

CARC Meeting Notes – January 25, 2023

President Larry called the January, 2023 Zoom meeting of CARC to order at 7:31pm, with eight members attending. After a roll call, the Minutes of the October, 2022 Zoom meeting were read, with approval, and the Treasurer's Report revealed the balance in the Club's account

Larry reported that the annual Club luncheon was well attended in December, and enjoyed by all. It was a good chance to meet the new members who have joined this year.

The White Plains United Methodist Church had completed its renovation of its ground floor meeting rooms Larry announced, and given the Club permission to schedule its February meeting in a double classroom with a new TV and new chairs. To reach the room, Larry directed that members turn left as they entered the outside doors, proceed to the end of the short corridor, and enter the double room.

Membership Dues of \$10 per year would be payable in March, Larry advised, after having been suspended during the COVID crisis. Flyers for the CARC Annual Swap Fest were being ordered Larry continued, and its reservation with the Town of Cary was in progress. A short discussion of a possible door prize for the Fest resulted in the general opinion that it would be too complicated to manage and would not likely add to the attendance

The Charlotte Ham Fest is scheduled for March 10-11 this year Larry revealed, at the Cabarrus Event Center - Gold Hall, 4551 Old Airport Road, Concord, NC. It would be open 3:00PM to 7:00PM Friday afternoon and 8:00AM to 4:00PM Saturday. The RARS Fest this year would open April 8, the Saturday before Easter, Larry added. Our Club will have two tables available for members' use and display of any items for sale.

Of interest to Club members limited by Home Owner Associations, Larry announced that the bills submitted to Congress to protect amateur antennas from HOA restrictions expired with the 117th Congress, ending on January 3, 2023, but would be introduced to the 118th Congress beginning the same day. News about the bill was circulated by Marv Hoffman, NC (WA4NC) NC Section Manager.

Of general interest, Marv also recently announced Winter Field Day from January 28 -29 and the NC QSO event on February 26 from 10:00AM to 3:00PM.

Looking ahead to the March 23, 2023 CARC meeting, Tom Schwartz volunteered to present an FT8 demonstration with his kit-built rig, using perhaps the magnetic loop antenna used in the past for similar programs. Jim Williams and others agreed to assist.

Gary Bann (WB6USA) presented a informative video entitled “Getting Started with FT8,” showing how to operate a computer to conduct and log FT8 QSO’s.

There being no more business to conduct, the January, 2023 meeting of CARC was adjourned.