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The FARC QSO

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We were pleased to see Doug Macdonald, KI4TTS, our President, call the October meeting to order at 7:30pm. All members and guests introduced themselves. There were 14 members present.

Our Treasurer, KA3JAL, John Germain, was not feeling up to par, so Doug read his report:

Began September	\$3,860.93
No Income	\$00.00
No Expenses	\$00.00
Ended July with	\$3,860.93

The repeater account stands at \$5,223.02.

Reports – There were no section, PIO or EM-Comm reports.

Em-Comm— We still do not have an Emergency Communications person. Anyone wishing to do this, let us know.

Repeaters: All repeaters were reported as working well. The 85 machine is churning away. We were glad to see Mac, W4PFZ, back with us to let us know the 97 machine is working. We hope to see him attending the meetings more often

Old Business: Tim Kaylor is still working on getting a spot on channel 11 to advertise our club. There will be no cost involved.

New Business: Suzie Cullom presented certificates of appreciation to Doug Macdonald, KI4TTS and Jesse Whetten, N7HPO, for their activities as net controllers. N4JJ, Jack Jackson was to receive one for financial support, but was not there to get it..

Program: There was a program at this meeting. Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, gave a presentation on digital operation. He showed a power point presentation on the basics with equipment and modes of operation, including what the different modes sound like. At the end he showed a short video recording of a conversation using digital mode MFSK16. He also offered to help set you up if he is free and not working.



**Meeting at Shoney's
7:30 P.M.
on the 1st.**

Meeting Attendance: Attendance has been way down the last few months. It would appear that the Saturday morning get together at Bojangles is a de-facto meeting, as there are sometimes as many there as at Shoneys. We would like to see as many of you at the meeting as can attend. There are often issues that need to be attended to and your vote on the matter counts, but you cannot vote if you are not there. Please come to the meetings when you are able.

Postal Rate Increase:

Do you send QSL cards? If you do then you will find the costs increasing a bit. January 22, 2012 the cost for a letter will rise from 44 cents to 45 cents. A post card will go from 29 cents to 32 cents and to send a letter to Mexico or Canada will rise from 80 cents to 85 cents. Sending a QSL card to other countries direct will rise from 98 cents to \$1.05.

Election Time: Doug Macdon-



BJ Lounge Saturday 9 AM

ald has charged Tim Kaylor with the task of forming a nomination committee to choose the next Vice President of the FARC. It's assumed that Tim will move up to President for next year. John Germain, KA3JAL, has graciously assented to remaining Secretary./ Treasurer. If you would like to be on the nominating committee, or have a suggestion for a candidate, even yourself, please contact Tim at:

tiki2950@bellsouth.net.

Ham Radio Deluxe: It is now official that Ham Radio Deluxe has been sold. You can get a copy dated March 29th from the website. I would get this now even if you do not use it. You may want to give it a try later. It is expected that Ham Radio Deluxe will become a commercial product. There is nothing wrong with that, but the free one works quite well as is. <http://www.ham-radio-deluxe.com/HRDv5.aspx>

Greenwood Hamfest: It was mentioned that there will be a Greenwood Hamfest next year. It will take place on January 14th.

Bojangles: As the announcement on the repeater says, join your friends at Bojangles on each Saturday morning for an eyeball QSO. We sometimes have more people there than at the meetings.

VE Testing:

We conducted a VE testing session at Methodist Manor October 8th. Jim King, KI4MVA, conducted

the exam. Morris Jones, NM4R, Rob Belinski KJ4DGT, and Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, graded papers while Bekki Medsker, KJ4LIF proctored. Jack Kolesar, N3AJU, passed the extra exam. Way to go, Jack!!

Our next VE session is scheduled for December 10, 2011, 9 a.m. at Carolinas Hospital.

At our next meeting Wayne Howell, W4ORW, will have the new VE sign-up sheet for next year.

November Birthdays:

13 Wayne Cook, W4ID

Upcoming Events

November 24: Thanksgiving -

This event lasts all day. Spend it with family for maximum effect and success.

PSK Tip: Do you have a smart phone? If you do, there is a program on the Android market called DroidPSK. You can load this onto your smartphone and it will serve as the computer for psk operation. You let the phone "listen to the signals on your radio, then select transmit and play your response through the microphone. The developers website also has free plans for a small interface so you can plug the phone into the radio.. Now you can work psk on 2meters also. BTW, there is a 2 meter PSK net in Charleston, SC, 144.145 simplex FM, Sundays 21:00 local and Wednesday 20:00 local. Give it a try!

Our Disabled List

Please remember our members who are currently having medical problems:

KA3JAL, John Germain has had back surgery and is recovering at home.

W8IXZ, Harry Paxton is recovering from a broken leg. He is now in the Commander Nursing Home on Pamlico highway in room 10. He has a phone, 407-4790. Stop by or call. He will be tickled to see or hear from you. Harry has been checking into the 2 meter net on Monday night. He is using an HT, so his signal may sound a little weak, but he is there!

The Explanation: This is from <http://www.hamuniverse.com/humor.html...>

"Electricity originates inside clouds. There, it forms into lightning, which is attracted to the Earth by golfers. After entering the ground, the electricity hardens into coal, which, when dug up by power companies and burned in big ovens called 'generators,' turns back into electricity...where it is transformed by TV sets into commercials for beer, which passes through the consumers and back into the ground, thus completing what is known as a "circuit"Always wondered how that worked..."

Remember: Do not cut down the tree that gives you shade...You may need to hang a longwire.