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The February 7th meeting of the Florence Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by our President, KK4MQN, Russell Wilson. All present identified themselves.

Secretary/Treasurer –Our Secretary/ Treasurer, Dean Lisenby, indicated that the minutes of the last meeting were printed in the February QSO, the minutes were accepted as printed. Treasurers Report – As of today:

Checking Account Today	\$2,991.08
Liability Ins,	- 300.00
Dues & Sale of NM4R	
Equipment	+ 435.00

Repeater Fund \$7,500.29

\$500 still needs to be transferred to the Scholarship at Florence Darlington Tech. The balance in the Scholarship fund stands at \$10,000.18 before the transfer.

PIO & VE—Our PIO, K4TGK, Tim Kaylor, was not in attendance but we will have a VE test on Saturday, February 11, at Carolinas Hospital.

Beachfest 2017 – KF4ECK, Edward Jordan and AG4CL, Larry Strickland from the Grand Strand

February Attendance

KK4MQN – Russell Wilson
KK4ZMK – Dean Lisenby
AG4CL – Larry Strickland
KF4ECK – Edward Jordan
K4AVR – Mac Cullom
KG4YVJ – Suzie Cullom
KG4HIE – Scott Thompson
KI4TTS – Doug Macdonald
KC4WZL – Russell Washburn
KM4NYV – Bryan Foxworth
N4AAK – Bill Cheney
KK4VWY – David Beasley
KM4ZMW – Art McCutchan
W4GEY – Jim Starling

March Birthdays

7 Mac Cullom, K4AVR
21 Bob Austin, K7DVB
30 Jack Kolesar, N3AJU



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Shoney's

Amateur Radio Club visited with us to tell us about the 2017 Beachfest which will be held on November 11th. This year they plan to have a drawing for \$100 on Friday evening, November 10 with all preregistrants eligible. There will also be a prize given to the club with the most members attending. As usual there will be several vendors, VE testing, onsite concessions and outside tailgating. Edward brought 2 tickets to give away. KK4ZMK, Dean, was the lucky winner. Visit www.w4gs.org for complete details.

New Business

Girl Scouts – Dean, KM4ZMK, received a letter from Celestine Howard of Girl Scout Troop 778 asking for our help to partner with her girls to work on their Radio Patch. We have never worked with the Girl Scouts but Dean will contact Celestine to find out what they would require. For some more information look at <http://www.arrl.org/girl-scouts-radio-patch> He will also explore if there is any way we can help with Boy Scout Merit Badges by contacting KJ4NKS, Chris Taylor, our former member who is on the Scout Board. Dean will have a report at the next meeting.

Field Day – K4AVR reported that the Greater Pee Dee Radio Society (the Dillon Net) has expressed interest in joining our Field Day operations. We will welcome their help.

Presentations at our Meetings – Russell, KK4MQN, would like to have presentations at our meetings. He would like suggestions of subjects of interest and willing presenters.

New Members – We have applications for membership from:

KK4NFG, Dustin Fails

N4XJC, Harry Huggins

N4RMA, Freddie Schafer

After discussion, we voted to accept all three as new members

Infirmity Net

Jan, No Call – Jan has been under the weather since Christmas. The doctors have ruled out most serious conditions but have not identified the problem. She is better but still having some problems. She is undergoing Physical Therapy and is feeling better. They hope to make the next meeting.

Tommy Johnson, N4TJ – Tommy has been moved to Sunny Acres Nursing Facility, 1727 Buck Swamp Road, Fork, SC, 29543. Phone (843) 464-6212. Remember his name is Charles T. Johnson although we know him as Tommy.

Dave Jones, KM4D – Dave has limited heart function. He has been in and out of the hospital recently. His spirits are good but he tires easily. We have recently heard that he may be a candidate for a heart transplant. Keep Dave and Bonnie in your prayers.

Upcoming Events

Sandblast Rally = March 4 -- For information check www.sandblastrally.com.

Charlotte Hamfest – March 10 & 11.

McLeod Run/Walk – The annual McLeod Run/Walk at Briggs School will be held on **March 18th**. We will need at least 7 operators. K4AVR will act as Net Control and we will use the 97 repeater.

Raleigh Hamfest—April 15th. At the NC State Fairgrounds

McLeod Dillon Run/Walk -- April 29th. We will need operators.

UpstateHamfest – May 6th at the Spartanburg Fairground.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

VE Test – February 11, 2017 – We had a very successful VE session with seven applicants and all were successful. We congratulate two new Extras – N4XJC, Harry Huggins, and KM4ZNX, Charles Parish of Conway. We congratulate one new General – KM4ZNW, Art McCutchan. We congratulate four new Technicians – KN4AXW, Stephen Craven of Dalzell; KN4AXX, Donna Ruff of Florence; KN4AXY, Raymond Schaffer of Florence and KN4AXZ, Scott Zack of Manning.

Dues Payments – Any members wanting to pay your dues, you can bring the money to the next club meeting or the Saturday Breakfast. You can also mail it to our new Treasurer at:

Dean Lisenby, KK4ZMK
3102 Wainwright Ct.
Florence, SC 29501

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Saturday Breakfast at BoJangles
Mar. 4 – Sandblast Rally
Mar. 10 & 11 – Charlotte Hamfest
March 18 – McLeod Run/Walk
April 15 -- Raleigh Hamfest
April 29 – McLeod Dillon Run/Walk
May 6 – Upstate Hamfest



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The FARC rag chew net meets each Monday night at 8:30PM on 146.85