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The
FARC

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Our President, KI4TTS, Doug Macdonald, called the March meeting to order at 7:30pm. All members and guests introduced themselves. This was a small meeting with only 13 members and 1 guest present. Where did everybody go? Many of the regular attendees were missed. Jim Griffith, KJ4RGV, remembered his call. (Good job, Jim)

Our Treasurer, KA3JAL, John Germain was out of town so no report was given. It was commented that the report has changed very little if at all. The previous report was as follows.

Began February with \$4,475.78

Dues Collected in Feb. \$55.00

Ended February with \$4,530.78

The repeater account stands at \$4,603.14.

Hopefully we will see John at the next meeting and get an update then.

ARRL Section Report: -- No report this month.

PIO – No report this month.

Repeaters: The 85 machine was reported as going just

great but the VHF is about 600 Hz off and needs adjusting. The 97 was not reported on, nor was the 444mHz repeater. All repeaters need more use.

Old Business: We still need someone who would be interested in being the Emergency Communications contact. If you can do this, please let Doug, KI4TTS, Tim, K4TGK or John, KA3JAL know you are interested. This ad may run until some one steps forward.

Renewals: Membership renewal was over on April 1st. Several names have been dropped from the club roster. Bill Biagioli moved out of state and Jim King resigned giving reasons of time, but several persons have not been heard from. If you contact these persons, ask them about their membership.

In addition to the previous two people, the following did not renew:

Mark Davis, Wink Dewitt, Dave Jones, Earl Parnell, Steve Rath,



Meeting at Shoney's 7:30 P.M. on the 3rd

The FARC QSO

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Wednesday at 8:30 pm on 28.330 USB

Brad Turner, and Tim Webber. These names have been dropped from the roster As of April 1st and these people will need to reapply for membership if they wish to continue.

Field Day : K4TGK again reported on Field Day at the meeting. A letter has been sent to attempt to get permission at the Magnolia Mall this year. Hopefully we will be able to set up and operate at the mall because it would give us good exposure and possibly convince a few new people to join the hobby. We hope to be able to demonstrate that radio is still fun, interesting, educational and relevant. We will need people to supply equipment (radios, etc.) and operate. Other venues are also being considered as a backup. Once again, Please contact Tim if you have any ideas, plans, help, etc.

Clemson Rural Heritage Celebration and Run/Walk:

The Clemson Rural Heritage Celebration and Run/Walk was cancelled this year. It had been scheduled to take place on April 16. Unfortunately, there were severe storms possible that day and Dr. Jim Frederick, the director, cancelled the event. Here, in Florence we actually got very little of the storms, but across the south and into North Carolina there were over 40 fatalities tied to the bad weather. It was probably better to cancel the event than to have the chance of



BJ Lounge Saturday 9AM

someone getting hurt or worse at this outdoor event. We will try again next year.

New ham in the area :



Ray Gershon, W3GSI, has moved to the Florence area. He moved here from the Atlanta area. He works at Assurant on Celebration place, just down from the Bojangles where we have the Saturday morning Eye-ball QSOs. Ray says he kept getting sent to Florence by the company for two week stints, so he asked if he could just move

here. The company transferred him and now he travels away from home less. He is interested in joining our club but works later than the club meets, so has a hard time getting to meetings. He is trying to find a way. He also helped with the McLeod Run/Walk last month. Ray has a Yaesu FT-60 and an Alinco mobile at present and is working on finding a way into an HF rig. If you hear Ray on the air, say hello.

VE Testing: There was a testing session on April 9th at Carolinas Hospital, Building B, 2nd floor. The session went quite well. There are 2 new hams, Zach Dedonis and Gerald Carroway. Zach is now KK4BMG and has a technicians license. Gerald is now AK4HK and is an Extra. He took all 3 exams and passed at one sitting! Amazing.

Wayne Bramble, KJ4NNT, took his extra exam and passed. Good going Wayne.

Wendy Ransom, a math teacher from Hartsville, took the general exam and passed it.

Congratulations to all these for their accomplishments.

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

May Birthdays

- 22 Horace Beasley, WA4OPF
- 23 John Schumacher, N4DOU
- 27 Doug Macdonald, KI4TTS

Do you know?

Can I operate my station in Canada?

When a US amateur operates in

Canada, simply bring your FCC license, proof of your US citizenship (a birth certificate or other proof) and identify as call/Canadian identifier, like N1KB/VE3. At least once during the communication, you must state your geographical location, like "30 km north of Toronto."

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<http://www.arrl.org/us-amateurs-operating-overseas>.

Upcoming Events

May 1 Upstate Hamfest in Spartanburg, SC.

May 3 FARC Meeting at Shoney's on Highway 52.

May 8 Rockingham County Swapfest, Reidsville, NC

May 20-22 Dayton Hamvention
There is no Mayfly this year.

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

W4ID, Wayne Cooke is still recovering from abdominal surgery at home.

W4JUB, Juby Phipps is recovering at home after a serious hospitalization.

KJ4BVK, Jim McDonough has lost the fight against liver cancer. He was not a club member but many of us knew him.

KO4L's mother is recovering from a botched colonoscopy. She is getting better.