

CARC Meeting Notes – January 24, 2019

The January, 2019 meeting of the Cary Amateur Radio Club was opened at 7:31 in the White Plains United Methodist Church by Don Hurlbert, Club Secretary, in the absence of officers Larry Schroeder and Jim Williams. After a roll call of call signs, Herb Lacey read the Treasurer's Report, stating that the Club was solvent and that recent payments for the rental of the Post Office Box and the Shelter at Ritter Park had both been made. The Ritter Park shelter and grounds had been reserved for the SwapFest, scheduled for July 20, 2019.

Meeting notes from the Club's October, 2018 were read and approved. Don then announced several future Amateur Radio events in the area, including the Charlotte Hamfest on March 8 in Concord, NC and the RARS Fest on April 20 at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Anyone wanting advance sale tickets for the Charlotte event were asked to make the \$8 payment during or after the meeting, for delivery at our February meeting.

A discussion then followed of future programs being planned and others that might be available from our members. A presentation on Propagation of HF Radio Waves was anticipated from Jim Williams for the February meeting. For March, the Weather Watcher class at the Senior Center on March 14 was suggested as an alternative to a Club meeting for that month. A final decision was postponed until the February meeting.

Other program suggestions included RACES and ARES classes, and license classes to allow members to advance their station licenses. Matt Wolf volunteered to bring a program on "Adventures in Power Supplies."

After a short break, Herb Lacey displayed an ARRL DVD of the DXpedition in 2014 to Navassa Island. The hardships endured seemed a heavy price to pay by the participants, but they overcame daunting obstacles to offer Amateurs throughout the world that rare QTH to be added to their achievements.

There being no more business to conduct, the January, 2019 meeting of the CARC was adjourned.

04/20/2019 | North Carolina State Convention (Raleigh Hamfest)

Location: Raleigh, NC **Type:** ARRL Convention **Sponsor:** Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

Website: <http://rarsfest.org>

Also, do not forget to collect funds for Charlotte Hamfest tickets so we can do preorder of those tickets and hand them out at the Feb. meeting.

Also, I gave Herb, 20 dollars for 24 prize tickets for the Charlotte hamfest. Please order them for me. Larry Schroeder KD4HSL, 206 Park York Lane, Cary, NC. 27519.

guess one other thing, we will need topics for discussion or presentation at our up coming meetings.

We also have to start thinking about Field day in June. Also does anyone know if any of the other clubs doing winter Field Day and is so, mention it at the meeting in case any club members may want to be involved.

It took THIRTEEN years to get permission to visit Navassa Island. During that time, Navassa climbed to the #1 Most Wanted DXCC Entity -- tens of thousands of hams worldwide weren't even licensed the last time Navassa Island was activated - in 1993.

The long road involved getting permission to visit from the US Fish and Wildlife Service because Navassa has been declared a National Wildlife Refuge. The [KP1-5 Project](#) worked tirelessly to get permission to visit and, finally, a DXpedition was approved for February 2015.

The DVD shows the logistical challenge of moving fifteen operators and tons of gear to this small uninhabited island in the Caribbean. It was hot work -- and expensive -- since the only practical way to get there was via helicopter.