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FARC**

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In the absence of both the President and Vice-President, the October meeting was called to order at 7:35 by our Secretary, KA3JAL, John Germain, and all members and guests identified themselves.

**Treasurer:** KA3JAL, John Germain gave the following report:

Started September with	\$ 1,901.67
<u>    Dues &amp; Badge Fees</u>	<u>    + 21.00</u>
Ended September with	\$ 1,922.67

The repeater fund stands at \$3,921.89. Club membership stands at 52 with 4 lifetime and 48 dues paying. We had 27 at the September meeting with 22 members and 5 guests.

**Repeaters:** The 97 repeater is fine but W4PFZ, Mac McDaniel, reported that the 85 repeater died at 2 PM today but came back on the air very soon. We will need to look into this.

**FDTECH:** The letter has been sent to TECH asking them to freeze all of our funds until further notice to allow these funds to grow

**ARRL/PIO** N4JJ, Jack Jackson

reminded us that our South Carolina ARRL Section Manager, N2ZZ, Dr. Jim Boehner, is running for the office of Assistant Director for the Roanoke Division. The ballots will be mailed to all ARRL members very soon. Please remember to vote.

There followed a discussion of the FCC interpretation of Part 97 and how it will affect the use of Amateur Radio in emergency situations including the SC-HEART initiative and how new laws about using cell phones while driving might affect mobile HAM operations.

**Website:** KO4L, Lloyd Mitchell, was out of town but we hope to have a membership application, our brochure and some photos of members and past events to show our history.

**VE:** N4MXP, Mark Davis will be holding the next VE session on October 10 and asked for help



*Meeting at  
Shoney's'  
7:30 PM on  
the 3rd.*

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from any available VE. *Details Below.*

**JOTA:** Our newest member, KJ4NJS, Chris Taylor, is planning to have radios set up at Florence Darlington Tech on Saturday, October 17 and would like some additional operators to help. *Details Below.*

**Election of Officers:** Our Vice President was not at the meeting but will present a slate of FARC officers for 2010 at the November meeting.

**ELMER Session:** Since KO4L will not be able to host such a session at the Forestry this year, we discussed alternate locations and KJ4DGT, Rob Belinski, will try to get permission to use a facility at the GE plant. We will probably need a projector.

**New Members:** Two of our old members, KF2X, Craig, and N2CFN, Ann England, applied for membership. Craig is retired from Dibold and Ann currently works at Sunoco. The assembled members voted to accept their applications. Welcome back to both of you.

**Name Badges:** Several members were opposed to the recent club rule about displaying name badges at meetings or paying a fine of \$1 to the club. After discussion, the attending members voted to retain the rule.

**Christmas Party:** N4JJ, Jack Jackson announced with regrets



that he would not be able to host the annual Christmas meeting at his house this year. He has been hosting this event for the over 20 years. Thank you Jack, for all your past efforts.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

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## VE Team Bats 1000

On Saturday, October 17, our VE Team sponsored an Examination session at the Methodist Manor. There were only two applicants but both were successful. Johnny Little of Darlington took and passed both the Technician and the General exams and is now KJ4PTA and AJ4TH, Charles Smith of Blythewood took and passed the Extra. Congratulations to both.

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## November Birthdays

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- 1 Tim Webber, WD4CHS
  - 12 Wayne Cooke, W4ID

## Jamboree On The Air October 17, 1009

On Friday, KJ4BVM, Earl Parnell, N4MXP, Mark Davis and KJ4NKS, Chris Taylor set up a tarp and canopy in front of the new South Eastern Institute of Manufacturing and Technology located at the back of the Florence Darlington Technical College campus. They set up a homemade fan dipole to cover 20, 40 and 80 meters, a 20 meter dipole and a 6 meter J-pole.



The event started at about 8:30 on Saturday morning. Five scouts stayed for the entire event, one scout came for about an hour and KJ4DGT brought his two daughters. Using 2-Meter HT's, the kids were able to contact Greenville, Claussen, Sumter and Seneca. Once the HF was operating, they were able to make contacts on Sullivan's Island, John's Island, Irmo, St. Matthews, Andrews, Kingstree and Myrtle Beach within the state. Out of state contacts included Atlanta, Ga., Orlando, FL, Canton, OH, Kansas, Virginia, Maryland, Penn-



sylvania and Rhode Island.

KJ4DJG, Dyke Green, brought his HF mobile rig and although they were able to hear some stations in Germany, they were not able to make contact. KF2X, Craig England and KJ4PTA, John Little of Darlington who had just passed his Technician and General tests the week before, were there to help. KI4TTS, Doug Macdonald and KJ4NJX, Glen Tucker provided local 2 meter contacts from across town and KJ4LIF, Bekki



Medsker, provided hands-on help and her famous sticky buns for snacks.

The smiles and incredulity on the scout faces at the magic of radio was heartwarming and ample reward for our efforts.

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