

CARC Meeting Notes – October 27, 2022

President Larry called the October, 2022 meeting of CARC to order via Zoom at 7:31pm, with eight members attending. After a roll call, the Minutes of the September, 2022 Zoom meeting were read, with approval, and the Treasurer's Report revealed the balance in the Club's account

President Larry announced the election of Club Officers for the 2023 Club year and solicited nominations from the group present. There being none, Larry secured agreements from all current officers that they would continue for the upcoming year: Larry would continue as President, Jim Williams would serve another year as Treasurer, and Don Hurlbert agreed to continue as Club Secretary as well.

The JARS Fest, Larry announced, planned for November 20st this year, would be an opportunity to sponsor a Club table for possible use of members, if someone would volunteer to take charge. Tom Schwartz agreed to attend, and would purchase a table if any member had items for sale.

Larry announced that the Club's Holiday Luncheon this year would be held on December 3, 2022, at Danny's Barbecue at 11:30AM. A special newsletter would be sent to all members following Thanksgiving as a reminder.

Reporting on redecorating progress at White Plains United Methodist Church, Larry stated that inspections scheduled for January, 2023 would make it unlikely that the Club could return to its meeting room there before February. The January meeting of the Club would be via Zoom for at least that month.

The CARC SwapFest was registered, Larry announced, in the ARRL's register of HamFests for 2023. Larry added that replacement of a missing directional sign needed for the Fest had been promised by Herb Lacey during the September meeting, even though Herb was not present to confirm it.

Tom Schwartz announced that he was assembling a QRP transceiver for use with FT8 software, and he would welcome a club demonstration of the installation and use of the digital system at a convenient day and place. Jim Williams volunteered to conduct the demo during November on an agreed date, possibly at Woodhaven Baptist Church, site of Club Field Day events for a number of years. Tom promised to supply all needed hardware, a computer and a half wave antenna, possibly for 40 meters. Club Secretary Don Hurlbert agreed to poll Club members for acceptable dates at Woodhaven Baptist and then issue an announcement of the FT8 demonstration date and time to all members.

Larry presented an interesting YouTube program on “FT8 Digital Communications” where an experienced user described its installation and use for typical QSO’s. Logging possibilities were discussed by several members, and Jim Williams promised to include them if a demo were scheduled.

There being no more business to conduct, the October, 2022 meeting of CARC was adjourned.