

Columbia Amateur Radio Meeting
April 6, 2026

SCETV

The meeting began at 7pm.

SwapMeet Announcement and Info

Club members placed items for sale on tables before the meeting began.

Dan announced the procedures on how to bid on items.

Jim announced that funds from tonight's swap meet will go towards maintenance of club repeaters.

Treasury Report

Jim announced the following checks were donated to CARC:

Advanced Video Group donated \$250 to our club.

A check for \$118.84 came in from American Online Giving Foundation for our club. A check from the same group for \$600 is on its way also.

New CARC Repeater for 147.330 MHz

Jim asked how many members have accessed the AllStar network. Several members raised their hands indicating successfully accessing the AllAtar network via our repeater.

TGIF: 5973 is our club Channel.

If you're interested in AllStar, Jim said to ask.

Jim demonstrated how the AllStar system works and how to access it via Raspberry Pi or a smartphone.

There was a discussion about latency on the repeater. Nick Paton said there was little we could do about the latency due to different layers of connectivity involving the internet with the repeater.

Jim discussed different ideas for use of the repeater in the future

Summer Field Day 2026

At Sesquicentennial Park this year June 27-28. Jim would like VEs to be available for license testing. If you want to be a VE or instructor, see Stan.

More to come on Summer Field Day

Lake Murray Bike Race FCA 2026

Bike Rally request on a Saturday (TBA) has requested our help to provide bicycle course communication. CARC will not be pursuing or support for safety/legal reasons--only communications logistics.

Jim asked if we wanted to make that commitment. We will need ten (10) stations--maybe 12 to 14.

More info to come.

Michael Cerkis AI4JN – announced a SK has donated equipment for sale at tonight's meeting. ICOM746 Pro was donated for sale tonight. Best offer only.

The meeting concluded at 7:48p and the SwapMeet began.