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Pres. Doug Macdonald opened the meeting at 7:30. Everyone introduced themselves. We were happy to see Bill Smith

WB4BBC in attendance.

Our Treasurer, KA3JAL, John Germain, is recovering from back surgery. Doug read his report:

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

The repeater account stands at \$5,223.02.

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

**Repeaters:** The 85 machine is running right along, according to Rudolph Hatcher, W4YLX.

The 97 machine “was working an hour ago” and the 444 repeater is working but lonely. It identifies every 10 minutes but no response.

**Old Business:** .None.

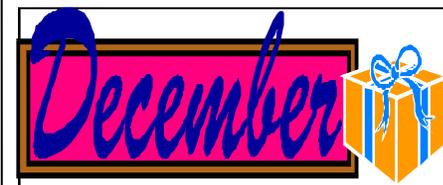
**New Business:** Dues are coming due. Dues are \$36.00 per year plus \$14.00 for the re-

peater fund, totaling \$50. If paid before January 1 you will get a 10% discount. If paid in January it will be \$50, In February it will be \$55, and so on. Please pay by check only. It is difficult to keep track of cash and you may not be credited for it.

**Election Time:** Elections for club officers are due in December. Please come to the meeting to vote for our new officers. We are voting for President and Vice President. John Germain has graciously agreed to remain as secretary. For President, Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, is in the running. He is currently the Vice President. Nominated for Vice President is Wayne Bramble, KJ4NNT. Others may be nominated or put their hats into the ring.

**Bojangles:** Don't forget to drop

**Meeting at Shoney's**  
**7:30 P.M. on the 6th.**



## 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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Annual Dues at \$36, plus \$14 repeater fund, payable on January 1 of each year.

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

by. We still have a large gathering every Saturday morning!

**VE Testing:** The next VE testing session is December 10 at 9 a.m. at Carolinas Hospital. Scheduled to work it: Scott Thompson, KG4HIE, Simon Carroway, NL7VR, Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, and Chris Taylor, KJ4NKS. Please arrive early for preparations.

### 60 Meter Changes:

The FCC has made changes to operations on the (5)-60 meter channels that are allocated to the Amateur Radio Service. These changes will not go into effect until at least the latter half of December, 2011.

1. Maximum power will increase from 50 to 100 watts.
2. The frequency 5366.5 (5368.0 center) is deleted.
3. The frequency 5357.0 (5358.5 center) is added.
4. New modes allowed, CW, PSK31, PACTOR III.

These changes were adopted on November 16, 2011. They will take effect 30 days after



**BJ Lounge Saturday 9 AM**

they are published in the Federal Register. The ARRL will most likely let us know when the changes take effect, as they are the people who fought to get them. Please remember we are secondary users on 60 meters. See the linked document below for more information.

[http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2011/db1118/FCC-11-171A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2011/db1118/FCC-11-171A1.pdf)

### December Birthdays:

2 John Kirkland, KF4HJS  
4 John Germain, KA3JAL  
15 Harry Paxton, W8IXZ

### 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. He is getting better.

W8IXZ, Harry Paxton is recovering from a broken leg. He is now in the Heritage Nursing Home on Warley street in room 138. He is gaining weight and his color is better. Harry still checks into the Monday night 2 meter net.

N4JJ, Jack Jackson, has had a stent put in his leg.

KM4D, Dave Jones, is active again and doing better.

KD4BUF, Fletcher Townsend is back to work.

W4ID, Wayne Cook is doing well now.

### Upcoming Events

**December 25 :** May you have a wonderful Christmas, from all your

friends at the Florence Amateur Radio Club.

### January 14, 2012:

Greenwood Hamfest, Greenwood, South Carolina.

### February 4, 2012:

**Sandblast Rally:** The Sandblast Rally is coming up Saturday, February 4, 2012. This is an off-road race through the state forest in Cheraw, South Carolina. According to Mac Culom, K4AVR, they cut loose the 2wheel vehicles, then the 4 wheel vehicles, and after they have torn up the tracks they cut loose the motorcycles. Sounds like a blast! If you would like to volunteer to work this, sign up online at <http://sandblastrally.com/2012/volunteers.php>.

Volunteers get a t-shirt, free lunch, door prizes and more!

### February 4, 2012:

Charleston Hamfest, Charles-

### Website of the Month

Need to find out what contests are coming up and how to work them? Check out this website. <http://hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

ton, South Carolina.

**Boy Scout Jamboree:** The Boy Scouts had a jamboree at Camp Coker from November 18 thru 20. Chris Taylor and Earl Parnell set up 2 HF stations and helped get some of these young men on the air. This assisted many in getting the Radio merit badge. The first contact they made was in South Africa. All contacts made were SSB. The photo below is Chris working someone during a short break. They also slept in this shelter all weekend. Everyone had a great time and the boys were amazed by the idea that they could talk to someone so far away. So were a few of the scout masters!

