

CARC Meeting Notes – January 25, 2024

President Larry called the January 25, 2024 meeting of the CARC to order at 7:31pm, in its assigned classroom of the White Plains UMC.

After a roll call, Larry announced that Roger Brower would be presenting a program on Quantum Computing, and then read the minutes of the September 27 CARC meeting. After a correction noting that Zoom service was discontinued, they were approved, followed by the Treasurer's Report by Gary Bann.

Larry led a discussion about renewing the Club's PO Box, an expensive item, ending in a decision that the 2024 rental would be paid, to make it unnecessary for members to use personal mailing addresses for Club business.

Gary Bann reported that he had been unable to rent Ritter Park for the annual SwapFest as the Town of Cary was installing a new computer system. Gary promised to try again during the upcoming week.

Larry reminded all that the Charlotte Hamfest would be held during March 8-9, and that the RARS Fest would occur on April 6 this year, the week after Easter. The Club would have two tables rented for the use of Club members. The Durham Fest he added, was cancelled again for this year.

Regarding Field Day 2024, Larry asked for a show of hands interested in participating in Field Day this year, with several responding. Jim Williams suggested that the stations be located under the trees, if Woodhaven Baptist Church were the site again, The breezeway location was a bit crowded he noted, and there was some foot traffic. Jim Carroll volunteered to cook lunch and provide soft drinks.

As a future program, "Parks On The Air" was discussed, where the Club would operate within a convenient park under the leadership of Tom Schwartz. A decision was postponed until Tom would be present at our next meeting, to offer his suggestions.

Trent Hicks voiced his appreciation for the prayers of the Club that aided recovery from his disability. The Craft Public House, suggested for our December Holiday luncheon, received a number of compliments, and thanks to Trent for having recommended meeting at Craft.

After a short break, Roger Brower presented an excellent program on Quantum Mechanics Basics: wave-particle duality, superposition, and applications, emphasizing quantum's role in semiconductors, computing and transformative technologies.

There being no further business, the January 25, 2024 meeting was adjourned.