

CARC Monthly Meeting Minutes for November 5, 2018

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

Financial Report: As of 30 Oct 2018, bank balance of \$2845.07 and 158 members.

CARC Net Report: Net Manager Gary Anderson (K4HGA) reported that there were 9 nets during October 2018. 51 pieces of traffic were handled. A total of 305 check-ins, an average of 34 per net. Gary added that they will be doing a simplex net before the Wednesday night net at 0800 on 146.400 MHz. Recommend those participating in the simplex net, use their HT's to get an idea of signal distance capabilities.

Meeting Announcements:

- Earl asked the club members if they were doing what they could to support the Columbia Amateur Radio Club (CARC). If members are not able to attend a CARC event, they should ask if there are other things they may be able to do in support of the event.
- Regarding the club repeater, Earl mentioned that SCETV technicians are working on the backlog of maintenance. Currently working on priority issues first.
- Club Officer Election. Since all positions only had one nomination, it was voted by the members in attendance to accept the ballot as the 2019 club officers.

President	Dan Cunningham (K9DBC)
Vice President	Jay Leeper (W4TFX)
Secretary	Michelle Frady (K4MYB)
Treasurer	Jim Donelan (W4KNI)
Trustee	Ronnie Livingston (W4RWL)
Directors	Pete Emmel (K4LLE) – new
	Jack Younts (KM4RCN) - new
	Elaine Thorp (N4EHT) – carry over
	Doug White (N4NYK) – carry over
- Earl advertised the [Veteran's Day Parade on 12 Nov 2018](#). CARC will have five trucks, three will be able to have people in the truck beds. For parade participants, at the end of the parade, free barbeque plate. Hopefully, the club will have the magnetic vehicle signs for use in the parade. For those wanting to monitor, tune to simplex 146.400.
- [SCETV](#) will be celebrating its [60th birthday on 11 Nov 2018](#). They will be offering tours and walk-throughs of the SCETV facility between 1400 and 1700.
- [Winter Field Day](#) will be 26 & 27 Jan 2019 at the [State Emergency Operations Center \(SEOC\)](#) on Fish Hatchery Road. More details to follow.
- There will be amateur radio testing at the SCETV facility on 15 Dec 2018. Test prep classes will be in the evenings:

Technician	10 – 14 Dec
General	12 – 14 Dec
Amateur Extra	11 – 14 Dec
- The club Christmas party will be 3 Dec 2018 at 1800, at the [Flight Deck restaurant](#) in Lexington.
- The Harbison 50K marathon will be 5 Jan 2019
- The Tour de Cure will be 13 Apr 2019.
- Mike Magnuson (N7ETA) passed on a check for \$229 from the Estate sales
- Earl played a video of [Chester Nez](#), the last of the original [Navajo USMC WWII Code Talkers](#).

Presentations: Dr. James Fields (KD4DRJ) gave a presentation on Diabetes and relationship with amateur radio operations. The [American Diabetes Association \(ADA\)](#) annual [Tour de Cure](#) is one of the clubs largest events supported and the also the largest donation raiser for the ADA. Additionally, November is National Diabetes month.

Some important take-away's from his presentation, relating directly to amateur radio operators:

- When contesting/DX'ing, take breaks to walk around; this will help to prevent blood clots from forming due to extended periods of sitting/inactivity.
- When contesting/DX'ing, get a snack and stay hydrated.
- Get outside with the hobby for exercise, such as [National Parks on the Air \(PoTA\)](#), [Islands on the Air \(IoTA\)](#), etc.
- When operating, keep track of your surroundings. Remember where cables are, headset wires and other tripping hazards (when you get up to move around and take breaks).
- Remember, electrocution and radiation burns are a distinct hazard/issue to be aware of.
- Keep a First Aid kit near your operating area (and make sure items haven't expired)

Reminders:

Ham Testing

<https://scheart.us/december-2018-testing-and-training/>

Harbison State Forest 50k – 5 Jan 2019

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

SC QSO Party – 23 Feb 2019

<http://scqso.com/>

Tour de Cure – 13 Apr 2019

http://main.diabetes.org/site/TR/TourdeCure/TourAdmin?fr_id=12748&pg=entry

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 I77 and Bluff Road. We gather between 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

<http://w4cae.com/>