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The July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Florence Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:25 P.M. by our President, K4AVR, Mac Cullom. All present identified themselves.

We received an e-mail from Mrs. Glenn Rose, the widow of David Rose, W4AYQ. She has some of his radio equipment and would like someone to take a look to see if any of it would be useful to any new Hams. She would like it to go to a good home. N4AAK, Bill Cheney, volunteered to inventory his equipment and see that it gets to a good home. Bill has known David since college and would be pleased to help.

**Secretary/Treasurer:** Since KA3JAL, John Germain, was unable to attend tonight, KG4YVJ, Suzie Cullom, read his report.

There has been no change in the treasury since last month.

The checking account remains at **\$3,336.33**

The savings account remains at **\$6,993.53**

He needs to transfer \$500 to the Scholarship at Florence Darlington Tech soon.

At the last meeting we had 11 members and one guest.

Anyone who spent money for Field Day should get receipts to John.

### July 5th Attendance

K4AVR – Mac Cullom  
KG4YVJ – Suzie Cullom  
KG4HIE – Scott Thompson  
KM4NYV – Bryan Foxworth  
KI4TTS – Doug Macdonald  
WA4OPF – Horace Beasley  
WA4BUO – Tom Morgan  
N4AAK – Bill Cheney  
K7DVB – Bob Austin  
No Call – Jan Austin  
KM4RCP – Doug Brian  
Guest -- Devin Brown  
Guest – Thomas Willis



### August Birthdays

4 Suzie Cullom. KG4YVJ  
9 Jim Dedonis, KD4VH  
12 Tommy Johnson, N4TJ

### FARC Meeting

August 2, 2016

7:30 P.M.

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John received a very lovely Thank You note from Eugene and Dana Jones, the Grandson and Daughter of W4ID, Wayne Cooke. They wanted to thank the club for the friendship and help offered to Wayne over the years. He will bring the note to the meeting the next time he is able to attend.

John will have open heart surgery to replace his Aortic Valve on July 28th. Please keep John and Carol in your thoughts and prayers.

**PIO:** K4TGK was unable to be at the meeting. Jan Austin acted as PIO for our Field Day. She made sure that the local media had information about Field Day. She arranged for articles in the Morning News, the News Journal and the Dillon newspaper. She also arranged for a TV interview by WBTW which was excellent. Both she and KO4L, Lloyd Mitchell put out information on Facebook. We thanked Jan with a round of applause.

**Repeaters:** K4AVR reported that the '85 and the 444 repeaters are working properly as well as the '97.

**Field Day Results:** We have electronically submitted the following information to the ARRL:

- 407 CW contacts worth 2 points each
- 55 digital contacts worth 2 points each
- 203 phone contacts worth 1 point each
- Points doubled again for using under 150 watts.
- For a total of 2254 operational points.

Our Bonus Points were 1350 for a Grand Total of 3604.

The last time FARC held a Field Day, about 5 years ago, we had about 3600 points which was the highest 3A score in the state and about 7<sup>th</sup> in the country. We hope we do that well this year. It came out better than we thought.

Bill Cheney, N4AAK, requested that the Field Day Results be published on our website. (Note: In lieu of this request, the full results were e-mailed to all members.)

K4AVR thanked everyone who helped with Field Day. He pointed out several members. Jan Austin and Suzie Cullom, KG4YVJ, fed everyone. KM4NYV, Bryan Foxworth, was our Safety Officer who kept us in compliance of our Safety List and as such gained us 100 points. Doug Brian, KM4RCP, ran the digital station all night long when his replacement didn't show up. Jay Hopkins, NO8X, wanted to run the CW station but was not getting his proficiency back fast enough. He and Mark Davis, N4MXP, flew up to Hendersonville, NC to get our former member Greg Davis, N3ZL, who is a great CW operator. Greg made over 350 contacts of our 407.

We had an elected official to visit us. KK4NFG, Dustin Failes, was elected to head the new West Florence Fire District. His station is just down the road from Ebenezer Park. Jim Grant, KJ4CMN, is with the Horry County Emergency Management Department. He came by on Sunday Morning. You may remember that he came to our May meeting.

The Florence County Emergency Management Public Information Officer, Andrew Golden, came and inspected our Field Day set-up. He would like to reestablish a relationship with FARC. We were working to support the Red Cross and to help McLeod Hospital set up repeaters on several buildings and the Florence County Emergency Management was not interested in using our capability.

**Red Cross:** AF4UZ, Matt McGuire contacted K4AVR when he was in Saluda, N.C. and wanted to discuss reestablishing the relationship of FARC with the Red Cross. At one time the Florence Red Cross was a stand alone unit but when they lost their emergency manager, the Florence Office was folded in to the Horry County Red Cross. After that FARC was no longer allowed to use their building for VE testing, we were locked out of the radio room and not allowed to repair or remove antennas from the roof. We do not have a good relationship but we would be willing to discuss improving it.

**AUXCOMM & FEMA Courses:** State Emergency Management is replacing ARES with AUXCOMM. Anyone wanting to be part of AUXCOMM needs to pass FEMA Courses 100, 200, 700 and 800. Our guest, Devin Brown is a firefighter from the Oak Grove station. His Captain has qualified instructors for FEMA courses. Devin will ask whether civilians will be able to access these classes and will let us know. These courses can be taken on line. After Hurricane Katrina Hams who went to help would not follow FEMA orders and FEMA tried to hire Hams. The FCC corrected that since Hams are not allowed to be paid for their services. We only have four members who have taken these FEMA courses and we need to get more of our members qualified.

**VE –** At Field Day, K4TGK, Tim Kaylor, officiated at a VE Test. We had four people to try for a license. We made two new Technicians. One person tried Technician and another tried the Extra unsuccessfully. One of the new Technicians is Larry Madden, KM4UYG, the other new Technician is Ashley Ross, KM4UYH. She is a Pharmacist and the granddaughter of our former member KA4PVT, James McColl. As they left the park, James bought one of KC4UTX's 2-meter radios so she went home with a license and a radio.

**Technician Class at Governor's School –** The Trident ARC will be teaching a Technician Class at the Governor's School in Hartsville on July 18 through July

22. The students will be 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade level. They will have class each morning and will be on HF and VHF during the afternoon. If you hear them on PALS, Florence '85 or on the Heart system, please talk to them and ask them a question that cannot be answered Yes or No, such as "Where do you go to school" or "Do you have a pet and what is his or her name." On Friday afternoon they will take the Technician test. We hope we make lots of new young Hams.

**The meeting Adjourned** at 8:15 P.M.

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N4TJ – Tommy Johnson: Our good friend N4TJ, Tommy Johnson, has had serious health problems for several months. He had surgery here at McLeod several months ago to remove a toe. A second toe was possibly compromised but the doctors thought that toe could be saved but would require a course of heavy antibiotics. There are only a few facilities that were able to handle this protocol. There are two in South Carolina but both were full. Tommy was sent to a facility in Greensboro, N.C. When that course was finished and the toe saved, Tommy was moved closer to home. He is now in Georgetown for rehabilitation.

Tommy's birthday is August 12. All of you who know Tommy may want to send him a card or call him on the phone. Tommy's legal name is Charles T. Johnson and that is how he is known at the facility. Here is the contact information:

Mr. Charles T. Johnson, Room 3  
Blue Ridge in Georgetown  
2715 South Island Rd.  
Georgetown, S.C. 29440

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K4AVR will not be at the August meeting.  
KG4HIE, our Vice President will preside.

Our next VE Session will be the first Saturday  
Of October at Methodist Manor.



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