

Columbia Amateur Radio Club

June 6, 2022 Monthly Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President, Jim Lathan.

There were over 30 members in attendance at ETV, and 15 viewing remotely.

Earl Dean is in the hospital and is not doing well. He is not allowed visitors. When he is feeling better, he will be going to rehabilitation. No flowers please, but keep him in your prayers.

Visitors, New Members & Testing

We had a visitor, sorry I didn't get his name, who first got his license in 1965, let it lapse and got it back 4 years ago. We also had one other visitor.

VE's are needed to help Stan with the testing on 6/18. A class will be taught from 6/13 to 6/17.

Upcoming Events

Summer Field Day

Summer Field Day we will be held at Sesquicentennial Park this year on June 25th and 26th.

We will have a Primitive Area that will be free to anyone that wants to camp with a tent, there are 15 slots available at no cost to anyone. There is also an outdoor classroom for training.

We will have a number of air-conditioned campers and trailers that will be available for anyone who would like a break from the heat.

There will be numerous coolers scattered around the area filled with water to keep everyone hydrated.

There will also be a GOTO station.

Mark Goddard will be in spaces 11 and 13 with ARES and CERT. Mark Stoddard will bring a new Emergency Serves trailer and David Bagwell will bring a Communications Trailer. All first responders have been invited.

This will be an open house for HAM Radio.

We will have a potluck dinner at 6 PM Saturday evening and all members and their families are invited to participate. Please bring a dish to share with others. There will be a trailer in space 20 that will serve as the food trailer where food can be stored and readied for the dinner.

There is an entrance fee to get into the park, but the club will have a large number of car passes available for everyone who attends. Just tell them at the gate that you are will CARC and you will be given a pass.

Directions to the area where we will be can be found at landmass.leaflet.com.

There is no power or water in the primitive area, but we will have 2000 Watt generators there that you can use. Please bring your own extension cord.

Anyone operating from home should use their own call sign but put W4CAE in the note area of the log in program.

Jim Lathan has created a server to run the whole event using a mesh network that will be very easy to use, you will only need to plug the router into your computer and you will be on the network. This mesh network will give you internet access using AREDN. Anyone can send Winlink messages to anyone around the world.

We are still in need of some Field Day Coordinators for such things as guiding people in, etc.

If you have a yellow state park pass please use it to get in.

The next and last Field Day meeting will be held on June 16th at 7PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted, Jean Covey W1GTJ, Secretary