

# The FARC QSO

The Newsletter of the Florence Amateur Radio Club

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President Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, opened the February meeting at 7:30. Everyone introduced themselves. There were 11 members and 3 guests present.

John Germain, KA3JAL, gave this report:

<b>Began January</b>	<b>\$3,860.93</b>
<b>Paid the SERA dues</b>	<b>-30.00</b>
<b>Deposited Dues</b>	<b>+387.50</b>
<b>Deposited Dues</b>	<b>+ 65.00</b>
<b>Ended January with</b>	<b>\$5,447.55</b>
<b>The repeater account stands at</b>	<b>\$5,224.55.</b>

We began 2012 with 55 members, 51 that pay dues and 4 lifetime members. As of the meeting, 40 members had paid their dues for 2012 and 11 have not.

**Reports** - There was no PIO report this meeting. Jack Jackson, N4JJ, has let us know he will not be at the next few meetings because of other commitments. If anyone would like to handle this, let us know.



**Sick List** - The South Carolina Single Side Band Net has lost its assistant net manager. Milton Kelley, K4GLT, passed away at age 84. He was from the Beaufort area and had been involved with the net since 1958. He will be missed.

N4JRY, Jerry Pollard of Timmonsville is out of the hospital and back home. He lost his foot, but is upbeat and forward looking.

**Repeater Reports** - All repeaters are reported as working.

**Old Business** - No old business was discussed.

**New Business** - Becky Medsker, KJ4LIF will check into getting the loan of a Kawasaki Mule for the Rural Heritage Festival in April.

Dennis Chapman, K4JUJ, of Whiteville, NC is interested in working the airshow. We look forward to working it with him.

Carl Milbrodt, KA8SYI, passed his technician and general exams last December and his Extra at this past session in February. He has expressed interest in coming to our meetings. Let's welcome him. He is from near Patrick, SC.

**MIT Class Online** - The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is offering a **free** class online. 6.002x (Circuits and Electronics) is a course first year under-



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



graduate Electrical Engineering. If you take this class it will require about 10 hours a week. Classes begin on March 5 and run through June 8. There will be midterm and final exams. You can earn a certificate if you pass. Wouldn't a document from MIT with your name on it look great on your shack wall? More information at <https://6002x.mitx.mit.edu/>.

**60 Meter Changes** - The changes to operations on the (5)-60 meter channels will go into effect on March 5, 2012. The changes were published in the Federal Register on February 3, and they go into effect 30 days later.

#### **March Birthdays -**

- 4 - Rudolph Hatcher, W4YLX
- 7 - Mac Cullom, KG4YVJ
- 7 - Olin (Mac) McDaniel, W4PFZ
- 8 - Morris Jones, NM4R
- 15 - Donna Dedonis, N4FJF
- 21 - Bob Austin, K7DVB

Due to an error in the membership list Connie Carraway's birthday was erroneously reported as being February 2. Her birthday is in May.

#### **Upcoming Events -**

- **March 10-11** - Charlotte Hamfest.
- **March 17, 2012** - McLeod Run/Walk. Event begins at Briggs Elementary School.
- **April 21, 2012** - The Rural Heritage Festival at the Clemson Extension property on Pocket Road.
- **May 19 and 20, 2012** - The Pee Dee Air Show at the Florence airport.

Come join your Ham friends every Saturday morning



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

**Sign Up!** - A sign up sheet is available for the McLeod Run/Walk and the Rural Heritage Festival if you would like to volunteer. Contact John Germain, KA3JAL, at ka3jal@aol.com or call him at 667-9702 (home) or 615-5534 (cell).

**Employed** - George Haddock, AJ4QY, has been trying to get on at Johnson Controls. He got the job and will be in Florence a lot more. We will see George and Blaise, AK4BH, at the meetings and Bojangles more often now.



**\*\*\*\*\*DUES!! - Don't forget that it is time to pay dues! In March it becomes \$60. If you can get it in before that it is \$55. HURRY! HURRY! HURRY! Get your dues to John Germain for 2012.\*\*\*\*\***

**VE Testing:** On February 11, 2012 the FARC held a testing session at Methodist Manor. Five people took exams. Four of them passed, three getting their technicians license and one passing the extra exam.

Savannah Eaddy now KK4GRZ.  
Mike Eaddy is now KK4GSA.  
Jennie Smith is now KK4GSB.  
Carl Milbrodt, KA8SYI, Earned his Amateur Extra Class license.

Filling out the forms.



Morris Jones, NM4R, waits to begin testing.

The next testing session will be on April 14, 2012 at Carolina's Hospital building B at 9 AM.



## It was a blast - A SANDBLAST!

Some photos of the SandBlast Rally action on February 4, 2012. Hams provided net control and communication for a romp through the Sand Hills State Forest near Patrick, SC.



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