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In the absence of our President, the April 5th meeting of the Florence Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by our former President, K4TGK, Tim Kaylor. All present identified

themselves.

PIO - K4TGK, Tim Kaylor let us know that he had been appointed PIO for the area and had been informed after the fact. He wondered how that happened.

VE – K4TGK, Tim Kaylor, reported that the two new Hams who took their tests in February worked the McLeod Run/Walk on March 19. The next VE session will be on Saturday, April 9 at Carolinas Hospital, Building B starting at 9:00 AM. All VE's should come early. If you want to take practice tests to upgrade, look on our website to see links to several organizations which offer practice tests. We recommend that you try more than one site.

Repeaters -- W4GEY reported that the '97 Repeater is working well. K4TGK reported that the '85 and the 444 repeaters are working properly.

Net Manager – We are still in need of a Net Manager for the Monday Night Ragchew Net. It is a very easy job. If you would be willing to serve,

April 5 Attendance

N4AAK - Bill Cheney
KK4VXD - Isaac Rutan
K7DVB - Bob Austin
NOCALL - Jan Austin GUEST
KM4MII - Brian Richardson
KM4MQN - Russell Wilson
KK4ZMK - Dean Lisenby
KM4NYV - Bryan Foxworth
KM4RCP - Doug Brian
W4GEY - James Starling
K4TGK - Tim Kaylor

May Birthdays

1 Joe Pennington
17 Becky Hopkins
22 Horace Beasley, WA4OPF
27 Doug MacDonald, KI4TTS

FARC Meeting

May 3, 2016
7:30 P.M.
Shoney's



please talk to K4AVR.

Bank Account: K4AVR is now able to sign checks on the FARC account as noted at the last meeting.

Field Day: NO8X, Jay Hopkins, is our Field Day Chairman. He and K4AVR have obtained the use of Ebenezer Park. We will be able to use the park overnight on June 25 & 26 and to use generators to power our radios. We have the antennas from N4JJ and we have several radios. There was a lively discussion about directions to get to the park.

Thank You: K4AVR wanted to thank all of the operators who helped with the McLeod Run/Walk. It was a good day.

McLeod Dillon 5K: We will be helping McLeod Dillon with their Run/Walk on April 30. We will meet at the Dillon Wellness Center at 7:00 A.M. The race will start at 8:00 AM. We will probably use simplex. We could use several more operators.

Pee Dee Outdoor Discovery Day: We will be helping the Clemson Extension with their Outdoor Discovery Day on May 7. We will need 6 to 8 operators. KA3JAL and K4TGK would love to hear from you. The festivities start at 8:00 AM. We will make the final arrangements at the next meeting.

Banners: K4TGK will be ordering two banners for FARC. Our old banner was stored at N4JJ's home. Since it was not found, we need something for Field Day. Each banner will cost about \$50 and K4TGK will donate them to the club.

CAP Open House: N4AAK, Bill Cheney, invited all members to the CAP Open House on Thursday, April 7, at the CAP Building at the Florence Airport. There will be displays about Cadets, Communications and Air Operations. The USAF discontinued their HF Nets in favor of satellite communications but has decided to reactivate HF. They are now using the CAP Nets including digital HF and Encrypted HF.

New Member – KM4RCP, Doug Brian applied for FARC membership. Doug is a Technician and a friend of KJ4VCF, Scott Burns. He was voted into the club. Welcome Doug.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:15.

Treasurer's Report – KA3JAL, John Germain, was not at the April meeting. He has submitted the following information to the membership.

Checking Account 3/31/16	\$2906.43
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Savings Account 3/31/16	\$6998.71
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Note: \$500 will be sent to the FDTC Scholarship this month.

Checking in on a net – Since we have several new hams get their license recently perhaps we should introduce them to our nets.

There are several nets in our area. The first one to mention is the Florence 2 Meter Net. You will find it on every Monday night on 146.850 MHz This is the local net with mostly your friends from the Florence Amateur Radio Club. It is often controlled by Suzie Cullom, KG4YVJ or Mac Cullom, K4AVR. Sometimes someone else may cover for them. This net is quite informal. To join in, simply wait for the net controller to call for check-ins. Then call the net controller. For instance, if Suzie is running the net, key the mike, say “net control” then release the key and listen for a moment to see if you doubled with anyone. Then say “Please check in” and give your call. After check-ins, the net will proceed round-robin to each check in. This is a very informal group and a great way to get started in the nets.

Every night on 3.915 MHz, LSB, at 7:00 p.m. is the South Carolina Single Sideband Net. This is a more formal and more structured net. The check in procedure is similar to the one above, but there are some differences. To begin with, the check-in roll call is done alphabetically according to the first letter of your call sign prefix. For instance, my call sign is K4TGK and the suffix is “TGK”. Therefore, I will check in when the net controller calls for the letter grouping that contains the letter “T”. When I check in, this net also will ask you to give your call, your name, where you are, whether you have traffic for the net, and whether or not you will be staying for the rag chew portion of the net. For instance, I may check in “Please check in K4TGK, Tim in Florence, South Carolina, negative and negative. The two negatives indicate traffic and rag chew as mentioned above. You may say something like no traffic but will stay for the rag chew.

There are a few other nets in our area and a lot more of them on HF all across the country. To find out their protocols and how to get involved, it is always a good idea to listen first, then, when you have figured out what the procedure is, call and join the conversation.

Tim – K4TGK

VE Test Results:

Two gentlemen took VE Tests at Carolinas Hospital on April 9. One gentlemen did not pass. We have a new General. Eugene A. Vaughn passed the Technician missing one question and then aced the General. He is now KM4TDI. Congratulations to him.



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