

Columbia Amateur Radio Club

July 11, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President, Jim Lathan.

There were 29 members in attendance at ETV, and 18 viewing remotely.

Visitors, & New Members

We had 4 visitors this evening. Two are interested in getting their licenses and 2 already have them and are just getting back into the hobby

Earl Dean and Bill Covey are back!

Summer Field Day

Thank you to everyone who worked at Sumer Field Day. It was very successful. We had 43 HAMS and 27 visitors at Sesquicentennial Park. We are still working on the logs. Thanks to CERT and Emergency Management for attending, Jean and Debbie for food coordination. We had more room at Sesqui than we have had in the past and the Primitive Area was great. Need to do better planning for future events. We need to set up committees for future events.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 16th, Ham and Eggs at Golden Corral.

August Monthly meetings on Aug. 1st.

SVQSO planning needed, we are a bonus station so we should see lots of traffic.

Presentations

Our first presentation this evening was given by **Mark Goddard on Emergency Communications.**

Eleven people at this meeting are involved in ARES which has county directors, section managers, etc. The Richland County group has started a CERT group whose members can go into county EOC radio rooms. Richland County is expanding its radio room.

Another Emergency Communications groups is AUXCOMM headed by Roger Mull

Mark had a handout entitles “Emergency Communications opportunities available to you” which had a lot of relevant information of what you can do to get involved Emergency Communications.

Our second presentation of the evening was orchestrated by our vice-president, **Tedd Clayton** who had two of the **ARRL** leaders in our area on a Zoom meeting. Bill Morine , who is the vice director of the Roanoke Division which we are part of and Dr. Jim Boehner who is the Director of our division were both on the call. They talked about the benefits of joining ARRL which stands for American Radio Relay League, which was originally interested in relaying messages. The organization has expanded greatly over the years.

One of the major undertakings of ARRL is the publication of the monthly magazine, QST, which is included in the \$49 yearly membership. It is packed full of interesting articles for amateur radio enthusiasts.

The ARRL also has representative in Washington, DC who hold the Federally issued licenses for radio operators. They also have attorneys in DC who work with the FCC. There is also an education committee in DC which, unfortunately, has very few hams on it and they know very little about ham radio who make up the testing rules for licensing. The future is in electronic testing and testing on demand. Training is evolving into videos and power point presentations rather than the huge book we are all accustomed to.

There is also an ARRL foundation that is a separate non-profit entity that provides college scholarships.

ARRL has grants available to Amateur Radio Clubs for up to \$25,000.

We would like to thank those who helped with the presentations this evening

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 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary