

## New Meeting Location

We will be meeting at the Shoney's at US52 & I95 for the winter starting with the February meeting.



Our January meeting was called to order by our new President, KI4ORA, Jim Lavia, at 7:30 pm. All members identified themselves and we had KJ4RGM, David Rose, of Kingstree; K3IBO, Bill Biagioli, of Florence; and KJ4QPL, James Mazingo of Sumter who are planning to become members and WA4BOU, Tom Morgan, of Bishopville, is thinking about it.

W8IXZ, Harry Paxton, our oldest member, is celebrating 60 years as a Ham. W4PFZ, Olin McDaniel, admitted to 61 years as a Ham and K3IBO admitted that he was first licensed before WWII but let his license lapse for 35 years.

KA3JAL, John Germain gave the following Treasurer's Report:

Began December with	\$1,880.56
85 Repeater parts	- 105.80
85 Repeater shipping	- 16.22
PO Box Rent for 2010	-44.00
Deposit Dues	+365.00
Memorial to Peg King	- 50.00
Dues Overpayment	- 5.00
Deposit Dues	+1,080.00
Ended December with	\$3,104.54

The Repeater Fund stands at \$3,921.89.

We had a total of 32 at the December meeting with 26 members and 6 guests. Membership stands at 54

N4JJ, Jack Jackson reported that N4UPF, Mark Tarplee, formerly the Section Technical Coordinator, is now the new South Carolina Section Manager. He will fill the remaining term of N2ZZ, Dr. Jim Boehner, who has been elected as the Vice Director of the Roanoke Division. Mark is very capable and should do an excellent job.

**Repeater Report:** All three repeaters have been operating well this past month.

**Elmer Class:** KO4L, Lloyd Mitchell reported about the class. He was rather disappointed with the number of attendees however everything

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7:30 PM on  
the 2nd.*

went very well and lots of good information was passed. Lloyd hopes that when we have another similar class in the future, we should advertise the event more effectively.

W3IBO, Bill Biagioli, reported that he has a shipping container full of electronic "stuff" that he has accumulated over the years operating a medical electronics manufacturing business. He would like to sell some and give away both parts and tools. You can reach him at 664-9908.

KG4HIE, Scott Thompson, mentioned the Sandblast Car Rally to be held on Saturday, February 6, in the Sandhill State Forest near Cheraw. Anyone interested in participating should contact KD4VIF, John Eskridge at KD4VIF@yahoo.com.

The Charleston Hamfest will also be held on Saturday, February 6 at the Ladson Exchange Park in Ladson, SC. KG4YVJ, Suzie Cullom as Secretary/Treasurer of the SC SingleSideband Net, invited all FARC members to visit her at the SCSSB table.

W4PFZ mentioned the article in the News Journal about N4JJ. He had taken the photo and presented a copy to Jack.

N4JJ then took the floor and admitted that although having a name badge as identification at meetings might prove helpful, some members dislike the \$1 fine for lack of a name badge. He proposed that we use a carrot rather than a stick by allowing only those members who display



their callsign be eligible to participate in the drawing at the end of each meeting. After a great deal of humorous talk, the members voted to delete the fine.

KI4LJT, Gerard Jebaily, expressed the appreciation of the Clemson Extension for the help we provided at the Heritage Festival held last April. They were impressed at how much more smoothly the event ran with the addition of radio communications and they would like to invite us to participate in this year's event to be held on April 17 at the Clemson Extension from 11am to 5pm. Please let Gerard know if you will be willing to help.

We then voted on the membership applications of KJ4RGM, David Rose, K3IBO, Bill Biagioli and KJ4QPL, James Mazingo. We voted to accept all three for membership. Congratulations.

The Charlotte Hamfest will be held this year on March 13 in Concord, NC. We will have more information at the next meeting.

Our new President, KI4ORA, Jim

Lavia would like some ideas to add a short program to our meetings. He asked that members send their ideas to him by e-mail.

W4ORW, Wayne Howell, reminded us that the next VE test session will be held on Saturday, February 13 at the Methodist Manor starting promptly at 9am.

N4JJ then distributed the tickets for our drawing. WA4OPF, Horace Beasley won a hand-cranked emergency radio and KO4L, Lloyd Mitchell won a 2010 ARRL calendar. Jack asked that all members check their junkboxes for items suitable to our drawings.

After lots of humorous comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

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### **February Birthdays**

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17 Steve Rath, W4JM  
19 Scott Thompson, KG4HIE  
22 Glen Greene, KE4GV  
28 Dave Jones, KM4D

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### **Member of the Month Bill Biagioli K3IBO**

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Bill is a true Renaissance Man. He grew up in Taylorsville, IL and Detroit MI. His next door neighbor was a Ham and taught young Bill about Amateur Radio. He got his first license as a youngster before WWII. After a stint in the Marine Corps where he got his undergraduate degree, he worked at Bell Labs who sent him to MIT. He used many RF techniques he learned as a Ham as a Biomedical Engineer and then went back to school at Southern in Arkansas and graduated as a Doctor of Naturopathy.

For many years, Bill was an avid private pilot and flew all over the country using his company's planes. Get him talking about his exploits and you will spend a pleasant hour.

In the 50's & 60's, Bill worked a little bit of HF but worked mostly 6 Meters. He made high-powered linears for others to support his costs and made most of his own transmitters and down converters. His proudest achievement was WAC on 6 Meters. He let his license lapse.

In December 2009, Bill returned to take his Technician and General tests. He intends to use HF only until he can build his own VHF equipment. He is anxious to get back on the air after a 35 year hiatus.

Bill plans to return to Illinois in late spring. He has a 8'x9'x40' container full of electronics parts which are surplus to his needs and he would like to dispose of them before his move. He would love to sell or give most of this away to any local Hams.

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### **Dues Due**

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As of 1/13/2010, 44 of our 53 Dues Paying members have paid for a total of 83%. If you have not already renewed your membership, please send your check to KA3JAL before the end of March. We would hate to lose you as a member.

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### **Remember**

**Our meetings will be at  
Shoney's at US 52 & I-95 for  
the winter.**

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