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The FARC QSO

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Western Sizzlin did it to us again

When is enough, really enough? When we arrived at our June meeting the room that is reserved for us had about a dozen extras celebrating a birthday or something. It was hard to hear among all the chatter at the other tables.

Our president appointed a committee to enquire if we could find another suitable meeting place. Then the



question was asked if anyone thought it might be better to meet on another night, such as the second or

third Tuesday of the month. It appears that all clubs meet on every day of the first week in each month. The committee will report its findings and hopefully we can find a home where a restaurant will honor our request of a "private dining room."

At our June 7 meeting we had 27 people present which included four visitors. The treasurer reported that we started the month with a balance of

\$3,711 in the bank and prior to our June meeting our balance is \$3,124. We now have \$2,115 in the repeater fund. Thanks to everyone who made a donation and to the extra \$14 we set aside each month to go into the fund.

We voted to receive into our membership a new ham to the area who lives in Lake City, SC. His name is James R Humphries, K7JRK, and loves working 2m and 440. James, we welcome you into the membership and looking forward to meeting you.

It seems the preamp on the repeater was giving us some problems; therefore, the club voted to remove it.

If anyone is interested in making a donation to the Dillon repeater fund,

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FARC QSO is published monthly by the Florence Amateur Radio Club to promote information to its club members, to all persons interested in wireless communication, and to encourage the promotion of amateur radio in the Pee Dee area of South Carolina/

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

Wayne Howell, For editor Suzie McCullom
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and

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28.330 MHz

Meeting at Western
Sizzlin, 7pm on the 5th



Dave prefers cw !!



Our esteemed vice president, Dave Jones, K4DLJ, was born and reared in New Town Square, PA. In junior high school he joined the school radio club and has been active ever since. He quickly moved from novice through tech to general class. He earned his advanced ticket in 1967, but he waited until 1985 to get his extra class license. His first call was WN3JLT followed by WA3JLT, K3JLT then NY2L while living in New Jersey. He kept that call for many years, and now sometimes wishes that he had kept it.

Dave prefers cw to phone. He has done a lot of DX over the years, and he is an avid and very proficient con- tester. He will not tell you all of the activities in which he has participated nor will he mention his any achievements or records he holds. Over the years he has operated at W1AW many times; he will just tell you he has been

having fun and looks forward to a lot more cw contacts.

Dave has been in the electronics business many years. He buys and sells used computers and radio equip- ment, amateur, broadcast, and mili- tary. Also, he is a pretty fair low vol- ume antenna manufacturer. Dave has a very in-depth knowledge of equip- ment, antennas, towers, and propaga- tion. Along with his wife Bonnie, he and Dave Jr., run a booth at most of the local hamfests.

Dave hosts the FARC Field Day activities at Lake Darpo near Darling- ton where he lives. By the time most of the operators have arrived, he and Jr. have most of the antennas ready to go into the trees. It is always a toss- up as to whether he or Jack Jackson, N4JJ and our club president, has the most cw contests for the weekend.

Bonnie supervises the food and makes sure that everyone is well fed. We hope that Bonnie and Dave Jr get their licenses very soon so they can compete with Dave Sr. No need in let- ting "Dad" have all of the fun.

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Please contact Jack Jackson, N4JJ. The Dillon repeater covers a large area and makes communication to the northeastern part of the state and the beach area possible for us.



Suzie and Mac sends test wishes to FARC

The Culloms have been hitting the trail to Alaska by way of Motor Hom- ing. The pictures they send back are outstanding. I tried to get them put into the *FARC QSO* but everything failed.



One of the most interesting pic- tures they sent back was from the "sign post" forest. Everyone is permitted to put a sign on a pole to point the way back home. It seems that years ago, a young man was homesick and put a sign up to keep in his mind how im- portant home really was to him.

As time went by, others stuck their signs on the poles also. The signs re- main up as long as they are readable or they fall on the ground on their own. The club would be interested to learn that we are recognized in Alaska. The sign has the Cullom's names on them plus their call signs.



It would appear that someone campground in SC would adopt something like this. It certainly does a lot of good PR (public relations). People go out of their way to see this thing. It is unbelievable how many signs are nailed to the posts. It looks like NYC traffic at five o'clock headed for the Lincoln tunnel.

It would be great to have the Culloms show us some of their pic- tures when they return.

Field Day, fun for all

The fourth full weekend of June is Field Day. This year the club set up again at Lake Darpo. The club not only enjoyed the event, fellowship, and food were a solid 10+ in everyone's book. Thanks to Dave Jones who always come through for the club. A full report and pictures will be featured in the next issue.

Happy birthday to you in July

- 4 Bobby Collins, KG4BZK
- 5 RK Harmond KC4UTX
- 9 Jason Wright KI4CFQ
- 20 Lloyd Mitchell KD4HTW
- 21 Donald Bryant KB4RRC
- 29 Ralph Thompson KI4AOQ