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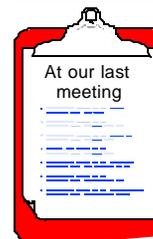
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Monday 8:30 pm on 146.850- and
Wednesday at 8:30 pm on 28.330 USB

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The September Meeting was opened by our President N4MXP, Mark Davis just after 7:30 PM and all members and guests identified themselves.

Our Treasurer KA3JAL, John Germain gave the following report:

Started August with	\$1,673.70
Liability Insurance	- 320.00
Ended August with	\$1,353.70

The repeater fund stands at \$3,270.33 plus interest. Club membership stands at 58 with 4 lifetime and 54 dues paying. We had 27 at the August meeting with 23 members and 4 guests.

ARRL SECTION & PIO:

No report.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS:

In anticipation of Hurricane Hanna, the SC HEART system may be activated. Please monitor and help as needed.

RED CROSS: K4AVR, Mac Cullom, reported that he had been to the Red Cross office on Lucas Street and had inventoried the equipment and antennas. The HF antenna is down and needs repair. The VHF transceiver works well but needed new batteries to hold it's memories. They have been installed.

REPEATER REPORTS:

85: Everything OK

97: Everything OK

440: This repeater checks out well.

VE Team: W4ORW, Wayne Howell, asked for volunteer VE's to help with a special VE session to be held at McLeod Hospital on Sept. 17 to test hospital personnel for the SC HEART project. He will send out a corrected schedule of future tests and requested additional help for the October 11 test session at Methodist Manor since W4HJS, Dr. John Kirkland, will be unable to participate due to illness.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

N4JJ, Jack Jackson has not been able to pull this group together, but will keep working on the project.

WEBSITE: KO4L, Lloyd Mitchell reported that the website is now up but that he is still locked out and unable to update the information. N4DOU, John Schumacher, volunteered to speak with KG4SLH, our former member, Mike Duff to get the



Meeting at
Shoney's
7:30 PM on
the 7th.

ownership of the W4ULH.com web-site transferred to the club.

Several members noted that there has been malicious interference on a quite regular basis on our repeaters and also on the SC HEART and PALS systems. We need to locate the offenders. If we are unable to convince said offenders to cease and desist, we will have to involve the FCC which would involve fines and/or loss of license. It would be preferable to handle this problem locally.

PALS PICNIC: KG4YVJ, Suzie Cullom, as Secretary of the PALS Net Association, invited all FARC members to the 2008 Annual PALS Picnic to be held at Santee State Park, Shelter #1, on Sunday, September 28. All members and non-members are invited to attend this family reunion style picnic. Bring your favorite dish to add to the table and any instrument that you play. The meal will start at about noon. There will be a short business meeting including the election of officers. The rest of the afternoon will include pickin', singin' and lots of eyeball QSO's.

Just before the meeting was adjourned at 8:05, KJ4DGU, Tim Kaylor received word by cell phone of the death of his brother in Florida. Although this was expected, we extend our condolences to Tim and his family.

October Birthdays

- 2 Jerry Jebaily, K14OEU
- 2 Kevin Willis, K14ZEV
- 12 Wink DeWitt, KD4WMC
- 15 Earl Parnell, KJ4BVM
- 29 Bill Cheney, N4AAK



Upcoming Events

Oct. 4	Rock Hill Hamfest
Oct. 25	Sumter Hamfest
Nov 15	Beachfest 2008 Surfside Beach

FARC Scholarship Florence Darlington Tech

The first Florence Amateur Radio Club Scholarship for a student of Electronics Engineering at Florence Darlington Technical College was granted to Mr. Josiah Hayes of Lakeview on June 30 in the amount of \$741.

In the past year, a total of \$5,348.65 was added to our fund from member donations and matching funds from Bell South, GE and others. This is an impressive amount for our club.

Currently tuition for in-county students is \$1,595 and \$1,726 for out of county students per semester. The necessary books average another \$500 per semester. This means that our scholarship would amount to well less than half of the student's expenses per semester. Let's continue to add to the fund so that the amount of the next scholarship will increase. Thank You for all your contributions.

Member of the Month K14MVA, Jim King

Jim's early years were spend in Charlotte, NC but he moved back and forth between Hartsville and Charlotte several times. He attended a total of 13 different grammar schools before ending up in Lamar, SC.

Jim's uncle was a Radio/TV repairman in his spare time which got Jim interested in electronics. With the kid next door Jim build several devices out of old radio parts to send code to each other and then voice. Later when the kid moved across town, they built small transmitters that allowed them to talk. They even build a small radio station when they were 12 yrs. old, and played music every afternoon. He was interested in Ham radio but didn't know anyone in the area until the school electronics club visited a Ham in Darlington (Mr. Wells). He lost interest when he went into the Air Force. Back home again he became an announcer at three local radio stations (WHSC, WSDC and WJMX.) He worked in instrumentation for 27 years. He didn't think about Ham radio again until a couple of years ago when someone brought the subject up at work. He bought a book, started reading it and took the Technician Test in December 2006. He passed his General in February, 2007, and his Extra in 2008 and is now on the WCARS VE team.

Jim listens to HF a lot and joins the Lunch Bunch when he has time. He is not interested in contesting but loves to listen to older Hams talk about things they have done. His next goal is to become proficient in working CW. He believes that CW has been a part of Ham Radio too long to be forgotten. It may not be required anymore, but it is very much necessary as right of passage in his book.

SC HEART Trains Twelve New Technicians

On Tuesday and Wednesday, September 16 & 17, SC HEART held a Technician training class for twelve prospective Hams. The instructor was KL7FO, Dave Zugsberger, of Abbeville County and the session was organized by K14PKO, Bill Dease, of the University of South Carolina Center for Public Health Preparedness.

The Florence WCARS VE Team held a special testing session on Wednesday afternoon. KL7FO did a magnificent job with this class because all twelve applicants passed the test. They come from Clarendon, Darlington, Florence and Marion Counties and are all affiliated with a hospital or EMT organization. Two of the group tried the General exam. Neither one passed but both indicated that they will try again at our next test session on October 11 at Methodist Manor

Congratulations to all our new Hams and we hope that some will decide to become members of our club.



FARC members help KA4PVT celebrate his 80th birthday.

FARC Disabled List: KF4HJS, Dr. John Kirkland has had heart surgery and has been in and out of the hospital. Get Well Soon!