

04/27/2021

**Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc.  
General Meeting #93**

This meeting was held at the Columbia County EOC and was also streamed to the club Facebook page. The meeting was also recording, and there will be a link to the YouTube video posted on the ARCCC, Inc. web page.

**Dan Marshall (N4MI) called the meeting to order at 19:00**

**Invocation** led by Devon Harris (KM4PHT)

**Welcome Special Guests and Introductions**

**Membership Applications** – no applications for membership were presented

**Treasurer's Report** – Rick McKnight (NO3K)

– Balance \$9,337.18 (\$4,835.49 available for operations after outstanding commitments)

**\*Motion** – Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) seconded. None were opposed.

**Secretary's Report** for last month's meeting is posted on the club website.

**\*Motion** – Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) seconded. None were opposed.

**Reminder of upcoming events:**

05-05-2021	Balloon Launch at SRA
05-08-2021	ARCCC, Inc. VE Test Session
05-25-2021	ARCCC, Inc. May General Meeting
06-05-2021	Atlanta Hamfest (tentative)
06-26/27-2021	<a href="#">ARRL Field Day</a>
08-21/22-2021	<a href="#">Huntsville Hamfest</a>
08-28-2021	CEEMA Public Safety & Preparedness Day
09-03/05-2021	<a href="#">Shelby Hamfest</a>
11-06/07-2021	<a href="#">Stone Mountain Hamfest</a>

**Old Business**

- **Savannah River Academy – ARISS Contact**
  - The window for the contact is July-December, with 1-2 week notice of the exact date.
  - We have started educational presentations for the students leading up to the contact.

Wednesday afternoons from 1:00-3:30, with 3 groups in 45-minute rotations, mostly grades 2-5.

Next class dates: April 28, May 5\*, May 12, May 19

- **We need more volunteers to help teach the students! Please [contact Rachel Jones, KO4HLC](#), if you can assist with the classes and events below.**

- **\* Balloon Launch on May 5!**

SRA will be launching two balloons.

First balloon is planned to travel 70,000 feet before bursting and being retrieved, and will carry a scientific payload to include a camera and a Spot Trace GPS to assist with retrieval.

Second balloon will be a smaller with the goal to circumnavigate the Earth; it will carry an [APRS and WSPR tracker](#) to report the balloons' location so that students will be able to follow its travels.

- **Other volunteer opportunities:**

Need operators to set up and assist students to make contacts on HF radios

- **Columbia County Public Safety and Preparedness Day, August 28th**

Bill Clark, WK4F and Susan Messick, WA0B coordinating for ARCCC and ARES, and seeking volunteers to help plan and staff the event.

- **Collection of annual membership dues will be complete on April 30**

Thank you to those who have already renewed their membership.

- **ARRL Field Day 2021, June 26-27**

Rule waivers from 2020 have been extended.

We need a committee and co-directors to organize ARCCC's participation.

- **Belair Rd Repeater Update**

Tower work should be completed o/a May 5.

New feed line for the 2M repeater

Two additional two new feed lines for a triple band antenna and a dual band antenna that will allow repeaters that cover 6M, 2M and 70cm.

David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) is willing to donate a 70cm repeater/remote system that will allow club members to use the 70cm repeater to cross band to other 2M, 6M, 10M. The system would replace the club's 70cm repeater currently at the site. The new system also has the capability for cross band to HF frequencies.

**\*Motion:** David (WA6TWF) made a motion for the club will accept the donation of the repeater donated by David and will place the club callsign on it at the Belair Rd repeater site. Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) seconded. None were opposed.

## New Business

- No new business was presented.

## Committee Updates and Requests:

- **IT – Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR)**
  - The domains need to be renewed in June.
  - **\*Motion:** Dan Marshall (N4MI) made a motion to renew the domains at \$461.46 for 2 years. Robert McManus (KN4KQJ) seconded. None were opposed.
  - **\*Motion:** Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) made a motion to proceed with testing of Voice over IP and use \$214.00 from the club to start the program. Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) seconded. None were opposed.
- **VE – Shannon Covington (KK4MED)**
  - There were 22 people at the last VE test session.
  - ARRL has not yet raised testing fees.
  - We need more VEs on the team.
  - Looking for another location to hold additional test sessions on even numbered months.

## ARES – Susan Messick (WA0B)

David Corsiglia (WA6TWF) announced that ARES will hold an exercise using digital modes on 2M at Patriots Park and the Columbia County EOC on Saturday, May 8.

## AmRRON – Devon Harris (KM4PHT)

AmRRON has been doing exercises and training with digital modes.

## Constitution and Bylaws – Jim Cunningham (KV4YA)

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee will begin to meet within the next weeks. If you would like to change something contact Jim Cunningham or Steve Clayborn.

## Outreach

**\*Motion:** Rachel Jones (KO4HLC) made a motion to sponsor teachers the ARRL Teachers in Wireless Technology up to \$150. Rusty Welsh (KG4HIR) second it. None were opposed.

**\*Motion** – Eric Cagle (KK4ZHT) made a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Jim Cunningham (KV4YA) seconded. None were opposed.

## The business meeting was adjourned at 19:52 to start the presentation.

Presentation by Bill Clark, WK4F– Vanity Call Signs 101