

CARC Club Meeting – March 3, 2025
SCETV Conference Room

I. Opening

1. Paul Finan opened the CARC meeting at 7:00pm and greeted/introduced visitors.

II. Treasurer's Report

1. Amanda was tending to her husband who had shoulder surgery. The treasurer's report was not given.

III. Announcements

1. Bob Purnell – SC Heart – needs net controllers for the SC HEARTS nets.
2. Future items for the club: sign up sheets for MS Walk passed around for March 9 event and SwapFest coming up on April 24, 2025. There is a huge need for volunteers for the April 24, 2025 Swapfest at North Trenholm Road Baptist Church, the location of the event.
3. SC QSO Party followup – there were about 1,300 QSO's according to Jim Lathan, who is still evaluating the results which won't fully come in until December 2025.
4. Stan ?? -- VE Session information announced for those interested in getting credentialed and get training to become instructors.
5. QRP Club – a ham (don't know his name) from a local QRP club presented certificates to Lee Craig and Jacqueline ?? for their first contacts using QRP power operating from Heyward Park. Lee's first contact was into Naples, Italy, while Jacqueline's was in Namibia.
6. Mike Weber, N4BQQ – showed his 10 watt Tidradio H8 transceiver to the club.
7. Justin Voorhees – brought in his portable setup for HF and VHF/UHF operations he used to make 12 QSO's near McIntyre Air Force Base.
8. John Kiselica – announced he had CARC swag (magnets and stickers) available for sale.

IV. Main Presentation – Parks on the Air

1. Paul Finan and Dan Cunningham discussed operating Parks on the Air (POTA).
2. Paul discussed what POTA is and is not as well as what a typical setup might be and how to log POTA operations.
3. Paul and Dan also discussed for those new to POTA, how to activate a national or state park and how many QSO's qualified for a park to be "activated."

4. Paul and Dan also went into the differences between a park activator and a park hunter as well as discussed the many modes that can be used to do a POTA activation (i.e. CW, SSB, etc.).

5. Lastly, the rules of a POTA activation were discussed as well as other members who were involved in POTA activations shared their insights and experiences with the rest of the membership and guests. Dan shared the website, www.parksontheair.com for those needing more information

V. Closing

1. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM