

# The FARC QSO

The Newsletter of the Florence Amateur Radio Club

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President Doug Macdonald opened the last meeting of his term at 7:30. Everyone introduced themselves. We initially had 19 members and 2 guests present.

John Germain, KA3JAL, gave this report:

<b>Began November</b>	<b>\$3,860.93</b>
<b>No Income</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>
<b>No Expenses</b>	<b>\$00.00</b>
<b>Ended November with</b>	<b>\$3,860.93</b>

The repeater account stands at **\$5,223.89**.

John also reported that he did have a few checks on his desk to be deposited in December.

**At this point** in the meeting the waitresses re-

turned with trays of FREE Hot Fudge Cake. If you were not at this meeting, you missed a great freebie! This is one more reason to come to the meetings if you can.



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

**Repeater Reports** - Rudolph Hatcher, W4YLX. The trustee of the 85 machine was not present, but it was declared working as people were using on the way to the meeting. Mac, McDaniel, W4PFZ, told us that the 97 and 444 were both working. He added that someone may need to check the antenna on the 97 because there was a close lightning strike.

**Old Business** - Once again club membership dues are due. Dues are \$36.00 per year plus \$14.00 for the repeater 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.

**New Business** - It was suggested that if we are going to do Field Day that perhaps we should start planning now. This will be discussed further at the next meeting, January 3rd, 2012. If you would like to be on the committee, please let

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**Meeting at  
Shoney's 7:30  
P.M. on the 3rd.**

us know.

Suzie Cullom, KG4YVJ, told us she had updated the member roster and later e-mailed copies out to the members.

**New members** – the club Considered and voted on membership for two new members at the December meeting. We accepted Ray Fisher and Blaise Haddock as new members of the FARC. If you hear them on the air welcome them to the club

**Election Time** - Elections for club officers were held at this meeting. Doug opened the floor for nominations, but no one else wanted to make any further nominations or volunteer for office. Elected by acclimation and vote were Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, President, Wayne Bramble, KJ4NNT, Vice President, and John Germain, KA3JAL, Secretary. Tim insists that the photo is not a mug shot from the police department.



Tim Kaylor, K4TGK

**60 Meter Changes** - The changes to operations on the (5)-60 meter channels that are allocated to the Amateur Radio Service have not gone into effect yet, so do not operate on these channels with the new privileges until they do. They will take effect 30 days after they are published in the Federal Register. The ARRL website will let us know when the changes take effect. Also, please remember we are secondary users on 60 meters.



Wayne Bramble, KJ4NNT

**January Birthdays** - Lots of people arrived in January!

- 3 – Rob Belinski, KJ4DGT
- 5 – Blaise Haddock, AK4BH
- 12 – Chris Taylor, KJ4NKS
- 16 - Ruth Wallace, KD4UXN
- 21 - Simon Carraway, NL7VR
- 24 - Tommy Walker, NG4S
- 28 - TC Taylor, WA4QMZ
- 30 - David McGlothlin, W4EPD

**Ann England, N2CFN - SK**

Ann England, one of our members from Hartsville, passed away on December 8th at home. She was 55 years old. Several members of the FARC attended the funeral on Sunday, December 11. She was active in our club and will be missed.

**Our Disabled List -**

It is with great pleasure we report no one having illnesses at this time.

**Upcoming Events -**

- **January 14** - Greenwood Hamfest, Greenwood, South Carolina.
- **February 4, 2012** - The Sandblast Rally is coming up Saturday, February 4th. Sign up online at <http://sandblastrally.com/2012/volunteers.php>.
- **February 4, 2012** - Charleston Hamfest, Charleston, South Carolina.

**VE Testing:** We held a successful VE testing session on December 10th. We had three people testing and one person grandfathered in.

Milton Cramer of Marion upgraded his technicians license to a general license by being grandfathered. He had passed the element three test prior to 1987. Since this was the exact same test as that needed for the general li-



cence and the only difference was the code requirement, now that the code is no longer required, he upgraded to a general license.

Tim Hanson of Florence passed his technician license and tried the general but did not pass. His new call is KK4FRC.

Carl Milbrodt of Mcbee upgraded from novice to technician to general all in one go. His call sign is KA8SYI.

The next testing session will be on February 11, 2012 at Methodist Manor at 9 AM

**New Style for the QSO** - We are trying out a new look for the QSO this month.

The format allows for the amount of news to fluctuate without causing problems with spacing, not getting in enough, not having enough space, etc. I would like to hear from you on the change. Is it good, bad, better, worse. Fonts too big? Fonts too small? Too many pictures or not enough? Let me know. This is YOUR publication. I promise I will not take it personally. (Actually, criticism is part of my regular job). If you have ANY ideas you would like to see incorporated, let me know. I don't know if I can always accommodate them, but I will try.

**Bojangles:** Don't forget to drop by. Bring a friend. Maybe they will get interested in amateur radio.



**BJ Lounge Saturday 9 a.m.**

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