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The FARC QSO

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The September meeting was called to order at 7:30 by our President, N4DOU, John Schumacher and all members and guests identified themselves. We recognized three guests, KJ4NKS, Chris Taylor, and two former members KF2X, Craig England and N2CFN, Ann England of Lamar.

Treasurer: KA3JAL, John Germain gave the following report:

Started August with	\$ 2,235.28
YTD Copies	- 13.61
Liability Insurance	- 320.00
Ended August with	\$ 1,901.67

The repeater fund stands at \$3,921.89. Club membership stands at 51 with 4 lifetime and 47 dues paying. We had 25 at the July meeting with 22 members and 3 guests.

ARRL/PIO N4JJ, Jack Jackson announced that our SC Section Manager, N2ZZ, Dr. Jim Bohner, had decided to run for the post of Assistant Director for the Roanoke Division in the election to be held in October. All ARRL members in the division will receive information directly from the ARRL about the voting

procedure. Dr. Jim has done an excellent job in SC and we hope that he will move up and continue his competent service to us.

Emergency Communications: KI4ORA, Jim Lavia, was not in attendance therefore no report.

Repeaters: All repeaters are healthy, however, K4AVR, Mac, reported that there had been a problem with the '85 which has been repaired. There has also been someone sitting on a microphone recently so please be more careful handling your mikes. Also there is a spare PA at the repeater location which was hidden behind some equipment but is now clearly marked and available should there be a problem in the future.

Old Business: N4DOU led a discussion about having copies of our Brouchure and Elmer documents available at club



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

meetings and at all testing sessions. Also, K4AVR donated a Scanner/Copier to the VE team to be available at VE sessions to make copies on site of any necessary paperwork. Thanks, Mac!

Website: There was a group discussion about things that need to be added to the website. We need to make sure that the information listed is current and to add an Application for Membership in FARC as well as some of our local ELMER information to include a list of volunteers willing to mentor new Hams.

N4DOU reported that the McLeod repeater is now on the air. He also distributed a list of the SCHEART analog repeaters which lists the locations, tone, power, antenna height and date on the air.

Elmer Session: In the absence of KO4L, Lloyd, we do not have a date or a location yet for our proposed session.

Scholarship: N4DOU read a letter from Sheryl Sheppard of Florence Darlington Tech concerning our scholarship there. We are still not clear about all of the details of this scholarship therefore the members voted to select a committee made up of KF4HJS, Dr. John Kirkland; N4MXP, Mark Davis; and W4ORW, Wayne Howell. This committee will get more information and report back. In the interim, we voted to send a letter to FDTC requesting that no



new scholarship funds be disbursed from our funds until we contact them again and have a document listing all of the criteria for future distributions in writing. KJ4NKS, Chris Taylor, is on the local Boy Scout Council Board. He spoke about the Jamboree On The Air which is scheduled as always on the third weekend of October. He asked for our help and support. Several suggestions were made and we discussed possibly setting up a station at FDTC. We will hear more at the next meeting.

At that point, KJ4NKS applied to become a member of FARC. We welcome him.

All FARC members were invited to attend the Annual Picnic of the PALS Net on Sunday, September 27 at Cheraw State Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

October Birthdays

2 Jerry Jebaily, KI4OEU
12 Wink DeWitt, KD4WMC
29 Bill Cheny, N4AAK

Upcoming Events

Oct. 10 - VE Session
at Methodist Manor
Oct. 24 - Sumter Swapfest

Notice: Due to a lack of vendors, the Myrtle Beach Hamfest scheduled for October 31 has been canceled.

Member of the Month

KJ4NKS -Chris Taylor

Our newest member is a brand new Ham. He has been interested in radio for a very long time but only recently had the opportunity to get involved through the courtesy of the SC-HEART training.

Chris is a world traveler. He was born in Northern Ireland. He has lived in Rhodesia, graduated from High School in South Africa, and later moved to Canada before coming to South Carolina. He married a Southern Belle and has been here ever since. He is an X-Ray Technician at the Cardiac Cath Lab at Carolinas Hospital and he is a volunteer with their SCHEART Radio Response Team.

Chris is on the local Boy Scout Council Board. He is very interested in supporting the ARRL Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) which teams scouts with Hams to allow the them to communicate with each other throughout the world. This annual activity is scheduled for the third weekend in October. With his help, we may be able to generate interest in these scouts and get the younger generation excited about Amateur Radio. Chris says that his next Ham objective is to upgrade to General. With his interest and enthusiasm, that will come soon. He has been active on many of the local nets and we are very pleased to have him join our club.

Shelby Hamfest at Dallas, NC

Those of you who attended the Shelby Hamfest at Dallas had a beautiful day and met lots of Hams from all over the Carolinas.



These are just a few of our members who attended.



Emergency Communications

The FCC has just made a new interpretation of the rules about using Amateur Radio under emergency situations. It changes the emphasis that has been in effect for the past several years. If you are interested in this facet of the hobby, you can read the latest at <http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?t=218059> and <http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?t=218729>. You may also want to refer to the editorial on page 9 of the September issue of QST written by N1ZZ, David Sumner which expresses the thoughts of the ARRL. Find it online at <http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2009/09/01/10982/>.

The FCC has found that non-Ham organizations in many areas of the country have plans to misuse our frequencies and they are taking steps to keep Amateur Radio non-commercial. This may prove to be a problem for EMCOMM.