

Columbia Amateur Radio Club

August 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Our monthly meeting was again held online via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by President Dan Cunningham, K9DBC.

Announcements

The response to our Zoom meetings continues to be very positive. 39 members checked in, one for the 1st time.

The club presently has 141 members, 17 families memberships.

David Byrum KX4UAD upgraded from Technician to General Class.

Our Sunday night 2 Meter Repeater Net report for the month showed that there were 4 sessions held, 142 check ins, and 11 pieces of traffic.

Treasurer Doug White, N4NYK, reported that the club has a balance of \$5,249.48.

Earl Dean announced that on April 18, 2021, CARC will be involved with an event taking place on Bomb Island. It is to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of The Doolittle Raiders, whose squad of B25 bombers unexpectedly dropped a barrage of bombs on Tokyo, Japan. The Raiders had practiced on Lake Murray, using Bomb Island as their target. We will use Pontoon boats to take us out to the island where we expect to make contact with people all over the world. We need Pontoon boats and a speed boat to transport people.

Right now Earl needs volunteers for planning and publicity committees.

Earl has also purchased a trailer which he hopes, with help from our club members to make into a Communication Trailer.

Tonight's Program was a presentation by Kevin Nason N4XL, who did a presentation on Station Grounding and Bonding. At 7:32 Kevin had a weather-related shutdown. Members of the club asked questions among one another about the presentation.

While we were waiting for Kevin to reconnect, we also further discussed Jimmy Doolittle Day on April 18th and what kinds of radios and antennas we would need.

Kevin was able to reconnect with us at 7:59 and continued his presentation. A question and answer period followed. We would like to thank Kevin for sharing his expertise with our club members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary