

## CARC Monthly Meeting Minutes for 10 September 2018

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

Meeting Minutes: August 2018 meeting minutes are posted on the club web site.  
<http://w4cae.com/club-minutes/>

Financial Report: As of 29 August 2018, balance of \$3,387.25, \$1,467.47 reserved for the antenna project, leaving \$1,919.78 available. Member count of 152. Hopefully by the end of the meeting, the antenna will be fully funded. Jim Donelan (W4KNI) would like to retire as Treasurer since he has been actively performing the duties for three years.

CARC Net Report: Net Manager Gary Anderson (K4HGA) reported. March/April/May averaged 27 check-ins per net. June averaged 20. July averaged 22. Drop in check-ins due to "QRMary". August back up to 27 after locating QRMary. Seriously need net controllers and a net manager. Gary has been doing Net Manager for three years.

### Meeting Announcements:

- Earl passed on a SkyWarn request for two volunteers to assist during Hurricane Florence.
- Cliff Conti (K2CCC) has some equipment for sale
- Gary is taking more club polo shirt orders
- Gary advertised the "How to get Radio Active" amateur radio training session to be held 22 September following the VE testing session.
- Gary announced the 2019 Tour de Cure will be 13 April 2019
- Earl announced there will be test prep classes 18 through 21 September and testing on 22 September
- Earl announced the club Board elections will be at the November meeting
- Earl announced the Winter 2019 Field Day planning will hopefully begin in November. Trying to find a more central location.
- Dan Cunningham (K9DBC) mentioned "estate" donations. Future estate donations, the Board will preview equipment when asked, but will not volunteer to actually move/unload the equipment.
- Earl would like to get a "GOTA" (get on the air) station for the next field day. This would provide access for those without a radio to participate in the field day.
- Earl reminded everyone that ARES needs volunteers. With Hurricane Florence moving toward the Carolina coast, ARES will be called on to assist with hurricane operations.
- Earl mentioned the upcoming Rock Hill hamfest in October (see end of minutes for more information)
- Earl announced the Fox Chase. Currently in planning and hoping to have a "live" fox possibly on the move.
- Earl asked about interest in visiting a factory that makes printed circuit boards. The tour would need to be during the work week, around 1400 to 1600.
- The AmSat presentation has been postponed to the January 2019 meeting
- Bill Minikiewicz (W4FSV) mentioned he has a power meter to measure the output of their HT.
- Bill also donated/gave out a CW keyer to KK4DGV and Splinter 2 prototype transceiver to KM4NYG
- Dan asked for more Elmers. Anyone interested, please contact him.
- Earl announced the club will host a garage sale at the Kmart parking lot on 13 October, from 0900 to 1200. The money will hopefully be donated to the club.

- Earl brought up location planning for the 2019 Summer Field Day. Trying to find an air-conditioned location. Possibly the RCSD facility on Powell Road or the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Army Guard (Gabe Turner). If at the SEOC, would be a considered a Training event.
- Marc Tarplee (N4UFP) quickly mentioned ARES in relation to Hurricane Florence.
 

Calhoun EC	Mike Wieber N4BQQ
Kershaw EC	Gary Anderson K4HGA
Lexington EC	Bryan LaGrant KN4FXL
Richland EC	Ronnie Livingston W4RWL

Presentations: Marc Tarplee (N4UFP), South Carolina Section Manager gave a presentation on amateur radio “Radio – Yesterday, Today, the Future”.

### **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: J’s Corner at Rosewood Drive and Bluff Road in Columbia. We gather between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

<http://w4cae.com/>

### **Upcoming HamFests:**

#### **Rock Hill Hamfest**

Date: October 6, 2018

Location: New Kirk Baptist Church, 175 Museum Road, Rock Hill, SC 29732

Hours: 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Sponsored by the York County Amateur Radio Society

Talk-In: 147.030 - (PL 88.5)

For more information, go to <http://www.ycars.org> or contact

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#### **Anderson Hamfest**

Date: October 20, 2018

Location: Darwin Wright Park, 106 Anderson Beach Blvd., Anderson, SC 29621

Hours: 9:00 am - ??

Sponsor: Anderson Radio Club

Talk-In: 146.790- (no PL tone)

For more information, go to <http://AndersonRadioClub.com> or contact

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#### **22nd ANNUAL GRAND STRAND ARC - "BEACHFEST 2018" & Computer Expo**

Date: October 27th, 2018

Location: Academy of Hope (the Old Pee Dee School) 3521 Juniper Bay Road Conway S.C. 29527

Hours: 8:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM

Sponsored by the Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club.

For more information, go to <http://w4gs.org/A/article.php?story=20120325222422938> or contact:

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