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The FARC QSO

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N4JJ builds homebrew 1/4 watt xcvr, 15 DX countries



You could not believe this little 80 meter xcvr runs only 1/4 watt of power and has worked **35 states and 15 foreign countries**, including the Canary Island on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean in 4 weeks it has been on the air. (Note mini electronic keyer in upper right corner and two batteries on the left.)

Last meeting Jack brought his other QRP xcvr, 20/40m, to the meeting for all to see. If you thought that was impressive, you have to look at this shirt pocket transceiver. Rig cost him \$10.

FARC article appears in QST magazine.

Thanks to Mike Duff, our publicity person, for setting up displays

of amateur radio at public libraries in Florence, Hartsville, Darlington, and the Pee Dee area. Our club had a nice article and picture in the April *QST* issue. Perhaps other clubs will also do the same.

Club gets new members

The club welcomed into its membership at the March meeting Jim Dedonis KD4JH and his XYL Donna N4FJF.



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XYL Family Amateur Radio Dinner on the 3rd Tuesday, 7 pm at the Western Sizzlin

THE FARC QSO

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

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FARC nets meet each week on
Monday 8:30 pm at 146.850- and
Wednesday at 8:30 pm on or about 28.330

Meeting at 7 pm on
Tuesday, the 6th of

APRIL

at Western Sizzlin'
2004

FARC club members take participate Beach run



Photo by Mike Duff

The 26 mile marathon is a big event at the beach. People living more than a 1,000 miles often run in the race every year. We are happy to have Mac and Suzie Cullom, and Bobby Collins with his daughter next to Suzie helping the Grand Strand Radio Club stationed at stations along the way.

Come join your ham friends at Burger King every Saturday morning



BK Lounge, Sat. 9 a.m.

South Irby Street near Coles Crossroads

This brings our membership total to 49 active members. Thus far, we still have six member who have not paid their dues for e year. We hate to drop members from our roll, but according to our constitution we will no longer be able to retain you as an active member. If you happen to be one of those six, please give it a considerable thought about renewing your membership.

Our treasurer reported that we have a balance of \$2,325.47 in the bank. The club also voted to provide travel expenses for Mike Duff who takes our traveling exhibit to various libraries in the Pee Dee. Also, the club voted to purchase a professionally made banner to be used at public events such as the two we have planned for late March and the *May Fly* event at the Florence Airport.

Our our March meeting we had 30 people present.

FARC participates in two upcoming events

On the last weekend in March, our club will help with the 11th annual McLeod Sports Medicine *Challenge Run and Walk*. The course is designed for competitive and recreation athletics. Cash re-

Next amateur radio exam is Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. Florence Public Library

wards up to \$75, \$35, and \$20 for overall winner. A \$200 bonus for the male or female who sets a new USATF state record. Club members will be stationed along the way to give reports on the progress of the race or request medical



needs. Our second event will be the *May Fly* the first weekend in May at the Florence Airport. For those helping with this fly in, a free ticket will be given to the club member plus one ticket for only one member of your immediate family.

Calling the XYL Dinner group for April is Bob Lowman and May is RK Harmon



Club's participation in the McLeod walk/run fitness program. Pictures above are Bobby Collins KG4BZK, Mac K4AVR and wife Suzie Cullom KG4YVJ, John Germain KA3JAL, Laurie Sansbury KV4C, and Mike Duff KG4SLH