

## **CARC Meeting Notes – January 23, 2020**

The January, 2020 meeting of the Cary Amateur Radio Club was opened at 7:31 in the White Plains United Methodist Church by President Larry Schroeder. After a roll call of call signs, Meeting notes from the Club's October, 2019 were read and approved.

Jim Williams read the Treasurer's Report, stating that the balance in the Club's account was \$7,609.51, and 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 18, 2020.

President Larry mentioned that he and Jim Williams had attended the JARS Fest in Benson last November. He then announced that the Club had reserved a table at the Charlotte Hamfest on March 13 in Concord, NC and the RARS Fest on April 11 at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Two tables had been reserved for the RARS event.

Larry volunteered to secure advance sale tickets for the RARS Fest for anyone who would make the \$9.00 payment during or after the meeting, for delivery at our March meeting.

Copies of the Club's Constitution and By Laws were distributed to all members for review and voting during the February meeting. Flyers for the CARC Mid Summer SwapFest would be available at the same meeting, according to Jim Williams.

After a brief break, Jim Williams displayed a slide show revealing a short history of the Morse Code, beginning with Samuel Morse in 1844 and continuing through the world wide adoption of the International Morse Code in 1851 and minor improvements in 1938.

Tom Schwartz then presented an introduction to the CWops organization, and a detailed description of the Code Academy it sponsors. Tom informed the Club on the steps required to enroll in the Academy, the twice weekly online team classes and the required daily code practice. Tom reported that the schedule was demanding, but was effective in increasing his CW speed even before the 8 week course ended.

Dennis Had gave a preview of the "Ace Hardware" hacksaw key he would be presenting during the February , 2020 meeting, and compared its performance with a bug brought by Al Sutton.

There being no more business to conduct, the January, 2020 meeting of the CARC was adjourned.

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