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The FARC QSO

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Club gets set for Mayfly

The wheels are beginning to turn for a big event at Gilbert Field in Florence in May. The club voted to spend up to \$50 for soft drinks and water for those great volunteers to will be airborne, like radio waves instead of flying an airplane. Mike Duff reported that he may be able to get some price breaks on the soft drinks for the Mayfly event.



This annual event is a golden opportunity for us to show what amateur radio is all about. All of this is possible because a large number of you, especially Mike Duff, are willing to give of your time to make it all happen. Your officers will appreciate your loyalty and participation.

A big thanks to all of our club members. We had 100% of our membership to renew their status in the club. It is good to see that we all care about our club moving

forward.

By the way, we had 30 people present at our April meeting. Our membership stands at 51 active members. Our treasurer reported that we have a bank balance of \$2,276.66 prior to our last meeting.

An amateur license test session was held on April 17 at the public library. The only way we are going to get "new blood into our club" for first timers will be through our testing sessions. Thanks to the

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Wednesday at 8:30 pm on or about 28.330

Meeting at 7 pm on
Tuesday, the 4th of



at Western Sizzlin'
2004

VEs who made this possible

Kids Day and Field Day, big events in June

Kids Day is planned for June 19 at the Lynches River County Park from 1 pm until 7 pm. The park is located on US-52 south. Where US-301 splits off from US-52, go about 1/2 mile on US 52 and take the first road on the right after you pass over a small river bridge. Just look for the signs to point the way to the park entrance. The park is rather large, and you will need to follow the club signs beyond the entrance to find where the station is set up.

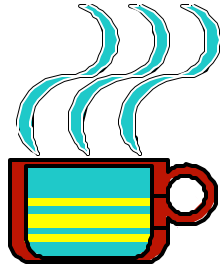
Everyone knows about Field Day in June. Every club member should try to show his/her support by participating and/or attending some part of this event if he/she is in town for the weekend.

McLeod Reg. Med Center about to get ham station set up



McLeod Med Center is setting up a station so that this hospital can talk to other hospitals around the state in the event of an emergency. The latest word we have about installation is an 75 meter loop antenna and a 2 meter

Come join your ham friends at Burger King every Saturday morning



BK Lounge, Sat. 9 a.m.

South Irby Street near Coles Crossroads

Ringo Ranger II will be on top of the emergency room wing.

The hospital has a number of amateurs who work in the hospital around the clock if necessary, and they are showing a willingness to participate in this medical program.

Have no fear folks!! Only amateur operators will be operating the station even though McLeod has "shelled out" some big bucks to make this happen.

Did you know?

Someone asked at the last club meeting how the first two AM radio stations picked their call signs. WOLS, spelled "slow" backwards, was name for its owner, O.L. Skinner.

Radio station WJMX was managed by Paul Benson. The first two letters, "JM," stand for the name of Dr. James McLeod who was the founder of McLeod Hospital, the located on Cheves Street between Irby and Dargan. Nobody knows why the "X" was added other than being done by the FCC.

Club accepts two new members



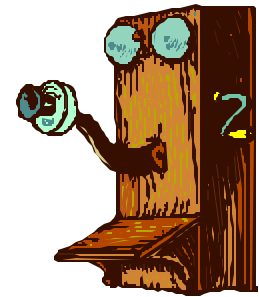
We welcomed into the membership Jim Dedonis KD4JH at our March meeting and his XYL Donna N4FJF; she was unable to be present when the photograph was taken.

XYL Dinner group suspended for time being

The XYL Dinner group was

formed so spouses could meet other spouses. Often they heard the ops talking on the air, but had no idea how they looked in person. It was a good group, and everyone seemed to enjoy each other's company very much. Some of the nice feature of the group included no dues, no officers, no programs, etc. We just enjoyed talking among ourselves.

Perhaps the group will meet a few times during the year for lunch in Mullins at one of their buffets at either O'Hara's or Websters.



If you happen to be one the members who calls the inactive membership list, please don't forget.