

CARC Meeting Notes – February 25, 2021

President Larry called the February, 2021 Zoom meeting of CARC to order at 7:31pm, with 10 members attending. The Minutes of the January, 2021 Zoom meeting were read, then the Treasurer's Report revealed a balance in the Club account of \$7,224.30.

Larry reminded members facing license renewal in coming months should complete the process of updating any email listings prior to June, 2021, as a \$35 fee will be imposed sometime this year. The procedure for making the update was included in the Feedline for January, 2021. Any email listings reported to QRZ would cover any other needs for that addition information by most other agencies. Renewal could take place as early as 90 days prior to the expiration of existing licenses.

President Larry predicted that the Club's annual SwapFest could conceivably be planned for July of the current year, even though the Charlotte, Orlando and RARS Hamfests had all been cancelled for 2021. AB4OZ was still holding monthly SwapFests in the Pleasant Valley Shopping Mall parking lot and online testing was being offered by N4MQU.

If conditions permit, and the Governor rescinds his order banning large meetings, the Club might easily offer its event without renting Ritter Park, by just announcing a gathering there and allowing an informal flea market.

Jim Williams (W4VCF) announced that the South Carolina QSO Party would be held on Saturday, February 27th and the North Carolina Party on Sunday, February 28th. Extra points would be awarded for those participating in both events.

Larry led a short discussion about a reward for any minor passing a license exam during any testing session held by the Club which led to resolution that a \$35.00 prize would be appropriate.

Before the program, Larry encouraged all members to get both COVID vaccinations, as most members were age eligible.

An excellent program, presented by Herb Lacey (W3HL), traced the history of the SAGE system in the 50's, its equipment, organization and size and Herb's personal experience in that large undertaking. Slides of the hardware elicited many questions from participating members.

Following the presentation, the February Zoom Meeting of the CARC was adjourned.