

CARC Meeting Notes – April 22, 2021

President Larry called the April, 2021 Zoom meeting of CARC to order at 7:31pm, with 9 members attending. The Minutes of the March, 2021 Zoom meeting were read, then the Treasurer's Report revealed a balance in the Club account of \$7,224.30.

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Larry announced that the FCC has announced rule changes governing RF exposure standards, were becoming effective May 3, 2021. They do not change existing RF exposure (RFE) limits but do require that stations in all services, including amateur radio, be evaluated against existing limits, unless they are exempted. Existing stations must complete evaluations by May 3, 2023. After May 3 2021, new stations will need to evaluate by the date of activation. Detailed procedures are shown on line on an ARRL website.

Anticipating Field Day on June 26-27 2021, the Club voted to assist RARS band captains on several bands as loggers and relief operators that weekend at Jim Carroll's (N4CAE) farm on Friendship Road. Holding an independent Field Day would have involved paying a host Church cleaning fees if bathroom and kitchen facilities were to be used.

President Larry predicted that the CARC's annual SwapFest could conceivably be planned for July, one of the first in the County this year. Herb Lacey (W3HL) was asked to check with the Town of Cary about the availability of Saturday, July 17, 2021 if circumstances permit the opening of the Fest that day.

Larry also suggested that if conditions permit, the Club might easily schedule the May meeting on May 27th in Ritter Park, possibly starting at 7:00 PM. When no objections were raised, the planned change in the meeting place was slated to be announced to the entire Club unless ensuing events dictated otherwise.

Seeking suggestions for future programs, Larry asked Jim Williams (W4VCF) to assemble a list of available recorded programs on the internet which could be presented to the Club for selection during the April, 2021 meeting.

A YouTube program was presented by Larry featuring "Parks On The Air", an annual event encouraging QSOs between National Park Facilities throughout the US, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Program.

Following the presentation, the April 2021 Zoom Meeting of the CARC was adjourned.