

Columbia Amateur Radio Club

January 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

Announcements

There were 36 participants to this Zoom meeting plus a number of spouses.

We had an uplifting number of new persons join this months meeting.

Ted (unfortunately I didn't catch his call) would like to join CARC.

Frank is visiting us for the first time.

Lex got his license in 2012, but is just now getting into amateur radio.

Greg Tomlinson is also joining us tonight for the first time.

Another new couple visiting with us tonight were Sabrina KO4KIK an Ron W8NIM.

We also had an entire family lead by Eric Bothur, who got his license in Dec., look in on tonight's meeting.

Business

We presently have a membership of 130 individuals and 16 families.

Our treasury is in excellent shape with a balance of \$5981.91.

Last month there were 4 Sunday night nets with a total of 108 people signing in for an average of 27 at each session and 11 pieces of traffic were passed.

This Saturday, January 9th, CARC will support the Harbison 50K. Tammy Livingston still needs 1 more volunteer. Participants are asked to be on site at 6AM and to bring enough supplies to be self-sufficient.

Presentation

We were very privileged to have Harold Kramer WJ1B, as our presenter this evening. Harold has a very impressive resume including being a 2006-2007 officer of ARRL. He is from Cheshire, CT. His presentation was entitled the History and Lore of Modern Telegraphy. Harold went to many flea markets over the years and purchased many keys for his extensive collection. Sam Morse invented modern electric telegraphy and Alfred Vail invented the actual code and the straight key. During the presentation, Harold showed many of his most "special" keys to our membership. We would like to thank Harold for his presentation, and we hope to have him back in the future.

Winter Field Day

A preliminary discussion of Winter Field Day 2021 was led by Jim Lathan and Jeremy Wirtz.

Winter Field Day will be held on January 30th and 31th this year and CARC will use the facilities at Wateree State Park. All those who transmit from the state park will use the same call sign, but those who wish to participate individually will use their own call sign, CARCSC can be used in the ADI file so that their contacts will be counted along with those of the club.

A survey will be sent out ASAP to identify those who would like to participate in the planning of the event which they would like returned by Jan. 10th, and the first meeting of the planning group will be on Jan. 12th.

Camp spots are available to reserve at between \$75 and \$81 for three nights. Jim has spot 29 and hopes others will reserve spots near his. They do have spots available for large campers.

Winter Field Day will be using a Band Plan which is a schedule of bands being used and time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Jean Covey W1GTJ.