

Columbia Amateur Radio Club-Monthly Meeting Minutes for February 2012

1. Introductions

- All in attendance

2. Old Business

- There was a motion from a club member to have the CARC Swap-fest date moved from April 21 to April 28. However due to a pending sale of a portion of the SCETV property (children's center and administrative buildings), the Club President, John Crockett stated that moving the Swap-fest date to April 28 would present a conflict with the closing.
- Treasurer's Report: Current amount in the account was \$ 2,851.29. Club membership now includes 77 members, of which 55 of the members are ARRL members.
- Impact of SCETV property on 2012 Field Day: Due to upcoming sale of the SCETV property on which the 2012 Field Day was scheduled to be held, the field day location will need to be moved. Thom (W4THA) has offered to make his property available for field day this June. His property is located NEAR Camden, and was the site if the recent SPAR field day in January 2012. A motion was made and a vote was taken by those in attendance. The vote was to accept Thom's offer and to plan on conducting the 2012 CARC Field Day at his house.
- An announcement was made concerning the upcoming VE testing/operator training sessions to be held at SCETV on February 11 & 12, 2012. John indicated that he did not know if there would be another training session this year.
- Bill M (W4FSV) provided the results from the questionnaires completed during the January CARC meeting. This questionnaire was distributed to all attendees to assist with determining club member's specific interests for upcoming Rodgers Workshops. These results have been posted on the CARC web site.

3. New Business

- Vision impaired members: John Crockett indicated to the club members that there are two club members that are vision impaired and are in need of a ride so they can attend monthly club meetings. One of these individual lives in the St. Andrews area and the other is located in Cayce/West Columbia area. Anyone who can help out should contact John so that arrangements can be made.

- ARRL Membership: Bruce (KI4VRO) made an announcement encouraging all to join the ARRL. In addition to a great Monthly magazine (QST), the ARRL provides a wealth of information for new hams and a strong voice for this hobby.
- February 18, 2012 Rodger's Workshop: The upcoming Rodger's Workshop will be the introduction to Morse Code and will be presented by Ronnie (W4RWL) at SCETV.
- Homebrew Projects: Bill M. (W4FSV) along with others presented the February CARC meeting topic of "Home brew" projects. This included presentations by several club members' home brew projects. Everything from several Splinter QRP rigs, a portable/contained NVIS antenna, a complete backpack 2 meter w/APRS, Rotator brake/control, power meter/antenna analyzer, to a kit Morse code reader.
- New web site for South Carolina QSO Party: Todd (KN4QD) has updated the rules and processes for the South Carolina QSO party in September. Please visit the website www.scqso.com to review the rule, log sheets, past winners, etc.
- Radio Winners: winners were drawn as part of the Net contest that the club has been running since the end of November to encourage Net participation. The winners are; John (KJ4TL) and Harper (KK4FCH). Congratulations!!!!