

CARC Meeting Notes – March 25, 2021

President Larry called the March, 2021 Zoom meeting of CARC to order at 7:31pm, with 8 members attending. The Minutes of the February, 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 current **Feedline** edition. 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.

Larry alerted the Club that KB6NU would offer an online General Class starting Monday, May 3, 2021 consisting of eight, two-hour sessions at 9 PM EDT and running until 11 PM EDT. The sessions will take place on May 3, May 6, May 10, May 13, May 17, May 20, May 24 and May 27. The cost will be \$40.

The Durham DurHamFest had been cancelled, Larry announced, but the Shelby Swapfest was scheduled for Labor Day weekend, September 3rd, 4th and 5th

Anticipating Field Day on June 26-27 2021, Jim Williams revealed that the RARS Club had invited CARC to join its anticipated stations that weekend, located again at Jim Carroll's (N4CAE) farm on Friendship Road. Cary members would assist RARS band captains on several bands as loggers and relief operators during the event hours. No decision was reached, but further discussion was anticipated at future meetings.

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 predicted that if conditions permit, and the Governor rescinds his order banning large meetings, the Club might easily schedule the May meeting on May 27th in Ritter Park, possibly starting at 7:00 PM. Further discussion was postponed until the April 22, 2021 meeting.

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.

An excellent program was presented by Jim Williams, featuring "Ionospheric Oddities – How the Ionosphere Really Works." It went into depth analyzing how different conditions occur in the Ionosphere affect HF and VHF/UHF communications.

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