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THE FARC QSO

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on or about 28.330 MHz

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Field Day successful even with bad band conditions

Lake Darpo near Darlington was an exciting place on the last full weekend in June. We had 30 people present including visitors at the site.



We are grateful to the Jones Family, Dave, Bonnie, and son Dave Jr. for their great hospitality.

Our treasurer reports that we \$2,240.98 at the end of June and 41 active members in the club. We had 23 members and guest at the July meeting.

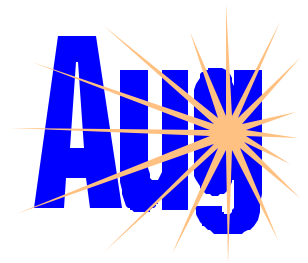
The club voted to spend \$200 and order 18 books about amateur radio, published by ARRL, for the Florence County Library. The books were ordered by Mike Duff.

The public library is going to feature FARC and amateur radio during the month of September with a display of old radio equipment, handbooks, posters, etc.

The code classes will start October 7 instead of September. The classroom at Poyner Adult Center was not available in September. This is perhaps a better month because it will follow the September presentation at the local library.

The new web site is up and running. It can be visited at www.w4ulh.org. Three antennas have been put on top of the McLeod Med Center to be used for emergency services. However, the 80 and 40 need some addi-

Meeting at 7 pm on
Tuesday, the 5th of



at Western Sizzlin'
2003

tional work. Two meters works great.

Items for sale

We have 2 Rohn towers available. The 48 foot tower is on the ground in Olanta, SC. The 64 foot tower is at Palmetto Shores between Florence and Darlington. However, the tower is still standing. For info call KA3JAL.

In an estate sale we have a Kenwood TS-180S, Kenwood PS-30 power supply, and Kenwood MC-50 mike. Also a Kenwood TW-4000 2m rig and power supply. There is a crank up tower, self supporting, still standing with beam and rotor. This equipment is for sale by a neighbor whose father was a ham in the greater Charleston area. For info call Wayne W4ORW.

"How do I work the auto patch on 2 meters"

Some of our newest members know about our repeaters on 850 and 970, but are not familiar with the auto patch.

Before using the patching it is necessary to announce over the air that you are using the auto patch. As an example after you key the mike say, "W4XXX using auto

patch." Continue holding down the mike button do the following:

850 machine: dial the local telephone number, push the * key, a release the mike switch. (Just remember that you control everything. You can break into the conversation, but the person on the other end of the line can't. When the call is finished say, "W4XXX is clear off of the auto patch." Press the # key to hang up the auto patch.

970 machine: Key the mike and say you are using the auto patch, push numbers 78*, now you dial the telephone number you wish to call, release the mike switch. When the call is completed say, "W4XXX clear off of the auto patch." Use the # to hang up the auto patch.

Library receives books

The Florence Public Library was presented a number of books on radio, information about ARRL, and "how to" books on getting a license to operate on the amateur bands. The presentation was made on July 21 at 11 a.m.



This goes good on everything!



Don't tell anyone we dropped the roast on the floor?



I wonder if they have the antennas up yet?



C Q field day underway at last.




I see the computer, but did we forget the rig?

We thank Jack Jackson N4JJ for sending the pictures of our Field Day 2003 at Lake Darpo in Darlington County.

Additional pictures can be found on our web site. Also check out other web sites from various amateur radio clubs around the state.

The Saturday morning FARC Coffee club has changed locations. Instead of the BK Lounge (Burger King) we are now at the BJ Lounge (BoJangles) on S.Irby Street near



the old Capri Theatre. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. Come joint us at our new location. It's the "BJ" Lounge on S. Irby Street