

The FARC

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The May meeting was called to order by our President, Jim Lavia, KI4ORA at 7:30pm. Introductions were made all around. We had 17 members and 5 guests attending.

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

Began April with \$3,746.81

Transfer to Repeater Fund 672.00

Ended April with \$3,074.81

Repeater Fund now stands at \$4,598.79.

Returning Member: Our former member, KJ4BVM, Earl Parnell asked to return to the club and he was accepted

Repeater Reports The 85 voice announcement has been repaired and W4YLX, Rudolph Hatcher, now has a copy of the soundtrack.

PeeDee Airshow & Festival:

In the absence of KI4TTS, Doug Macdonald, we discussed what we need to handle this event on June 5 & 6. K4AVR, Mac Cullom, agreed to bring his motorhome for use as our Net Control Station. Although we will not operate the trams this year, we

will probably need extra operators and we should advertise that need on the local nets. Final plans will be made at the next meeting.

Clemson Rural Heritage:

KA3JAL reported that 13 FARC members participated. There was some radio interference on both 85 and a simplex frequency but operators got the job done. The club would like to thank Don Miller at Yamaha Kawasaki of Florence is who lent us the Kawasaki Mule to use for the event.

Technician Class: KJ4LIF, Bekki Medsker, has organized a full immersion Technician class on May 15 & 16. Several VE's volunteered for the Sunday afternoon testing session.

Field Day: As usual, we will hold our Field Day activity at Lake Darpo. We will miss having N4DOU, John Schmacher at the SSB Phone station and will need to find HF equipment for that station. Final arrangements will



*Meeting at
Shoney's'
7:30 PM on
the 1st.*

be made at the next meeting.

New Business:

JOTA: Although it is early to plan for October, we need to get things under control early because KJ4NKS, Chris Taylor will be busy with his daughter's wedding and KJ4LIF, Bekki may be out of town on business. KJ4BVM, Earl, would appreciate help especially from former Boy Scouts.

Equestrian Event: AE4UX, Charlie Miller, our SC Section Emergency Coordinator, has announced that there will be a national equestrian event held at the H. Cooper Black State Recreational Area and Field Trial Center which is in the Sandhills State Forest between Cheraw and Patrick. This will be a two day event on Thursday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 16. The free day on Friday is to rest the horses. This is the same weekend as JOTA but Charlie hopes to get Amateur Radio recognized by a national audience. More information later.

KV4C Wedding: The club has received an invitation to the marriage of our former, very active member, KV4C, Laurie Sansbury, Jr. As you know, Laurie went back to school and is now a Physician. He will be married on May 29th in Mt. Dora, Florida. The club voted to send him a \$50 gift card with our best wishes.

New Member: KJ4WBT, Brad



Turner, attended the meeting. He took and passed both his Technician and General test at our last VE exam session in April. He requested and was accepted as a new member. Welcome Brad!

Shirts: Some of our members may need shirts for our upcoming events. KJ4BVM had several T-shirts made up at the Spartanburg Hamfest for \$7.00 each. KD4BUF, Fletcher Townsend, can get his friend to make more of the dark green T-shirts for about \$11.00 each. Earl will find out if we could order in bulk after the June 1 meeting and still get delivery before Field Day. More information at the June meeting.

Elmer: KJ4BVM cite how much help he had received from club members as he learned to operate and he suggested that we start matching a member with each new ham. He has volunteered to be an Elmer for KJ4WBT, Brad.

Tower: The tower donated to us by Roche Carolina is currently

stored with W4GEY, James Starling. It is too large and heavy for most purposes. We need to find it a good home. If we are not successful, we may have to sell it for scrap. If you have any ideas for it's disposal, please contact one of the FARC officers.

The **next meeting** will be on June 1, and K4AVR will give a presentation about the PALS Net if there is time.

Door Prize: KJ4LIF brought some of the Double Tree Motel Chocolate Chip Cookies for our door prize. That went over very well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

June Birthdays

- 6 James Mazingo, KJ4QPL
 - 7 Jim Starling, W4GEY
 - 28 Tom Hall, KF4KFE
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Upcoming Events

- June 5 & 6 - PeeDee Airshow & Festival
 - June 26 & 27 - Field Day
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Technician Class

KJ4LIF, Bekki, and K4AVR, Mac taught a Technician class on Saturday, May 15, with a review and test session on Sunday, May 16. This was a very intense group and everyone who tested was successful. Several of the members already have HT equipment.

We had 6 VE's and 12 candidates. Congratulations to KJ4VCE, Donna & KJ4VCF, Scott Burns; KJ4VCG, Libby & KJ4VCH, Steve Cooper; KJ4VCI, Jeanne Downing; KJ4VCJ, Dan Fox; KJ4VCK, John Hoover; KJ4VCL, Rick Johnson; KJ4VCM, Ed Macdonald; KJ4VCN, Rusty Peagler; and KJ4VCO, Becky & KJ4VCP, Tracy Taylor. We hope that they will enjoy their new licenses and join us on the air and at some of our activities.

Member of the Month

James Starling - W4GEY

Our very long time member, Jim was raised in Rocky Mount, NC and graduated from Rocky Mount High School. In 1950 at the age of 19 and working in Wilmington, NC, Jim met a Ham and the rest is history. Jim served in the U.S. Army in 1952 & 1953. His proudest HAM moment came in 1954 when he received an award for his traffic handling work during Hurricane Hazel.

Jim works a little 2-Meters and if you listen, you will realize that our 97 Repeater carries his callsign. Jim is retired now but worked for many years as an Electrical Contractor specializing in controls and is a former supervisor at DuPont. His next Ham goal is to set up a low band station.

Remember

Our meetings will now be at Shoney's at US 52 & I-95.

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