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In the absence of our President, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 by our Vice President, KI4ORA, Jim Lavia, and all members and guests identified themselves.

Treasurer: KA3JAL, John Germain gave the following report:

Started June with	\$ 2,371.49
Dues Deposited	+ 50.00
Dues Refunded	- 50.75
Field Day Food & Drink	- 93.55
Third Qtr. 97 Phone	- 32.88
Ended May with	\$2,244.31

The repeater fund stands at \$3,920.49. Club membership stands at 51 with 4 lifetime and 47 dues paying. We had 28 at the May meeting with 29 members and 2 guests.

ARRL SECTION & PIO: N4JJ, Jack Jackson reported that this year we will have the election of the Roanoke Division Director and Vice Director. Our own N2ZZ, Dr. Jim Boehner, plans to run for Vice Director but may run for Director if W4PWF, Dennis Bodson, the current Director, decides not to run again. More information will be available be-

fore the actual election in the fall.

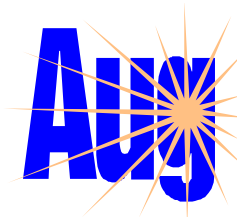
The press coverage for our Field Day activities was excellent. We had a great front page spread in the Morning News and articles in the News & Press as well as The News Journal.

Emergency Communications:

The ID Badges made with the photos taken at the May meeting were distributed. W4PFZ, Mac McDaniel, will take photos of any members who did not get to the May meeting. (See article following page.)

Repeaters: All repeaters are healthy.

Field Day: N4JJ reported that Field Day was very successful. Preliminary numbers show that we received between 4500 and 5000 points. We made lots of contacts. Our GOTA (Get On The Air) Station did not have a qualified new operator this year but we did have two Third-Party operators. Jackie Horton, who hopes to get her license very



Meeting at
Shoney's'
7:30 PM on
the 4th.

soon, had several contacts and a young man named Dillon, who at only 13 is very interested in becoming licensed also.

Lake Darpo has been secured for next year, but we had a lively discussion about whether Field Day was about getting points or public display. Lake Darpo is excellent for us but is hard to find for the general public. We discussed other locations which might encourage public participation such as The Leatherman Center, Florence EOC, the Knights of Columbus facility near the airport and Ebenezer Park. Another idea was to have a remote location to work the Lake Darpo site. Although that station would not give Field Day points, it might be a way to have the public participate. A third idea was to promote the club by having an educational booth at local events such as MayFly and Florence Red Wolves baseball games. We are open to all ideas and will discuss this at again in coming months.

During this discussion, KJ4HZM, Adam Tomlin, joined us. Adam works with CSX Railway and has recently been transferred to Florence. He comes to us from north central Florida and will be moving his family here as soon as he can sell his house. He has only been licensed since last fall. He has the times and frequencies of local nets so if you hear him on the air, welcome him to the area.



Scholarship: N4JJ reported that he had not yet contacted FDTC about our Scholarship but planned to do it within the next month.

W4PFZ received a letter from KI4PKO, Bill Dease at USC and did not understand why. K4AVR, Mac Cullom, explained that USC in conjunction with SCHEART is implementing Radio Response Teams (RRT) to support hospitals. This letter requests General Class and above operators to learn about this initiative. They are looking for operators to work radios within the member hospitals during emergency situations. At this time FARC has a memo of understanding with the Red Cross and might not be have enough personnel available to handle working for both agencies. We may hear more about this because N4DOU will be working with the McLeod RRT.

Not having an item to raffle off, KI4ORA suggested KI4MVA's little red Miata. That idea got a good laugh. The meeting closed at 8PM.

ID Badges

At the May meeting, W4PFZ, Mac McDaniel, took photos of the 23 members present and later KI4ORA made up ID Badges which were then laminated by KO4L, Lloyd Mitchell. These badges were distributed at the July meeting. That means that there are 30 members who do not have the new badges.

W4PFZ plans to bring his camera equipment to the August meeting. Any members who have not been photographed, are encouraged to attend the August meeting. According to our records, the following members have not been photographed:

KJ4DGT, KB4RRC, N4AAK, KG4BZK, W4ID, N4FJF, KD4VH, KD4WMC, KE4GV, KF4KAE, KC4UTX, KI4OEU, KI4LJT, N4TJ, NM4R, KJ4DGU, KF4HJS, KA4PVT, W4EPD, N4URR, KO4L, KF8MC, W4JM, K4KSX, K4OVV, KG4HIE, KD4BUF, NG4S, KD4UXN and WD4CHS.

August Birthdays

- 4 Suzie Cullom. KG4YVJ
- 9 Jim Dedonis, KD4VH
- 12 Tommy Johnson, N4TJ
- 19 Jack Jackson, N4JJ
- 30 Laurie Sansbury, Sr., K4OVV

Upcoming Events

- August 8 - CFARS Swapfest
Fayetteville, NC
- Sept 5&6 - Shelby Hamfest
Dallas, NC

NEW HAMS

In the past few weeks, SCHEARTS has held three Technician Classes followed by VE Tests. The class in Conway on June 12 made 12 licensees, the class in Florence on July 10 licensed 20 and the class in Columbia on July 14 licensed 23 more. These new Hams are all over the eastern part of South Carolina and you will probably hear some of them on our local frequencies. We would like to congratulate all of these new Hams especially KJ4NJL, Jackie Horton who comes to our meetings.

Field Day Photographs



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