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# NORTH AUGUSTA BELVEDERE RADIO CLUB

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## MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 11, 2016.

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The meeting was held at North Augusta Public Safety Station 2. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Greg Godsey K5CVD.

### INTRODUCTION

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT – DAVE WB5NHL

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Report is on file.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT – ALBERT KM4MMT

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No report. Last month was the annual gathering at Ryan's.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

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#### SCHOFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL CLUB REPORT – KENT KQ4KK

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There were Schofield School events held over Christmas: In the School Club Roundup, Schofield came in 5<sup>th</sup> in the nation!

The next School Roundup will be February 8-12. "Club Day" is held once a month, last school period of Friday, from 2 to 6:00. Several students are expected to take the Technician license test this week.

#### AIKEN COUNTY ARES REPORT - KEVIN KJ4IVJ

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The next ARES meeting will be held next Monday, Jan. 18, at the cafeteria in Aiken Hospital.

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## EVENTS - KENT KQ4KK

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### "NATIONAL PARKS ON THE AIR"

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"National Parks On The Air" is an event to highlight our nation's parks through a HAM awareness program through next fall. This competition is to make contacts with other Hams in National Parks, or National Monument areas. Although SC has only one national park – Congaree – the Park service oversees 8 other sites in SC. "Chasers" are home-based callers making contacts with Hams located within the park areas. "Activators" are set up in the park areas. Only direct HF with SSB or PSK31 are allowed – no repeaters. All contacts must be entered into "Logbook of the World".

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### OTHER EVENTS

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SC QSO party will be February 27 & 28. Within SC there will be the "HUNLEY challenge", in which Edgefield is the only county in SC that starts with an "E". Contacts may be expected.

The Charlotte Hamfest will be March 11 & 12.

Charleston Hamfest

Orlando ARRL

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### REPEATERS

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Don K3MIF is trying to contact the manager of a NA repeater that does not work well and is powered by solar cells. A subcommittee was formed to investigate and report back.

Steve W6SC offered the advice that it is necessary to state explicitly what the purpose any particular net is.

Kent KQ4KK stated that there are now 5 active D-Star repeaters in the area, and that 2 new ones are being installed, one of which is at the 500' level in Beech Island.

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### K4NAB

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The club voted on a K4NAB QSL design. The club callsign has had contacts from 85 countries and all 6 continents (penguins excluded). Proper use of K4NAB was discussed; for contests, events, field days, and special events, but a copy of the station license should be available. Who is the trustee that enters information into QRZ.com needs to be resolved.

## NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting shall be Feb. 8, at the Cafeteria of the Aiken Hospital. Ragchew at 7:00 with the meeting starting at 7:30.

## END OF MEETING

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Meeting ended at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Albert KM4MMT - Secretary