

## CARC Monthly Meeting Minutes for 2 October 2018

Introductions and Opening: Club President Earl Dean (W4ESD) welcomed everyone to the meeting. Clark Frady (K4HI) was thanked for club use of the K4HI repeater while repair of the normal club repeater is in progress.

Financial Report: As of 30 Sep 2018, the balance was \$2464.91 and 155 members. The club's appreciation was given to those who donated to the antenna repair project. The club was able to pay for the antenna out of the donations.

CARC Net Report: Net Manager Gary Anderson (K4HGA) reported that there were 9 nets during September. A total of 281 check-ins, an average of 31 per net.

### Meeting Announcements:

- Earl reminded everyone, if possible, to donate QST magazines to lobbies and reception areas to help with amateur radio operator recruiting.
- Next testing session should be the second weekend of December. Check the SCHEART site for more details.
- Earl mentioned that he would like to get a "Testing Go Team" together to assist with testing. The team would do testing on a more "as needed" basis for special requests.
- Gary suggested magnetic vehicle signs be purchased for event support vehicles, identifying that they are with the Columbia club and event support. Will be discussed further in the November meeting.
- Gary advertise the club polo shirts. \$30 per shirt, additional cost for XX sizes.
- Mike Wieber (N4BQQ) advertised there will be a Calhoun County ARES meeting on 2 October at the Town & Country restaurant in St. Matthews at 1800.
- Earl reminded everyone that the Rockhill club is having their Hamfest on 6 October.
- The club will be having a "yard sale" on 13 October in the Kmart parking lot (Two Notch and Parklane) starting at 0800.
- Following the yard sale, at 1000, Ronnie Livingston (W4RWL) will be having a Richland County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Services) meeting by the SCHEART communications trailer in the Kmart parking lot.
- Gary mentioned that he will have a simplex net after the normal club net on the first Sunday and Wednesday of the month. Immediately after the regular net, change to simplex 146.400.
- Tammy Livingston (N4TAL) announced that today, 1 October 2018, was National Homemade Cookie day. She brought cookies for everyone. But self-control was requested because once everyone had a cookie, she took several pictures of the club holding their cookie up.
- Tammy also mentioned that November will be ARRL elections and that all ARRL members should receive a ballot in the mail (US Postal Service mail).
- Ronnie encouraged all to attend the 13 October ARES meeting. Also, any wanted to volunteer with ARES, please sign up at the [SC ARES web site](#) and include as much contact, location, and equipment information as possible when signing up.
- Ronnie brought up the "South Carolina QSO Party". The past several years, the Swamp Fox contesting group have actually hosted the event with the Columbia club donating \$300 for awards and certificates. He would like to see the club get back into supporting the QSO party or turn it over to the Swamp Fox group. The idea of the SC QSO Party is for participants to contact as many (preferably all) counties in South Carolina. Additional bonus stations are set up also. Several members of the club will try to get with the Swamp Fox group to coordinate the QSO party operation.

- Dan Cunningham (K9DBC) and Mike Magnuson (N7ETA) made a list of the sellable items from the “estate sale” for Mr. Robert Taylor. The items will be at the 13 October yard sale. Future estate sale requests will be handled by two or three volunteers to look over possible items and determine fair value price for the estate executors.
- Earl reminded everyone that next month will be club Executive Committee elections. Please refer to Article VI of the club Constitution for the members of the Executive Committee and By-Law 22 (Elections) for the positions that are or are not up for election. [CARC Constitution & By-Laws](#)
- Earl announced that the club’s annual Christmas party will be on 3 December at the Flight Deck restaurant in Lexington. Seating should begin at 1800 and food served approximately 1900. Please try to leave early due to rush hour traffic, so you’ll make it in time for the festivities.
- Earl mentioned the “Get radio Active” training session that was held after the VE testing session on 22 September and would like to these more in the future.
- Earl mentioned he is distributing recruiting fliers.
- Earl reminded everyone that there is an Elmer’s group and members can submit Elmer requests via the club web site.
- Winter Field day will be 26 & 27 January 2019. The club is trying to find an open area that is more centrally located for all participants.
- Bill Minikiewicz (W4FSV) did a drawing for items. Tammy won an electronic repair tool kit and a first-time visitor won a Splinter ½ watt CW transceiver.
- Earl reminded everyone there will be a tour of a printed circuit fabrication plant on 17 October between 1430 and 1600. Those wanting to join in, should meet at the Waffle House near the intersection of I-20 and Clemson Road.

Presentation: Doug Anderson (W4NWS), from the Columbia National Weather Service (NWS) office gave a presentation on Weather Spotting and Communications. SkyWarn Weather Spotting is available on line (see links at end of minutes) or by request, may provide on-site training for groups. SkyWarn Weather Spotters provide “ground truth” to electronic observation (radar, satellite, etc.). Radars look more at cloud activity and not so much of what is actually occurring at ground level (rain, hail, etc.).

## Links

### *SkyWarn*

<https://www.weather.gov/skywarn/>  
<https://www.skywarn.org/events/skywarn-recognition-day/>  
<https://www.skywarn.org/local-classes/>  
<https://www.skywarn.org/online-training/>  
<https://www.weather.gov/cae/>  
<https://www.weather.gov/media/cae/2017%20SRD%20Flyer.pdf>  
[https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training\\_detail.php](https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_detail.php)

### *SCHEART*

<https://scheart.us/category/training/>

### South Carolina ARES

<http://ares-sc.org>

## Reminders

Harbison State Forest 50k - 5 January 2019

<https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=55151>

SC QSO Party – 23 February 2019

<http://scqso.com/>

Tour de Cure – 13 April 2019

**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: Quaker Steak & Lube at 177 and Bluff Road. We gather between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

<http://w4cae.com/>