 1000 to noon.
- Bill Minikiewicz (W4FSV) gave a little demonstration of the balun from his workshop last month. Mentioned that one club member, tracked using WSPR (Weak Signal Propagation Reporter) software, was able to reach throughout the Continental US, Antarctica, East Coast of Africa, Europe and the UK; on 200mW power and end fed 40ft antenna.
www.breadboardradio.com
- MS Walk on 28 April at Columbia Riverfront Park - 312 Laurel St

Presentations: Gary Leonard was not able to make the meeting for the DMR presentation. But Stan Slaughter (N3LU) stepped in and gave a very good high level DMR presentation with live radio demonstration.

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 Andy Haworth (KK4DSD).

Related Links:

Charlotte HamFest: <https://charlottehamfest.org/>

DMR

<http://ncprn.net/>

<http://scheart.us/repeater-system-frequency-talk-groups/>

<http://dmr-marc.net/>

<http://ham-digital.org/>

Nature Conservancy – Peachtree Rock 5K Run/Walk (7 Apr)

<https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/southcarolina/placesweprotect/peachtree-rock-heritage-preserve.xml>

<https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/southcarolina/events/earth-day-5k-runwalk.xml>

MS Walk (28 Apr)

http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/NCTWalkEvents?pg=entry&fr_id=29781

Tour De Cure (19 May)

http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/TourAdmin?fr_id=12310&pg=entry

WSPR

<http://wspnet.org/drupal/>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WSPR_\(amateur_radio_software\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WSPR_(amateur_radio_software))