Columbia Amateur Radio Club
February 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Jim Lathan.

Business

We had 22 sign-ins tonight on Zoom and 20 attended the in-person meeting at ETV for a total of 42.

The club presently has 147 members and 16 families.

Our Sunday night 2 Meter Repeater Net report for the month showed that there were 4 nets with 170 check-ins and ? pieces of traffic.

The Simplex net had ? participants over 2 sessions for an average of ?, and ? pieces of traffic.

Treasurer, Pete Emmel, reported that the club has a balance of $5752.88.

Topics

SCQSO Party will be February 26, 2022. Tammy Livingston has volunteered to coordinate the event. Five or 6 counties in SC are very hard to cover so we are looking for people to roam to those areas. Pete Emmel and Gary found a spot where they can cover 4 counties but are having trouble getting hold of the person who owns the land for permission, but they will continue to try. You can find out which counties need coverage at our website, W4CAE.com.

We are presently looking for sites for **Summer Field Day** in June. Some suggestions are Sesquicentennial Park and Lake Wateree.

Jimmy Doolittle Day is April 18th, but we will be celebrating the previous Saturday, April 16th. Earl Dean has been in touch with the War Museum and we can use their facilities, carte blanche, from 10 AM to 4 PM that day. Earl has also arranged for the 228th Ceremonial Band from Ft. Jackson to play at the event. We are hoping for our members to really support this event.

Upcoming **Hamfests** include Dayton, OH on May 20 -22nd, and Charlotte, NC on March 11th, but are all subject to Covid.

Presentations

Each month, Tedd Clayton, our vice-president, will present new technology to the group. This month, he introduced the ICOM IBC2A which is a new handheld that can be programmed with software.

Our main presenters this month are from Bridge Communication Systems. They are Josh Lawrence and Cody Cameron who did a presentation on Digital Mode Radio (DMR). Highlights from the presentation included an introduction to Brand Meitser, a DMR server that links people together around the world, information on the Bridgecom system which will allow getting onto DMR free of charge, and a discussion of the advantages of digital over analog. A question-and-answer session followed the presentation. CARC would like to thank Cody and Josh for their informative presentation.

A general discussion of DMR and a demonstration followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM, Respectfully submitted, Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary