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The
FARC

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President, Doug Macdonald, KI4TTS, began the June meeting at 7:30pm. All members and guests introduced themselves. There were 20 members and 4 guests present.

Our Treasurer, KA3JAL, John Germain reported the following:

Began May	\$4,662.14
Dues Deposited	\$100.00
Transferred to	
repeater account	\$618.33
Ended May with	\$4,143.81

The repeater account stands at \$5,223.02.

ARRL Section Report: -- No report this month.

PIO – N4JJ, Jack Jackson was out with other obligations, so there was no PIO report.

Repeaters: All repeaters were reported as operating normally. It is reported that the 85 is still perking along and the 440 is still working. They all still need to be used more.

Field Day: Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, reported that though he had kept after the contact at

the mall, she was unable to get the corporate office to answer our field day request. Jim Starling volunteered his church and it had already been approved for us to work field day at that location, (The Palmetto Street Church of God), upon which it was remarked that it would be a good and prominent location with plenty of traffic. Doug Macdonald then asked for a show of hands to find out how many would show up for field day. Only 4 hands were raised, prompting a motion to defer until next year due to lack of interest. It was also commented that perhaps we should nominate a field day "Captain". This may be a subject for further consideration at future meetings.

Repeater Fund:

After club Secretary/Treasurer John Germain gave his financial report he asked if we would want to consider capping the repeater fund, This led to a discussion about the repeaters and



Meeting at Shoney's 7:30 P.M. on the 5th

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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

cost of replacement and repair work. Rudolph Hatcher, W4YLX reported that the last time we had someone climb the tower to do repairs at the antenna the cost was \$3500 for the climber. The cost of a repeater was reported to be about \$2000 if it needed to be replaced. That would be purchasing used equipment.

Insurance:

The discussion on the repeater fund and replacement/repair costs prompted another discussion, this time about insurance. The club has a liability policy, but there is no equipment insurance. If the repeaters are damaged in a storm how will we pay for the repairs or replacement? Should the club invest in equipment insurance? Scott Thompson, KG4HIE, brought up the policy he holds. He said it covers his equipment for \$16,000 for about \$250 per year. This covers replacement of his towers and antennas including labor. He suggests someone familiar with the club's equipment do an itemized list for evaluation. This discussion will continue.

Dayton Hamfest:

Bob (K7DVB) and Jan Austin told us they attended the Dayton Ham Fest and that it was huge this year. It was reported that there were over 1500 outside vendors and 500 inside vendors. Bob bought Jan a new call sign badge to wear. In keeping with

her now-famous introduction, it reads "Jan—NOCALL". This was received quite well and with a bit of laughter at the wit of it. Bob said he had to make sure the person making the badge did not put a zero instead of an O in the "call sign".

Silent Key

Juby Phipps, W4JUB, passed away in the hospital on June 2, after a long illness. Funeral service was held at Stoudenmire—Dowling Funeral home on June 4th. He will be missed by many.

Our Disabled List

Please remember our members who are currently having medical problems:

N4TJ, Tommy Johnson is home after more than 30 days in the hospital. Contact him if you have a chance.

W4ID, Wayne Cooke is still recovering and doing well. He is due for another operation in the fall.

KD4BUF, Fletcher Townsend is taking antibiotics at McLeod and is possibly going to have an operation.

KM4D, Dave Jones had surgery at Carolinas Hospital and is recovering.

W8IXZ, Harry Paxton is recovering from a broken leg. RK Harmon, KC4UTX is covering the 10 meter net for him.

VE Testing:

Our next VE session is scheduled for October 8, 2011, 9 a.m. at Methodist Manor.

July Birthdays

04 Bobby Collins, KG4BZK
06 RK Harmon, KC4UTX
20 Lloyd Mitchell, KO4L
21 Donald Bryant, KB4RRC
23 Gerard Jebaily, WX4STM
28 David Rose, W4AYQ
30 Tim Kaylor, K4TGK

Upcoming Events

July 30 WCARS Hamfest in Waynesville, NC.

New Members: We now have two more new members. Wayne Bramble and Jesse Whetten were both voted into the FARC on June 7. Wayne has been coming to meetings and events for quite some time and thought he had to wait. He joined readily once it was explained there is no waiting period. Glad to have you aboard, Wayne. Jesse originally had the call sign KK4BVY. He changed it to N7HPO, which had been his uncle's call sign. We are glad to have 2 more hams in our group.

An Old Friend?

Do you recognize your friend in this photograph? After the Clemson Extension Run/ Walk this spring, Mac Cullom took a few of us across the road to visit the SCETV tower. This, of course, is where we have our repeater and antenna for 146.850. Mac gave us quite a lengthy explanation of what we were seeing. For instance, did you know that the transmission line for the ETV

antenna is a pipe within a pipe. It makes sense if you think of it, A piece of coax is a center wire and a braid surrounding it. The transmission line they use is an outer pipe with a smaller pipe in the middle. That can handle the much larger power output that would probably fry RG8 coax.



The '85 machine.



BJ Lounge Saturday 9AM