

CARC CLUB MEETING – 06 OCTOBER 2025 – 7:00 PM
SCETV BUILDING – 1041 GEORGE ROGERS BLVD., COLUMBIA, SC
BANK OF AMERICA CONFERENCE ROOM

Jim Lathan, W4JLP

John Kiselica

Clay Reynolds

Robert Bogan

Paul Finan

Wes Munn, KJ4FIG

Amanda McKinnis

Steve Ross W4LED

Opening Remarks

1. Jim introduced visitors and new members and birthdays.
2. Jim opened the floor up to the membership for any announcements.
3. Chalis Camp, WE4CEL (sp) dropped off some older CARC equipment to the club that was passed around.

Treasurer's Report

1. Amanda McKinnis – Currently as of September 30, 2025, \$4,037.00 in main checking; \$100.00 came in from membership dues; transferred out to the savings account \$125.00 from sales of donated equipment from August; so balance is \$3474.42 as of September 30, 2025.
2. Next major expenditure is the Christmas Party and Winter Field Day and also insurance bills for the club and PO Box in January- February 2026 due. About \$300 for the PO Box as postage is going up.
3. If you are not sure about your membership status, check your roster on the CARC website which will tell you if you're up to date on dues, otherwise you won't be able to vote in club elections. See Amanda or email her if you have questions.
4. Jim stated we received a check from Dell for \$526.96 donated to CARC for the club's use.

Rest of the Year Topics for 2025 and some in 2026

Ham & Eggs

1. Ham and Eggs for October will be at Sesquicentennial Park due to the restaurant undergoing renovations. Therefore, Jim stated we are doing a CARC Field Day. We have the largest shelter at Sesquicentennial Park on October 18, 2025 from 8am to all day. Jim will have survival food and breakfast to try out. Members can come out and operate and test their equipment and/or ask questions from the membership and bring something out to do. This will be at Shelter #2. Cost will be a few dollars since this Shelter access does not include the cost of park access.

2. November 2025 Ham and Eggs will be back at the Lizard's Thicket restaurant as normal; the December 2025 Ham & Eggs will have a Christmas theme at the Lizard's Thicket restaurant.

Christmas Party 2025

1. December 1, 2025 at 5:30p (people can start showing up) at Little Pig's BBQ. We are expected to get more space as we have access to the main restaurant.
2. Dan Cunningham is chairing this event. We have about 80 meals planned at \$10/person; \$25/family. This is buffet style.
3. Dan needs help with decorations, music, etc. We have a gift drawing budget of \$250.00. See Dan, K9DBC for more information and/or to help. Be sure to bring a dessert if you can.
4. Other news: Jim has been in touch with the restaurant to access the restaurant on a Saturday to use the main building to work on amateur radio projects. The catch is pay \$75/hour to use the building or just buy something to eat and we have access to it. Champ, the restaurant owner, says if 20 people attend he can cater, otherwise just show up to eat.

Elections

1. This is at the November 2025 meeting. We need people to serve a term. If interested, put your name on the list for a position.
2. Elections will be at the November 2025 meeting.
3. Submit names or yourself to John Kiselica by October 19, 2025. This is also on the CARC website.
4. To vote you need to have your membership paid/current and must be a member in good standing for at least six (6) months.
5. Amanda added that if you're not going to be able to be in person at the meeting, see Dan Cuningham for an absentee ballot. Dan will go over the guidelines with anyone interested in an absentee ballot. There will not be online broadcasts of the meeting. If you want to vote, you need to be in person or have your absentee ballot to Dan by the November 2025 meeting.
6. Voting will not be online, but we will have a presenter who will be online: Long Island CW Club so membership can still view the presenter before we vote.

Harbison 50K

1. We need volunteers for this event, including net controllers.
2. See Jim, W4JLP for more information.
3. Date: January 3, 2026 (all day event).

Winter Field Day 2026

1. At Lake Wateree, SC.
2. We have 7 or 8 people committing.
3. Cost \$113 for a site. See Jim to pay for a site.
4. Date: January 24 and 25, 2026. We can set up January 23 (Fri).
5. Reserved already are: Sites 79, 80, 81, 82, ~~83~~, 85, 89, (83 is open).
6. Go to Lake Wateree website (Taylor creen) for site information.
7. We are in Taylor Creek.
8. Jim will be there Friday – we can operated all the way through Winter Field Day without shutting down. WFD ends at 2:00p Eastern on Sunday.

Presenters

1. Long Island CW club at November 2025 meeting.
2. Smoking Ape talking about antenna tuners for January 2026.
3. Jim solicited the group for topics.

Adjournment

The CARC meeting adjourned at 8:22p.