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Starting at about 6pm on Tuesday, Dec. 2, club members started gathering at N4JJ's for the annual Christmas Party/Meeting. As usual the menu consisted of Spaghetti with deer meat sauce and deer sausage. To round out the meal, KD3BUF, Fletcher Townsend cooked the noodles, KD4WMC, Wink DeWitt provided the homemade rolls and everyone brought a dessert to share. With 35 attending that we were eating in shifts but everyone ate well and had a great time.

At about 7:35pm N4MXP, Mark Davis, our out going President called the group to order and all members and guests identified themselves.

Treasurer: KA3JAL, John Germain gave the following report:
Started November with \$1,320.82
Paid SERA Dues - 20.00
Ended November with \$1,300.82

The repeater fund stands at \$3,270.33 plus interest. Club membership stands at 58 with 4 lifetime and 54 dues paying. We had 28 at the November meeting with 26 members and 2 guests. He reminded all present that he was available to take everyone's 2009 dues which would have a \$5 discount during December.

ARRL SECTION & PIO: N4JJ, Jack Jackson reported N2ZZ, Dr. Jim Boehner, the South Carolina Section Manager wanted to attend our party but was unable to come at the last moment. Also the League is very quiet at this time of year but that there were several new courses available online.

Emergency Communications: In the absence of K14ORA, Jim Lavia, N4MXP reported that the Red Cross had submitted a proposed Memo of Understanding which he had read. It seems that the Red Cross will not require the contentious financial background checks for those volunteers who would work on a project for less than seven days and would not wear Red Cross insignia. We should have more information next month.

Repeater Reports:

85: Everything OK
97: Everything OK
440: This repeater checks out well.

Website: KO4L, Lloyd Mitchell reported that our website has been moved to w4ulh.net which is located

Jan

Meeting at
Shoney's
7:30 PM on
the 6th.

on the godaddy.com site in his name but would be transferred to KA3JAL as soon as possible. We have a very stable platform with more space than we could ever need and excellent bandwidth at a cost of \$130 for two years. Since KO4L had paid for the service, the club voted to reimburse him for the expenditure. Thank You, Lloyd, for a job well done.

VE Team: W4ORW, Wayne Howell, reported that the WCARS VE Team would hold an exam session on Saturday, December 13th at 9am at Carolinas Hospital in a classroom on the second floor of Mall B. He will publish the information about the 2009 Test Sessions to be held on the second Saturday of February, April, October and December very soon.

Radio In Public Schools: KJ4BVM. Earl Parnell has contacted Florence School District 1 with no interest found but the Darlington School District is very interested. They are trying to find a teacher willing to be the sponsor. The ARRL will provide equipment and financial aid if the club sponsoring teacher holds a General license. It will probably be summer before a teacher would be able to expend the time necessary to be licensed, but the interest is high. Both Darlington High School and Mayo High School for Science and Electronics expressed interest and Earl hopes that this idea will grow like kudzu.

Nominating Committee: KO4L reported that the committee assembled by the Vice President had met and decided on the following slate of officers for 2009:

President - N4DOU, John Schumacher



Vice President - KI4ORA, Jim Lavia

Sect/Treas - KA3JAL, John Germain

The assembled members voted for this slate by acclamation. Congratulations to the new Officers. N4DOU, John Schumacher, thanked the committee for their work and promised that he would not need a transition team.

New Member: N4URR, David Milligan, asked to rejoin the club. He was a member until 2005. The members voted to accept his application. Welcome back David.

Field Day Awards: KM4D, Dave Jones, our Field Day Coordinator, proudly reported that in our category, 3A, we were First in South Carolina and 32nd. in the country. He distributed certificates to all participants and specifically mentioned KJ4BVM, KJ4BVO and KJ4DGT who manned the GOTA station which accumulated so many extra points for us, K4AVR for organizing the extra points projects, W4YLX and W4PFZ for the photography (not to mention the brownies), K4NOC and N3ZL for CW operation and N4DOU for sideband

operation. The antenna crew included KI4ORA, KI4LJT, KI4OEU, N4JJ and KA3JAL. He also wanted to thank our non-members KI4SKU, Abra Odom, and Bonnie (No Call) Jones who worked to keep everyone fed and happy. We will have our 2009 Field Day again at the Lake Darpo facility.

The club voted to allow the FDTCScholarship money to be used for both tuition and books.

The meeting concluded at 8:20 pm.

January Birthdays

16	Ruth Wallace, WD4UXN
19	Greg Davis, N3ZL
22	John Ratliff, K4KSX
24	Tommy Walker, NG4S
27	Tom Willis, KQ4BR
28	T. C. Taylor, WA4QMZ
30	David McGlothlin, W4EPD

Upcoming Events

Jan 10 - Greenwood Hamfest
Feb 7 - Charleston Hamfest
Feb 7 - Sandblast Rally at Cheraw

Two New Hams And Three Upgrades

On December 13, the Florence WCARS VE Team was happy to license two new Technicians and to upgrade one General and two Extras. Calvin "Mark" Dawkins of Rockingham, NC, is now KJ4IKQ and Sam Smith of Fork, SC, is now KJ4IKR. Roger Gooden, KI4COD of McBee is now a General, Herbert Redford, KJ4GAA, of Sumter and Phil Schoonover, KI4SIW, of Manning are now Extras. Contratulations to all.

Dues are Due!

Don't forget that your 2009 dues are due. If you pay in January, the dues are \$50 but if you wait until February you must add \$5 and in March you must add \$10.

Member Of The Month Tim Kaylor, KJ4DGU

Tim comes from Madison, W.V. and attended West Virginia University Institute of Technology with a degree in Industrial Arts Education. He is a former teacher of Industrial Education (shop) at West Florence High School. He is now working at Vulcraft as a Drafter. His wife Barbara is a teacher.

Tim has had a long time interest in Ham Radio but resisted because of Morse Code His brother is an Extra and has tried to get him involved for years. Tim became a Technician in April, 2008 and upgraded to General at the Shelby Hamfest (in Dallas, NC). He is very proud of passing it the first time he tried. His first construction project was a 6Meter antenna built from copper pipe. Tim works 2Meters and gets on HF when he gets a chance, but he often works 10 or more hours a day and doesn't have a lot of time but it is a nice change from the office. He also plays guitar and is pretty good with computers. He is a very busy man.

WD4FJP is SK

With regret, we report that our member and friend WD4FJP, Edward Hendrix of Dillon became a Silent Key on Thursday, December 18, following a severe Heart Attack. We send our thoughts and prayers to his family