

## **Columbia County Amateur Radio Club - CCARC**

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### **Club Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2008**

The club meeting was held on April 22, 2008 at 7:00pm at the Christ the king Lutheran Church at 4232 Evans to Locks Rd Evans, GA 30809 with sixteen (16) members and one guest present. The club meeting is held at this location every fourth Tuesday at 7:00pm and everyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting will be held on June 24, 2008.

The meeting was called to order by JC, W4QK at 7:10pm and he asked those present to introduce themselves.

Charles, K4GK, made the following announcement:

- The Georgia Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) will be conducting a hurricane drill on Wednesday and Thursday (May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of 2008). They will be conducting nets on 39.75 MHz every hour on the hour between 9am and 6pm on Wednesday, and 9am to 3pm on Thursday (all times are local, EDT). ARES is requesting as many operators as possible check in to as many nets as possible to demonstrate the dedication and presence of amateur radio in emergency situations to state and federal observers of the drill.

Chuluunbat “Chuka” Sharkhuu, JT1CH, provided a program on amateur radio operations and history in his home country of Mongolia. He discussed some of the early operators as well as current operating methods and issues. Photos accompanied his presentation and QSL and business cards were exchanged.

#### Old Business:

Kevin, W4SJR, reviewed the minutes from the April 22, 2008 meeting with the following changes and follow-up items noted:

- Pete, K1OYQ, would be reserving a cabin or large trailer to operate out of during Field Day. Pete was able to reserve Cabin #4 at the Fort Gordon Recreation Area and we will operate two radios inside (CW and SSB) and a GOTA station on the outside deck.
- Jerry, WA4NHJ, was checking with the ARRL in reference to the clubs insurance coverage of storm damaged equipment. Jerry had given the information to JC, W4QK, who made contact with Marsh Insurance through the ARRL and is awaiting a reply. He advised he will attempt to contact them again.

There were no other changes or updates. AJ, K4AJL motioned to accept the minutes and Jerry, WA4NHJ seconded, the minutes were accepted by the group.

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Jerry, WA4NHJ, provided a Treasurer's Report stating there was \$865.44 in the club account. Jerry also announced the club would be selling raffle tickets to be drawn at the Amateur Radio Club of Augusta's October Hamfest. The prize will be \$100.00 in cash.

### New Business:

AJ, K4AJL, provided an update on the Tobacco Road repeater site. He found a hole in one of the walls and has repaired the wall as well as refastening the wall to the frame. The roof is now missing almost half of its shingles and is in need of repair. Rick, K4UUG, advised that a replacement building at Lowes would cost \$864.00. JC requested that we spend more time discussing the repair or replacement of the building at the next meeting.

Phil, KI4OPG, advised he would be able to make club t-shirts for Field Day (Club Logo and member's name and call sign) for a cost of \$10.00. He will bring a sample shirt to the Saturday Breakfast at the Evans Chick-fil-A on May 31, 2008.

Phil, KI4OPG, also mentioned that the emergency frequencies for the earthquake relief in China were 7.050 to 7.060 MHz and 14.270 MHz. Charles, K4GK, was asked about how members can be notified of the emergency frequencies or where they can find out about them. Charles advised that the frequencies are generally assigned by the FCC and are not normally set aside frequencies (frequencies that are reserved or designated in advance) for emergencies. The frequencies being used in China are not FCC designated frequencies (to the best of his knowledge), but respect should be given and those frequencies should be avoided in members are not participating in the relief effort.

JC, W4QK, moved that we close the meeting at 8:00pm, motion seconded by AJ, K4AJL, and approved by the group.