

# The FARC QSO

The Newsletter of the Florence Amateur Radio Club  
Florence, South Carolina

146.850-, 146.970-, 444.000+

The January 8, 2013 meeting was called to order by President Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, at 7:30 PM. There were 19 people in attendance: 15 members and 4 guests.

It was especially nice to see Bekki, KJ4LIF, and TC, WA4QMZ, back after a long absence!

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The following report was given by John Germain, KA3JAL:

### General Fund

Beginning December, 2012: \$4805.94

End December, 2012: \$5998.22

Expenses for the month of December included the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter telephone bill and reimbursement to Mac, K4AVR, for the purchase of two HT chargers (for the HTs donated to the club), and rent payment for the USPS postal box.

Deposits for the month of December totaled \$1327.50, from the payment of dues.

### REPEATER FUND

Beginning December, 2012: \$5800.61

End December, 2012: \$5801.34

Increase due to interest paid.

### EM-COMM REPORT

Tim, K4TGK, had no updates to report, But has two additional people involved. If you are interested, see Tim with any questions and to request an application.

## Attending this Meeting

N4AAK – Bill	M
KJ4MWT – Kathy	G
K4NOC – Stormy	M
AK4BH – Blaise	M
AJ4QY – George	G
K7DVB – Bob	M
NoCall – Jan	G
KG4YVJ – Suzie	M
K4AVR – Mac	M
KJ4LIF – Bekki	M
KJ4DGT – Rob	M
KB4RRC – Donald	M
W4YLX – Rudolph	M
KD4WMC – Wink	G
W4PFZ – Mac	M
KA3JAL – John	M
WA4QMZ – TC	M
KI4TTS – Doug	M
K4TGK – Tim	M

M = Member

G = Guest



Meeting at Shoney's, Hwy. 52  
February 5, 2013 @7:30 PM  
Join us at 6:30 for dinner!

## **REPEATER REPORT**

All repeaters, 146.850, 146.970, and 444.000, are working fine! Although, the 444.000 needs some talking thru! The Dillon repeater, 146.745 (82.5 tone) is back up and running. Join in on the daily net at 9PM.

## **RECUPERATING HAMS**

Please keep the following of our fellow hams in your thoughts and prayers as they recuperate:

N4JJ – Jack Jackson                      WA4OPF – Horace Beasley              KF4KAE – Tom Hall  
KJ4BVO - Barney Weatherford      KM4D - Dave Jones  
KE4GV - Glenn Green                      KC4UTX – RK Harmon

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Florence Darlington Tech Scholarship Fund – The fund currently stands at \$6,693. It was decided to hold off on any decisions regarding the fund until Jack, N4JJ, is back with us, as he has been the liaison for the club with Tech.
- Annual Club Dues – Mac, K4AVR, reviewed the dues requirements for 25 ham clubs in the state. FARC has the highest listed dues of all clubs reviewed; the average being \$17.50 annually, not including FARC, and \$19.50 annually, including FARC.

The review, and subsequent discussion, was a result of the discrepancies in payments for several members from one family, especially when factoring in early payment discounts. Currently full annual dues are \$50, with \$36 designated to the general fund and \$14 to the repeater fund, with a discount given for early payment. There were many suggestions including: a flat dues fee, with the club voting to transfer money to the repeater fund; \$30 annually (submitted as a motion, but withdrawn); and elimination of the early payment discount (note that this was not met favorably as this was instituted in order to get timely dues payments). The club's current annual expenses (insurance, postal, Field Day, and phone) are approximately \$750. After much discussion, it was motioned, and seconded, to table any decision until John, KA3JAL, can review expenses and suggest a dues amount. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Volunteers Needed!**

- Rural Heritage Day, Clemson's Pee Dee Research and Education Center, Florence – April 13, 8:30 – 3:30. Both half and full day volunteers needed.

- (Note: FARC was listed as a sponsor for the 2012 event – good club publicity!)
- McLeod Run/Walk – March 16, 7:30 - noon. Keep it in mind!
- Nucor Run/Walk – March 2, 8AM at Lee State Park. Tim, K4TGK, was approached about communications volunteers for this 5K event. Nucor will be raising money for Lee State Park and for Carolina Clear. Another good, early morning opportunity!

**Goodyear ARC, Akron, OH** - The club received a letter from Rich Custer, AF1K, president of the Goodyear ARC. He sent condolences to the club upon learning that Harry Paxton, W8IXZ, is now a silent key. He said that Harry had been an active member of GARC. He sent well wishes for our club and the new year.

**Net Manager** - Still looking for a volunteer to be net manager for the area. This involves tracking traffic counts and reporting monthly. Anyone?

**10-Meter Net** - It was reported that the check-ins have further dropped off since moving the net from Wednesday evening to Sunday afternoon. It was voted to discontinue this net. The announcement needs to be removed from the repeater.

**Club Website** – Tim, K4TGK, has the website back up and running. Thank you, Tim! He has provided a calendar with links to events, as available. If you have any suggestion or comments, let Tim know.

**Hellos and Goodbyes** – Jesse, N7HPO, will be moving to Richmond, VA. The club wishes him the best! The following new members were voted in: Dave Jones, KM4D, George Haddock, AJ4QY, and Kathy Haddock, KJ4MWT. Welcome!

**Next Test Session** – The next testing session will be held on February 9, 2013, 9 AM, at the Methodist Manor. VEs – don't forget to wear your badges!

### February Birthdays

James Griffin, KJ4RGV - February 22  
 Scott Thompson, KG4HIE – February 19



### DON'T FORGET!

Bojangles, Celebration Avenue  
 Every Saturday morning at 9AM



## FUN STUFF

Have you ever noticed...



...how certain things are just meant to go together...

## TRIVIA

This month's ham trivia question: What is pupinization?  
(Check next month for the answer!)

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Annual club dues are \$36, plus \$14 for the repeater fund, due on January 1 of each year.

The FARC net meets each week on Monday at 8:30PM on 146.850-.