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The
FARC

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Our Vice President, K4TGK, Tim Kaylor, called the May meeting to order at 7:30pm. All members and guests introduced themselves. There were 21 members and 1 guest present. Our Treasurer, KA3JAL, John Germain reported the following:

Began April	\$4,475.78
Dues Collected	\$315.00
97 Phone bill paid	\$98.64
Ended April with	\$4,662.14

The phone bill for the 97 was the 4th quarter of 2010 and the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2011.

The repeater account stands at \$4,603.14.

ARRL Section Report: -- No report this month.

PIO – N4JJ, Jack Jackson reported the swap meet at ETV in Columbia was a success. Tom Morgan said he sold everything he brought. Jack also reminded us that Dayton Hamvention was only two weeks away, on May 20.

Repeaters: All repeaters were reported as operating normally. The 97 machine suffers

from severe loneliness. All repeaters need more use.

New Business:

Suzie, Cullom, KG4YVJ, as Secretary/ Treasurer of the South Carolina Single Sideband Net presented Tom Morgan, WA4BUO, with a certificate as Sidebander of the Year. The award was presented to all Net Controllers for extraordinary service during the past year.

The Monday Ragchew Net on 2meters needs a net controller for a couple of months while Suzie Cullom is out of town. Jim Griffith has been filling in. He was not at the meeting, but may be persuaded to take it over.

Harry Paxton, W8IXZ would appreciate more people checking into the Wednesday 10 Meter Net at 8:30 on 28.330MHz.

We have accepted a new member into the ranks of the FARC. Jack Kolesar, N3AJU, was voted in at the May meeting. Jack works for the Department of Dis-



**Meeting at
Shoney's
7:30 P.M.
on the 7th**

The FARC QSO

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The editor welcomes your suggestions and comments about this or future publications.

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Monday 8:30 pm on 146.850- and
Wednesday at 8:30 pm on 28.330 USB

abilities and Special Needs. He lives in Timmonsville. He cannot make most meetings as his wife is confined to a wheelchair and he must care for her. He has been a regular on the nets. Jack holds a general license, but hopes to upgrade to extra in the near future.

Field Day: K4TGK again reported on Field Day at the meeting. He had not heard from Ms. Webb at the Magnolia Mall so he called her. After explaining the situation it was discovered that the letter sent by email had been caught by her spam filter. She asked for it to be resent and gave a better address to receive it. She said she thought she could have an answer in a few days. On May 13, Tim went to see her at the mall office and she said has not heard from the company office, where the request has to be approved, but that she will push them on it the next Monday, the 16th. As of Friday, the 20th, we still had not heard back from her. A few other locations are being considered. More will be discussed at the June meeting, where we will have to finalize the plans. Any further notifications after the meeting will be made by e-mail or a phone call.

Clemson Extension Run/Walk: As you are probably aware, the Clemson Extension Rural Heritage Festival was cancelled due to the bad storms that passed through our area. They were

also scheduled to have their first Run/Walk that day. They rescheduled it for May 14th and then asked us for assistance on a very short (slightly more than a week) notice. At first it looked like we would not be able to accommodate them as many people had already made plans, but we were lucky to find enough people to help out and it went off without a hitch. We had 2 new people helping this time. Wayne Bramble, KJ4NNT, and Jesse Whetten, KK4BVY. They had never worked an event before but said they really enjoyed doing so. Also working the event were John Germain, KA3JAL, Mac Cullom, K4AVR, Greg Davis, N3ZL, Mark Davis, N4MXP, and Rudolph Hatcher, W4YLX.

There were 16 runners in all categories (5K run, 1k walk, 1k pet walk). There were 9 people on the 5K part of the run.

The Darlington County Shelter was there with a few of their dogs, trying to find owners for them.

The weather was overcast and



BJ Lounge Saturday 9AM

not too hot, so it was a pleasant morning to work this event. Dr. Frederick was appreciative of the effort in getting enough ham people at the last minute.

At the BJ Lounge

We had a drop in from out of town at Bojangles on May 7th. Dave Fordham, KD9LA, stopped by on his way to Florida from Virginia. He was travelling to see Mom in Jacksonville on Mother's Day. Some of the more established members of the club may remember Dave. He lived here about 25 years ago in Grove Park. He reminisced about members of the club from the past with a few of the members of the present before heading on to Florida.

Our Disabled List

Please remember our members who are currently having medical problems:

N4TJ, Tommy Johnson is home after more than 30 days in the hospital. Contact him if you have a chance.

W4ID, Wayne Cooke is still recovering and doing well.

W4JUB, Juby Phipps is recovering at home after a serious hospitalization. He is better and hoping to attend the Upstate Hamfest .

Upcoming Events

June 11 Winston-Salem Classic Hamfest, in Winston-Salem, NC.

June 18 Kids Day

June 25 Field day.

VE Testing:

Our next VE session is scheduled for October 8, 2011, 9 a.m. at Methodist Manor.

May Birthdays

06 James Mozingo, KJ4QPL

08 James Starling, W4GEY

28 Tom Hall, KF4KAE

New Ham In the Area:

We seem to be getting more hams moving to the area, and the latest is Jesse Whetten. Jesse has moved here from the Raleigh, NC area and lives in Hartsville. He graduated from NC State with a degree in mechanical engineering and works for Integrated Systems at the Darlington airport. He got his technician's license last February and his call is KK4BVY. Recently, Jesse helped with the Clemson Extension Run/Walk and has been active on the nets. Jesse has said he would like to join the FARC. Lets welcome him!

NOTICE!

Several persons have asked about Brian Sugden, KR4SP. He has not been heard on the Sideband nets lately. He has sold much of his equipment and is just scaling back as he passes 90 years. He has resigned from his position with the SC Section.

The Drawing...

At the conclusion of the May meeting, a drawing was held for more of Bekki Medsker's chocolate chip cookies. We do appreciate her making them!