





## Richmond County Amateur Radio Club

February 13, 2016 Meeting Minutes:

The President, Mark Dawkins KJ4IKQ, called the meeting to order. There were 11 members and one guest, Rusty George, in attendance. The Secretary read the minutes of the January 9, 2016 meeting. There were no corrections to the January minutes.

Mike Poplin KK4VTB had asked about ordering t-shirts from Classic Apparel since he has a t-shirt on order. It was explained to the members that Classic Apparel will wait until they have a club order consisting of 6 t-shirts before placing the order. Members wishing to place a order should go by, or call, Classic Apparel. When the order is completed, and received, Butch Parris N4AWP will be notified and he will contact the members.

After some discussion about members, as a group, attending local funds raisers wearing club apparel in order to promote RCARC Mike Poplin stated he would check the RCJ on Tuesdays and would contact the members via email if there were any events scheduled. Members can schedule among themselves about attending the local events.

In order to promote and attract new members to the club Allan is going to compile a list of local (Hamlet, Rockingham, Hoffman, Marston, Cordova) hams from qrz.com and mail postcards publicizing the club and future meeting dates during this month.

Mike Poplin KK4VTB has also been in touch with Gary Green, the museum director, about Train Day activities. Ben Setzer WA4BCS is also checking with Gary about securing space #41 for next year's Seaboard Festival.

Since March 12<sup>th</sup> is the date of the Charlotte HamFest and also the same date as the next scheduled club meeting, the club voted to still have the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> since there did not appear to be a large number of members attending the HamFest.

March 5<sup>th</sup> is the next schedule VE Testing date and it appears there will be several applicants testing that date. Butch Parris will be coordinating to insure there are enough VE's on hand to accommodate the applicants.

The question was asked, and answered that there is availability of caps with the club log at Classic Apparel.

In order to better publicize the RCARC Mark Gibson N4MQU stated that there was a \$10 fee involved with linking the RCARC website with Facebook and he offered to pay the fee. Charles Keziah KK4NCJ graciously offered \$5 to cover part of the fee. Mark is going to handle the details needed in order to get linked up.

Our visitor, Rusty George, WD4HEM from Cheraw, then gave a very detailed explanation of Fox Hunting along with the rules and equipment needed in order to conduct a successful Fox Hunt. At the conclusion of the presentation there was a question, answer, and discussion session about Fox Hunting. The meeting was adjourned and the discussion continued.

Allan Brown / W4EAB Secretary / Treasurer February 13, 2016