CARS CLUB MEETING Agenda
6 March 2023
Held In-Person & Virtually Via GoToMeeting
https://meet.goto.com/RaymondReis/cars-bod-and-membershipmeetings
Meeting ID: 789-571-853
Start Time: 7:00pm

Officers & Committee Leads

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Intros & Welcome

**Everyone:** Please sign in on the sign-in sheet that is going around.

**Visitors:** Make sure to check in with __________________ in the safety vest.

Previous Meeting Minutes
Blair (NS1H)

Vote to Accept the Previous Minutes
Motioned: Motioned to be accepted as read
Seconded: Multiple
Accepted/Denied: Accepted

Treasurer’s Report
Duane (KJ4YKG)

- Status/Current Balances:
- Budget Update:
  - Income: $591.94
• Expenses: $952.23
• Checking: $8,637.18
• PayPal: 205.72
• Petty Cash: $359
• Prepaid Dues Liabilities: $120

Vote to Accept the Treasurer’s Report
Motioned: Motioned to be accepted as read
Seconded: K4DGW
Accepted/Denied: Accepted

Communications
Jeff (KM4ALL)
  • Repeaters:
    o All are operational.
  • Facilities:
    o No issues reported.
  • Equipment:
    o Icom End-Fed still down and will require the tower to be lowered.
    o 7 band OCF dipole antenna for Field Day has arrived. 80/40/20 triplex/filters are being procured from a Canadian source and will arrive in late March.
    o Buddi-Hex antenna mast has arrived.

Committee Reports
IT and Network Projects
Steven (KC4CAW)
  • New USB conference microphone installed at the shack to help fix audio issues with meetings.
  • FirstNET: The City is sponsoring the club’s FirstNET access and we are switching the shack Internet to FirstNET. This will cost $40/mo which is an increase of $20/mo for our current Internet plan through T-Mobile. FirstNET should provide more robust connectivity for the CARS Shack in the event of a local emergency.

ARES & PSOC Report
Van (KM4KBS) & John (N3JC)
  • ARES:
    o Tour de Cure is April 29th. Next planning meeting is March 9th.
  • PSOC:
    o Q5 amplifier fixed.
    o City gave the PSOC team 10 minutes to talk and demo Winlink during an Emergency Management meeting that included VDEM and Federal partners. N3JC will give the presentation at the next Shack Day.
Membership
Todd (KO4ZGV)
- Ham Club Online email invitations went out. Thanks to everyone who has signed up.
- 1 new membership applications this month:
  - Hank Oliver (KQ4FXR)

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Old Business
- Club committee volunteer opportunities are still available.
  - ARES Committee: See Van KM4KBS or Mike WM4ST if you are interested in joining.

- W1AW/4 Activation
  - CARS will lead organizing the Oct/Nov W1AW/4 event. 1 or 2 hour slots will be available for Phone, CW, and Digital. Looks for an email from NS1H with the Google Sheets signup link in the future.
  - Will W4CAR be operating from the Shack during this event?

*** Break for 50/50 Raffle ***

New Business
- Field Day Planning (Don KQ4AIP)
  - June 24 & 25, 2023 (3 months away)
  - ARRL has published the new rules for FD23.
  - Mike Pritt will be the PIO this year. He has assembled a press release, Facebook posts
  - Jim KG4WOJ: Volunteered to run the GOTA station. Planning to setup a Fast Scan TV
  - Tiny will be the Band Plan manager. We will be using 145.250 Simplex for local on-site comms. To limit interference, all operators will have an operator card and it will act like a library card. The cards allow you to operate on 1 mode and band at a time. If you want a different band or mode, you can check in your card to get a different band or mode.

- Texas Road Trip (Alex Taylor KQ4ZXI)
  - Alex is planning a trip across the country to Texas from Virginia. He is planning to have Winlink and C4FM capabilities.
• CARS Club Logo T-shirts/Hats (Sean N4SML)
  o ACTION ITEM: Send out an email to get a list of sizes.

• Training & Testing Updates
  o Upcoming VE Test Sessions – Sean (N4SML)
    ▪ March 11 (ARRL VEC) – 9:30am
    ▪ May (ARRL VEC)
    ▪ July (ARRL VEC)
  o VE Signup Link is available on w4car.org.
  o If you are interested in becoming a VE, please talk to Sean N4SML.

• Portable Ops Test Run - Friday March 31-Sunday April 2
  o This is a shake down trip for the October Shenandoah trip.
  o ~11 stations will be active on 40m during the day and 60 at night
    for POTA/SOTA

Calendar
• Next Shack Day: March 18, 2023 @ 10am (N3JC presentation at 10:15am)
• Next Virginia Beach ARC License Exam: March 9, 2023?
• Next CARS License Exam: March 11, 2023 @ 9:30am
• Contest Calendar:
  o VA QSO Party: March 18-19, 2023 (pizza to be provided)
  o Portable Ops Test Run (Northwest River Park): March 31-April 2
  o Rookie Roundup (Phone): April 16, 2023
  o International Digital Contest: June 3-4, 2023
  o June VHF Contest: June 10-12, 2023
  o Field Day: June 24-25, 2023
• Email BOD any proposed calendar items/changes/corrections
• Other New Business or Discussion Points
  o ODU club had their first kickoff meeting and want to have a Fox Hunt on
    April 6 during the middle of the day.

   Number of Members @ Meeting: 32 in-person, 6 online
   Adjourn Time: 8:25pm

Online: Summer, KN4LNO, KB4GM, Jill, James, NS1H, KN4SM