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## The FARC QSO

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payable on or before January 1 of each  
year.

FARC nets meet each week on  
Monday 8:30 pm on 146.850- and  
Wednesday at 8:30 pm on or about 28.330

Florence ARES Net meets  
the Second Tuesday each month at  
8:30 pm on 146.850-

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# QSO

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28.330, 146.850-, 146.970-, 444.000+



Our president, KM4D opened the November meeting and each attendee introduced themselves.

Our Treasurer, KA3JAL gave the following report:

Began October	\$1,196.92
85 Phone Bill	- 33.40
Field Day Antenna	- 89.76
Ended October	\$1,073.76
Repeater Saving is	\$1,904.19

We had a total of 25 at the October meeting, 19 members and 6 guests. K4NOC, Stormy Bishop became a member to bring our membership to 64.

Our PIO, N4JJ, Jack Jackson reported on the gracious reception given the Club Officers who were given a tour of the set for "The Stranger" which is being filmed locally. K4NOC donated several old Swan HF radios to be used and N2ZZ, Dr. Jim Boehner, the South Carolina Section Manager is trying to get our photo into the QST Happenings. It may be several months before publication.

Due to the absence of KG4BZK, Bobby Collins, our ARES person, KM4D read his written report.

The Shelter antenna has been installed and tested at the Lake City High School by N3ZL, thank you Gregg.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the ARES net will have to be rescheduled. KG4BZK recommends the second Tuesday of each month.

The Red Cross has requested additional information from all volunteers including financial items. We have been advised by the legal staff at ARRL not to divulge financial information as it could be used for identity theft in the future due to lax security.

Because of changes in his job, KG4BZK will have to give up his positions as Emergency Coordinator for both Florence County and District 4. He is looking for two Amateurs who would be available to handle those duties. W4GEY, Jim Starling, gave a good report on the 97 Repeater, W4ULX, Rudolph Hatcher gave a good report for the 85 Repeater and the 440 repeater has been given good marks for coverage.

Under new business, KA3JAL proposed that the club give incentives for members to pay dues in a timely manner. He proposed that any member who pays dues before January 1



**Christmas Dinner & Meeting  
at 7PM on the 5th at N4JJ's**

would get a \$5 discount. Any member paying in January would pay the normal dues but anyone paying in February would pay an extra \$5 and anyone paying in March would pay an extra \$10. W4ORW, Wayne Howell added that a post mark would set the date of payment. The motion was passed by voice vote.

KM4D reported that the CD ROM with photos of the last Field Day would become available at the December meeting due to a delay caused by an equipment problem. He also will have samples of T-shirts and jackets. Although the shirts from Barber (the ARRL supplier) are expensive, they are by Lands End and of exceptional quality.

N4JJ invited all members to the annual Spaghetti Dinner Christmas Party on December 5 at his home. We will have the usual meal but all are invited to bring a friend and a dessert.

At the December meeting we will have the election of new officers for 2007. A nominating committee was appointed consisting of K7DVB, K4DOU, KO4L and N4MXP. Be prepared to vote on Dec. 5.

KO4L, Lloyd Mitchell, as keeper of the club website, asked if the names and call signs of all members should be published on the website. After much discussion, it was decided not to include individual information but to list only a contact person. Lloyd also encouraged all to look at the [www.ares-sc.org](http://www.ares-sc.org) site which he also maintains.

N2TMC, George Cronk, from Cheraw won the door prize, a photo CD of Field Day.



## Upcoming Events

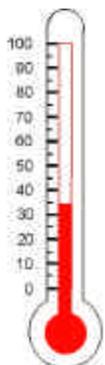
Dec. 5 - Christmas Party and Election of Officers at N4JJ's Shack

## December Birthdays

- 2 John Kirkland, KF4FJS
- 3 Sam Watson, W4STW
- 4 John Germain, KA3JAL
- 15 Harry Paxton, W8IXZ
- 19 Bob Lowman, N4CBO
- 23 Mike Duff, KG4SLH
- 29 Billy Deas, W4WYT

## Dues Due

Membership dues should be paid before the end of the year. Under the new club policy, anyone paying by January 1 will get a \$5 discount. During January the full dues will be required. During February an extra \$5 will be charged and in March an extra \$10. Hopefully this will encourage all members to pay early.



Scholarship Fund  
\$2545.22



Don't forget to make a donation to our scholarship fund at F-D Tech.

Records indicate that the W4ULH callsign was licensed to the Florence Amateur Radio Club in the Winter 1966 Call Book. That means that we now celebrate a 40th Anniversary.

I would like to ask any long time members to search their files, attics and memories. Sometime next year, I would like to publish a history of the organization. To produce such a document, I will need photos, QSL Cards and any other items showing past activities of the group. If you know of any former members who would be able to contribute or would enjoy receiving such a publication, please contact them and me.

I would urge each one of you who might have memories of a specific event in the past to write up an article giving dates, names and places. If you don't feel that you can put it into words, just a broad outline and the willingness to discuss it with me would be very helpful. Several articles about the same event would give a different slant so don't just "let the other guy do it." I will use your name only if



you consent but your information would be invaluable.

I am particularly interested in information about a very early DX Club; setting up the 97 Repeater;

AutoPatch for local repeater use and Phone Patch to aid homesick military members; establishing the 85, 220 and 440 Repeaters; the Tornadoes in the Bennettsville Area; Hurricane Hugo; special activities like contests or special membership drives; memorable Silent Key members; special recognitions of the club or individual members, e.g. City or County Proclamations; special projects with or for Red Cross, Emergency Operations or other Amateur Clubs such as Parades, Marathons, car or bike Rallies; any unusual meeting places; classes to train new Amateurs and VE sessions; old membership rosters; even the first Christmas party at N4JJ's. As you see, we have been an active bunch!

Such a publication could be used to keep our history alive, make a lot of "Old Men" smile, and very possibly attract new members.

## FCC Omnibus Bill

The FCC Omnibus Bill mentioned in the last QSO was printed in the Federal Register on November 15. That means that the rules take effect on December 15. These changes mainly concern increased phone frequency allocations, vanity callsign rules and emergency operation rules. Check the ARRL and FCC websites for the detailed information on these changes.

## Merry Christmas

Don't forget to come to the FARC annual Christmas Spaghetti Dinner and Christmas Party at N4JJ's home on December 5th at 7:00 PM.

You may bring a favorite side dish or dessert and your spouse or a friend but please come. We will miss you if you aren't there.

