**Columbia Amateur Radio Club**

**April 28, 2022 Board Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by President, Jim Lathan.

There were 7 members in attendance: Jim Lathan, Jean Covey, Steve Nixon, Dan Cunningham, Ronnie   
 Livingston, and Tedd Clayton.

**Events**

Club President, Jim Lathan made a motion and the club sponsor a **Picnic** at the end of May or beginning of   
 June at the Earlwood Park in downtown Columbia. The motion was seconded by Dan Cummingham and   
 passed unanimously. We may try to get the Army Band to play in the Amphitherater.

A lengthy discussion about **Summer Field Day** ensued. Ideas of where to have the Field Day were   
 suggested:

**Miliary Museum** – No cost to us to have it there, but there are some logistical problems and some   
 advantages.  
 1. Museum closes at 4 PM, however, there is a possibility that for a fee we could have an employee   
 from the museum stay later.  
 2. The museum is self-contained.  
 3. Vertical antennas, but no long wires, etc.

Pete Emmel expressed some concern that there would not be any social aspect to having it at that   
 venue.

**Jamil Shrine Temple** in Coumbia, SC. We had summer field day there in 2018 at the **little parade   
 cars garage and facility behind the temple**. There are pictures on the web site of the event. Pete  
 suggested that we look into the possibility of hold it there again. There were many positives of   
 holding it there such as a kitchen and a large dining area that is air-conditioned and has facilities.  
 The donation we made was $250 in 2018. Jim will contact Clark Frady to see if it would be   
 available. Jean Covey also agreed with Pete that this was a great place to have field day.

**Weston Lake** is a miliary facility and since we do not have any members that are active military, we   
 cannot make reservations more than 30 days before the event at which time we are sure they will be   
 booked up.

**DOCO** is available in the winter, but, in the summer it is booked up and very expensive to rent.

**Ridgeway camping area** has no amenities and is very far out.

**Masonic Temples**

**Sandy Run EMT/Firestation**

**Camden Airport** would require radio silence when planes are taking off.

At our monthly meeting Monday night, we will present these ideas and ask for other places to hold field day.

Saturday, April 30th the club will have a **Ham Swap** at the Potter Community Park in Elgin, SC from 9AM to   
 noon.

**Discussion Items**

Hurricane season starts soon and Jim would like to have a presentation at the monthly meeting. He asked   
 Steve Nixon if he could do a presentation with so little preparation time. Steve will get back to Jim.

Testing There is a problem with the FCC web site and call signs cannot be issued at this time.   
 A discussion ensued about using other testing companies.

Jim would like to ask the BOD for ideas for forum categories for our web site.

Jean Covey bought up the idea of having an auction instead of a ham swap as they can be very profitable for   
 the club. This started a long discussion of whether the club should become a 501C3 non-profit   
 organization. We will look into this possibility further.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM  
Respectfully submitted, Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary