

The FARC

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Our November meeting was started by our President, Jim Lavia. KI4ORA, at 7:30 pm.

Jim recognized WL7KZ, Connie , and NL7VR, Simon Carraway who have recently moved to Florence from Alaska. All members and guests introduced themselves. We had 30 people present, 25 members and 5 guests.

Treasurer's Report – In the absence of our Treasurer, KA3JAL, John Germain, KG4YVJ, Suzie Cullom gave a brief Health & Welfare and the October report:

Started October with \$2,734.78
No Income or Expenses 0.00
Ended October with \$2,734.78
The Repeater Fund remains at \$4,599.94

PIO & ARRL – N4JJ, Jack Jackson, had no report. The election for the SC Section Manager is complete. The results should be published later this week.

Repeaters – W4PFZ, Olin McDaniel, reported that the 97 was working well and that the 85 and 440 are also in good working order.

Elmering and Training -- K4AVR, Mac Cullom, has been in contact with Mr. Jack Kolesar of DSN who is looking for radio training for some of his licensed employees in both the Florence and Hartsville locations. KJ4RGV, Jim Griffith, volunteered to help and they will work with DSN shortly.

Mac has heard indirectly from Michael Farber, the Telecommunications Director for McLeod Hospital that he would be interested in an Elmer session for their newly licensed but inexperienced hams.

We will discuss the feasibility of setting up an Educational Chairman to coordinate training at the December meeting and would welcome any volunteers.

KJ4LIF, Bekki Medsker, has been approached to set up another Technician class and possibly a General class. She will continue to communicate with them to determine a mutually acceptable



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

schedule.

QSO – KG4YVJ, Suzie Cullom, has been editing the QSO for over six years. She and Mac plan to go west this summer and be away for several months. She would like to have another member assume the duties of editor. She is willing to train a successor in Desktop Publishing techniques.

2011 Officers – KI4TTS, Doug Macdonald, announced the following slate of FARC officers for 2011.

President – KI4TTS, Doug Macdonald
Vice President – K4TGK, Tim Kaylor
Secretary/Treasurer – KA3JAL, John Germain

Voting will be at the December meeting but additional nominations for any office would be considered.

VE Testing – The next VE Testing session will be held on Saturday, December 11 at Carolinas Hospital starting promptly at 9:00 AM. Applicants should come early to register. N4MXP, Mark Davis will officiate.

All VE team members are requested to attend the December FARC meeting on December 7 or to contact W4ORW, Wayne Howell, to sign up for next year's test sessions.

December Meeting – There was a discussion about inviting spouses to the December meeting. We will meet at Shoney's and the seating is limited. We



leave the decision about inviting spouses to each individual.

Repeater Fund – There was discussion about continuing the Repeater Fund which originally was planned to last for three years. The consensus reached decided to continue adding to the fund until further notice. We do not want to be caught with a large bill for tower work requiring large member donations.

N4JJ reported that Jo Downer, the widow of Haynie Downer, W4PNZ, had recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Many of our long time members remember Haynie who died in 1994. Jo lives just down the hall from W8IXZ, Harry Paxton, at the Carolinian. There was an article about her in the News Journal which you can read at <http://www.florencejournal.com/main.asp?Search=1&ArticleID=4986&SectionID=6&SubSectionID=6&S=1>

Drawings – KJ4LIF provided muffins for our drawing. KJ4NKS,

K4TGK, KJ4BVM, W4ORW, KD4WMC and KI4ORA all won muffins and WA4BUO won the grand prize, a 2011 ARRL Calendar.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Website of Month:

www.foxdelta.com -- Projects and kits for Amateur operators. Radio Amateurs are free to copy any of these projects and include designs in their project or make their own PCBs. All designs and information provided here are free of any copyright for Amateur Radio.

December Birthdays

- 1 John Kirkland, KF4FJS
- 4 John Germain, KA3JAL
- 12 Harry Paxton, W8IXZ
- 13 Bill Biagioli, K3IBO
- 21 Earl Parnell, KJ4BVM

Field Day Statistics

The results of the 2010 Field Day have been reported on the ARRL Website. FARC is in the 3A class. This year we accumulated 4080 points which was the highest in our category in South Carolina, 9th in the Roanoke Division and 76th overall. These results were published in the December issue of QST magazine. Thanks to all members who participated and made this wonderful showing possible.

Member of the Month

Jim Griffith - KJ4RGV

Our newest member, Jim Griffith, KJ4RGV, is originally from Charlotte, NC. His father was in the Army so he spent time at Ft. Rucker, Alabama and Atlanta, Georgia. He graduated from the University of North Carolina Charlotte, part of the greater UNC.

Jim learned about Amateur Radio from his father, his experiences with the Explorer Scouts and his own Army experience. He was with the Signal Corps where he worked with Tropospheric Scatter, Microwave, served in radio repair and was a radio operator. He was an instructor at Ft. Monmouth, N.J. from 1967 to 1970.

Jim is retired from J.C. Penney and was a peanut farmer in Effingham. He still lives on the farm but lets other do the work now. His neighbor, Bobby Collins, KG4BZK, convinced him to become a Ham. Jim took his Technician license in December of 2009 and his General in February 2010. He is now studying to take the Extra exam. He is interested in emergency work and wants to become active in ARES and SkyWarn. That is just a matter of time.

Extra! Extra!

Our acting SC Section Manager, Marc Tarplee, N4UFP has won the election and will remain in the position. Congratulations, Marc!

Marc sent an e-mail to thank FARC for their support.

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The editor welcomes your suggestions and comments about this or future publications.

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