

# The FARC

# QSO

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In the absence of all of our officers, the September meeting was called to order by N4JJ, Jack Jackson at 7:35. KG4YVJ, Suzie Cullom read the Secretary/ Treasurers report prepared by KA3JAL, John Germain who was under the weather.

Began August with	\$3,035.93
Dues ( J. Griffith) +	50.00
Dues refund -	29.15
Club insurance -	320.00
Ended August with	\$2,734.78

The repeater account stands at \$4,599.94

Introductions were then made all around. We had 21 members and 1 guest attending.

**Repeater Reports** All repeaters are operating correctly.

**ARRL & PIO** No special news but the Shelby Hamfest at Dallas drew a good crowd. The tailgating was excellent since they had about 800 spaces. Dr. Jim Boehner, our new Roanoke Assistant Director and former SC Section Manager, headed the ARRL Forum.

**Upcoming Hamfests:**

Tentec on Sept. 24 &25  
Rock Hill on October 2  
Sumter on October 23

**New Callsign:** Congratulations to Tim Kaylor now K4TGK.

**Boy Scout 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** Chris Taylor, KJ4NKS, was unable to attend but relayed that one troop will be erecting a tower for our antennas. N4MXP, Mark Davis, has agreed to spearhead this project and N4JJ, Jack Jackson has agreed to work with the boys on the signaling merit badge. Any members willing and able to help would be welcome. Jack will send out information by e-mail.

**Elmering Ideas:**

KG4HIE, Scott Thompson, would be willing to conduct a class on Traffic Handling if there is a desire.

KJ4LIF, Bekki Medsker, reported that a number of the new Technicians from the May class would be interested in learning more.



*Meeting at  
Shoney's'  
7:30 PM on  
the 5th.*

K4AVR, Mac Cullom, will be working with KA3JAL to instruct the Technicians from the Department of Special Needs about their equipment and how to operate effectively at a time to be scheduled later. KJ4 RGV, Jim Griffith, indicated a willingness to help.

K4AVR has tried to contact the Radio Response Team Leader at McLeod Hospital to offer technical assistance to their new operators but has not gotten a response. We need to make a plan.

**97 Repeater** –W4GEY, Jim Starling, reported that he had been approached by SERA to allow a waiver which would allow a repeater using the same frequency pair to be installed in Rock Hill for the SCHEART system. This would be about 85 miles from us. Jim outlined the possible interference problems and noted that even though the equipment is running at a reduced power to prolong the life of the repeater, it can be increased at any time should the need arise. All members present agreed that the waiver should be declined and Jim will be sending a letter to SERA with the desires of the club.

**VE Testing:** will be held on



October 9 at Methodist Manor and December 11 at Carolinas Hospital.

W8IXZ, Harry Paxton, was unable to attend. He hurt his back. N4TJ, Tommy Johnson, does not get out much. We should call him on the phone or go for a visit.

During the meeting, Jan Austin received a phone call. Her brother has been diagnosed with terminal cancer and only has a few weeks to live. Let's keep both Jan and Bob in our thoughts and prayers.

W4YLX, Rudolph Hatcher, has finally gotten his 75M antenna working.

**Door Prize:** KG4YVJ, Suzie won an antenna tuner tuner and K4AVR, Mac and K4NOC, Stormy won KJ4LIF, Miss Bekki's cookies.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50PM.

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## Upcoming Events

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Oct 2&3 - BSA 100th Anniver  
sary at Camp Coker  
Oct. 9 - VE Testing at  
Methodist Manor  
Oct 16 - JOTA

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## October Birthdays

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2 Jerry Jebaily, KI4OEU  
12 Wink DeWitt, KD4WMC  
29 Bill Cheny, N4AAK

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## Member of the Month T. C. Taylor - WA4QMZ

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T. C. is a Florence native. He attended Florence County Schools and graduated from McClenaghan High School. He also attended the Atlanta School of Radio & TV. He later served in the Army Reserve and National Guard. He worked as an Electronics Technician for Sperry Rand Corp. in Florida. He retired as an Electronics Tech and Power Tech from BellSouth.

T. C. has worked all bands, HF, VHF & UHF. His proudest achievement was making Phone Patches for religious teachers in South America to allow them to "phone home."

T. C. just wants to enjoy working HF and he is one of our regulars at Field Day.

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## Remember

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

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## Website of the Month

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I would like to start a new feature to showcase some of the information and software on the web that would be of interest to Ham Radio operators. A few of the generally useful sites include:

**www.arri.org** -- **THE** place to go for the most information about all facets of the hobby.

**http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls** -- lets you get information on all licensees and to renew or edit your current license.

**www.qrz.com** -- news, events and a very good callsign lookup.

**www.ham-radio-deluxe.com** -- offers a suite of free Windows programs providing computer control for commonly used transceivers and receivers including mapping, satellite tracking and a digital mode program.

**www.dxzone.com** -- thousands of radio related resources to make sure you will find what you need for your DX

### Logging Programs:

**www.ac6v.com/logging.htm#GEN** -- links to general logging programs, DX programs, contest logging and Logbook of the World.

**www.n3fjp.com** -- free software including an Amateur Contact Log and a Field Day Contact Log.

**www.xmlog.com** -- free Windows logging software.

Please let me know your favorite website and I will try to feature it in a future article. - KG4YVJ

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