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Our President, KI4TTS, Doug Macdonald, called the March meeting to order at 7:30pm. All members and guests introduced themselves. Our Treasurer, KA3JAL, John Germain gave the following report:

**Began February with \$4,475.78**

**Dues Collected inn Feb. \$55.00**

**Ended February with \$4,530.78**

The repeater account stands at \$4,603.14.

We began the year with 60 members, 56 dues paying, 4 life, and 4 resignations. There are 43 paid as of March 1.

**ARRL Section Report:** -- No report this month.

**PIO** – N4JJ, Jack Jackson reported that HR607, The Broadband for First Responders Act of 2011, proposed that the 420-440 and 450-470 frequencies be reallocated for auction. The ARRL opposes the removal of Amateur Radio Spectrum and would like all members to write to their congressman.

**Repeaters:** The 85 machine was reported as running right along, the 97 was working an

hour ago and needs more use according to Jim Starling, and the 440 needs some adjusting.

**Old Business:** We need someone who would be interested in being the Emergency Communications contact. If you can do this, please let Doug, KI4TTS, Tim, K4TGK or John, KA3JAL know you are interested.

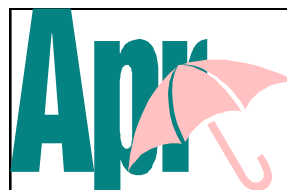
**Renewals:** Membership renewal is over on April 1<sup>st</sup>. After that you will be dropped from the roster and will have to reapply for membership. Dues until April 1<sup>st</sup> are now \$60.

**Introductions:** Each member and guest identified himself. We had 23 in attendance, 21 members and two guests. We welcomed Tracy (KJ4VCP) and Becky Taylor(KJ4VCO), and their 2 children.

**W4ID:**

It was good to see Wayne Cooke, W4ID, at the meeting. Wayne has been quite ill and said he was OK. We hope for a speedy recovery for him.

**Newsletter:** Tim Kaylor,



**Meeting at Shoney's 7:30 P.M. on the 4th**

## The FARC QSO

FARC QSO is published monthly by the Florence Amateur Radio Club to provide information to its club members, to all persons interested in wireless communication, and to encourage the promotion of amateur radio in the Pee Dee area of South Carolina.

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

**Answers to license questions:**  
T-1.25 meter band.  
G - 200 watts PEP output.  
E - Resonance.

K4TGK, has taken over publication of the QSO. KG4YVJ, Suzie Cullom, is planning to make a long trip west over the summer. The position was put before the membership for persons to take it on, but no one else volunteered. If there are any changes, ideas or items you would like to see in the QSO, please let Tim know by email at [k4tgk@arrl.net](mailto:k4tgk@arrl.net) or at [tiki2950@bellsouth.net](mailto:tiki2950@bellsouth.net). If you would like to take over the QSO, let Tim know faster!

**Field Day :** K4TGK reported on Field Day at the meeting. He listed objectives as first: have fun, second: it is a contest, third: it is emergency practice, and fourth: public relations and contact.

It was noted by Jack Jackson, N4JJ, that Dave Jones will not be able to assist this year. We will be looking for an alternate location. Several have been suggested. Other concerns are personnel and equipment. A copy of the outline of ideas and topics of concern has been circulated. Please contact Tim with ideas, plans, help, etc.

**From the Question Pools:**

Can you answer the following questions from the license question pools ? There is one from each license class. Answers are on page 4.

T. What amateur band are you using if you are transmitting on 223.50MHz?

G. What is the maximum transmitting power an amateur station



**BJ Lounge Saturday 9AM**

may use on 10.140 MHz?

E. What can cause the voltage across reactances in series to be larger than the voltage applied to them?

**McLeod Run/Walk:**

There was a good turnout for the McLeod Run/Walk on Saturday, March 19. The FARC was there providing communications for the event. In attendance were Mac and Suzie Cullom, K4AVR and KG4YVJ respectively. They graciously provided their RV as a base of operation once again this year. Also working the event were members Fletcher Town-



KI4TTS watches as runners pass his station on the route.



KD4BUF Enjoys the beautiful weather for the the event as he mans his station.

send KD4BUF, Rudolph Hatcher W4YLX, Doug MacDonald KI4TTS, Jack Jackson N4JJ and non-member (so far), Ray Gershon W3GSI.

**Clemson Rural Heritage Celebration:**

The Clemson Rural Heritage Celebration will take place on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9am to about 3pm. If you would like to work this event please let John Germain know. They will be having a run/walk event this year in addition to the usual events.

**VE:** The next VE test will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Carolinas Hospital, Building B, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. VE's should plan to arrive at about 8:40 to set up.

**Meeting Program:** N4JJ told what it was like to be a ham in the late 1950's and early 1960's. As he reminisced he recalled who lived where, along with their call signs and, in most cases, what equipment they were using. When it was mentioned he should write all that down, he

commented he is through writing books.

**April Birthdays**

- 9 Tom Morgan, WA4BUO
- 17 Mark Davis, N4MXP

**Upcoming Events**

**April 4** FARC Meeting at Shoney's on Highway 52.

**April 9** VE Testing at Carolinas Hospital, Building B, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**April 16** Clemson Rural Heritage Celebration.

**Our Disabled List**

Please remember our members who are currently having medical problems:

N4TJ, Tommy Johnson is home now and still recovering from kidney stones

W4ID, Wayne Cooke is still recovering from abdominal surgery but was at the meeting.

KJ4DGT, Rob Belinski is recovering from knee surgery following a skiing accident.

W4JUB, Juby Phipps is recovering at home after a serious hospitalization.

W4PFZ "Mac" McDaniel is home from the hospital and recuperating from kidney stones.

KJ4BVO, Jim McDonough has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

**Website of the Month**

<http://www.ve3sqb.com>

If you want antenna design quick and simple, without the details of NEC, this may be the list of programs you need.