

The FARC QSO

The Newsletter of the Florence Amateur Radio Club

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Club President Tim Kaylor, K4TGG, opened the May meeting at 7:30. There were introductions around. There were 17 members and 1 guest present.

Treasurer's Report - John Germain, KA3JAL, gave this report:



Began April	\$5,581.58
Purchased 100 Stamps	- 45.00
Ended April with	\$5,981.58

John told us there was a \$400 error in the last report and that the total shown above is now correct.

The repeater account stands at \$5,225.20.

We began 2012 with 55 members, 51 that pay dues and 4 lifetime members. We are now 46 members for 2012.

Sick List - Wayne Cook, W4ID had his last operation and is now getting much better.

Scott Thompson, KG4HIE was at the meeting again May 1st. He said he is feeling a lot better. His color is better and he has more "pep". His medications seem to be working well for him.

Repeater Reports - The 85 and 97 machines were reported as working fine. The 444 appears to have a receiving problem. It may need to be checked out.

Old Business - It would seem that the problem with getting volunteers is not just affecting the FARC. Tammy Livingston from the Columbia club sent out a plea for help also, saying that they had less than half the people they need to work an event on May 5th.

New Business - We will hold a special election at the June 5th meeting to elect a new Vice President. If you would like to put your hat in the ring, it would be appreciated. Duties are to conduct meetings if the president cannot, edit the QSO, and help make decisions among the officers of the club. You would also be expected, but not required, to move up to president of the club for the next year.

We are running out of officers. We need people to step up and help keep this club alive. We need a PIO person, someone involved in emergency communications, skywarn, and will need new officers in December. Will you get involved?

The Rural Heritage Festival - A card was delivered to



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

our secretary, John Germain, KA3JAL, from the people at the Pee Dee Research Center in appreciation of our help with the Festival. The card was a gift card to the Magic Mushroom Restaurant. John Returned the card with thanks and explained that being licensed by the FCC, we are to have NO pecuniary interest involved when we volunteer, and that we volunteer our services to help out. This was the correct thing to do as it avoids any kind of problem arising from the legal side of the issue, and it puts the FARC in a better light as to our intents and purposes.

Come join your Ham friends every Saturday morning



BJ Lounge Saturday 9 a.m.

Presentation At The June Meeting - John Crockett Jr., Vice President of Engineering at SC Educational Television will be giving a presentation on the SC Hearts repeater system. Be sure and attend to see this.

The "Mayfly" Airshow - We were not contacted for the airshow this year. Usually they have contacted the FARC early in the year and our members attend the planning meeting. We do not know why we were not contacted. It was decided that at this late date, organizing hams for this would not be easy or fair to us given that it would be such short notice, therefore the FARC will not participate in the airshow this year.

June Birthdays -

- 08 - James Starling, W4GEY
- 18 - Jesse Whetten, N7HPO
- 28 - Tom Hall, KF4KAE

Upcoming Events -

- **September 1-2** Shelby Hamfest in Dallas, North Carolina.
- **November 10** - Beach-Fest 2012. Grand Strand ARC Hamfest in Conway, SC.

Well now, does this look familiar?

This used to be a favorite strip in the Sunday paper. This particular one really hits home, doesn't it?

Special Event - Museum Ships Weekend - June 2, 0000Z, thru June 3, 2359Z.



Activating NA143, the Brazos Valley ARC will be operating from radio rooms of the WWII sub USS Cavalla and the Destroyer Escort USS Stewart. These ships are at Pelican Island off Galveston, Texas. Activity will be on 10-80m, SSB and CW. For more information, see <http://www.bvarc.org/index.php?page=ms>.

Videos - There are 2 training videos from the US Army that explain the basic principles of Frequency Modulation (FM) posted on YouTube. You can find them at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=4Qgg_upU_5s

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=JS8xlwyc6G4

Thanks to Lloyd Mitchell, KO4L, for finding these.

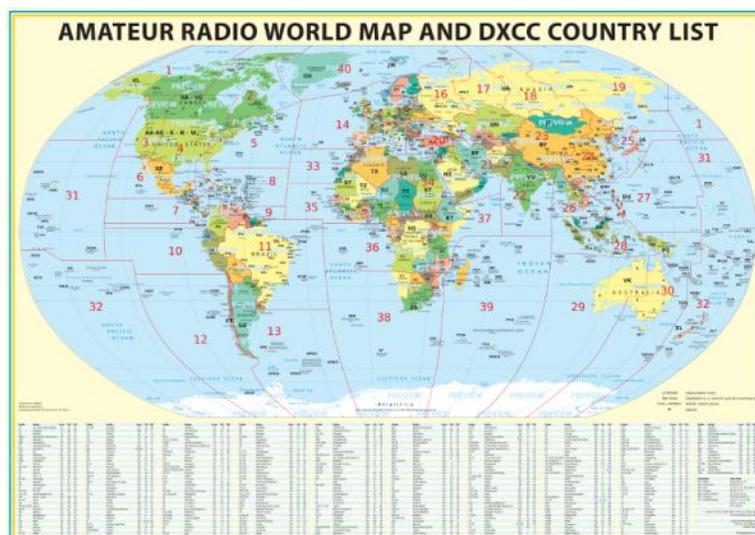
Vanity Call Sign Fee - The FCC may raise the cost of the vanity call sign. It is now \$14.20 for 10 years. They are looking at \$15 for 10 years, a raise of 80 cents.

The Dayton Hamvention - The Dayton Hamvention was held in Dayton, Ohio on May 18-20, at the Hara Arena. It was big and well attended. There were a couple of people from our area in attendance. Tim Kaylor, K4TGG and Bob Austin were there.



Carl Mibrodts of Patrick, SC, whom you may remember from some of our meetings, was also there. Carl was elevated from novice to extra by our VE team. He was there with the VE that gave him his novice exam.

Ham Radio Map available - This map is a good quality and has prefixes, CQ zones and other information including the current DX country list. It can be purchased at <http://www.hamradiomap.com>. You can download a PDF of the map free, but it has PREVIEW all over it. The pdf will let you see how sharp the print quality is.



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