

Columbia Amateur Radio Club

August 1, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 PM by President, Jim Lathan.

Earl Dean had surgery 1 week ago. Please keep him and his family in your prayers and thoughts.

Business

We have 160 members in CARC

We have \$6426 in our treasury

Upcoming Events

Christmas Meeting/Party

The BOD had a meeting yesterday, and it was decided that we would have the Christmas party/meeting at the Spring Valley Baptist Church and Shealey's is our first choice for caterers.

Boy Scouts

Jay Leeper announced that the Boy Scout Jamboree will be October 15th. "On the Air"
Volunteers are needed at the event and some operating from home so the scouts will have stations to connect with.

The Boy Scouts have also invited CARC to run communications for their annual Haunted Forrest. Operators would be stationed throughout the forest which is held at Camp Barsto. Jim Lathan is the point of contact person if you would like to sign up to participate. CARC would be able to use the camp at half-price, but there are no RV's permitted, only tents.

ARES

ARES will have a traffic net to practice using different modes for passing traffic on Sept. 24th from 9 – 10:30 AM

On November 12th, a Fire Station Net is planned by ARES and CERT. Hams would set up radio's and maintain a net at local Fire Stations to try to get their volunteers and first responders interested in HAM radio. It will be held from 9:30 to noon.

Class on Sending Messages

Steve Nixon asked who would like a class on sending messages and there was a lot of interest. More information to follow.

Steve also suggested having a fox hunt at the swap fest or perhaps at Camp Barsto

Trunk Fest

We will sponsor a trunk fest on Saturday, October 8th. A number of possible venues include Potter Park, behind the Shrine Temple, or at the Military Museum.

Harbison 50K

We need 20 to 25 operators to work at the Harbison 50K in January. Operators can do a lot of training and trying out of equipment during the run.

Ham and Eggs

Saturday, Aug. 20th our monthly Ham and Eggs breakfast will be held at Golden Corral.

Winter Field Day

Tedd Clayton suggested that we started on planning Winter Field Day NOW. We need volunteers to help with the planning. It isn't too early to start planning for Summer Field Day 2023 either!

Trustee

Ronnie Livingston, our trustee, mentioned that if we are doing an event, we need the permission from the trustee.

Repeater

A question was raised if there are any plans to update our repeater. Jim suggested that we take a field trip to the repeater site to see what we have and what we can do. Some suggestions were adding Echo Link, Zello, and besides Winlink, Packet.

Hamfest

September 5th is the Shelby Hamfest and Oct 8th is the Rock Hill Hamfest.

A **General Discussion** was held at the end of the meeting.

The next meeting will be September 12th instead of September 5th because of Labor Day.

Antenna testing, WSPR will be the presentation at the next meeting.

Remember that we meet at California Dreaming at 5 PM before each monthly meeting for dinner. All are invited to attend.

Don't forget the Forum Section on our website for those who have questions and those with the answers!

Also don't forget our Sunday night net at 8:30 PM every Sunday night.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary