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The FARC QSO

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The club operates nets on the following frequencies: 28.330, 145.850-, and 145.970-

FARC changes location for meetings. Going to try the Shoney's restaurant at Magnolia Mall on August 2

We hope the people at Western Sizzlin will find out soon!! We don't have to put up with a private dining room that houses more than one meeting in a small space. During the year, we have an average of 25-30 people eating at our monthly meeting for eleven months, we meet at N4JJ's in



December, and that "ain't no small pocket change." We hope they will quickly realize they have killed the goose that laid

their golden egg.

We have a promise from Shoney's that the meeting room will be occupied only by our club on the first Tuesday of the month until we notify them further down the calendar.

Field Day produces new crop of amateurs

The Field Day event was one of the best thanks to a lot of people. We had a total of 49 people to attend. This

included 2 dignitaries from Darlington County.

We had 357 contacts on cw, 128 on PSK/Digital, and 202 on phone. (*Who said cw was a dying breed? Editor*)

The testing session proved to be successful as well. We had 6 people to take the exams and everyone one passed. What is more exciting are the four club members to upgrade their licenses. We congratulate these club members: Mark Davis N4MXP to Extra Class; and to Lloyd Mitchell KD4HTW, Gregg Davis KI4GFH,

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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/

The editorial staff reserves the right to edit and rewrite for content and space. Deadline for all articles is the 15 of the month.

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

Wayne Howell, For editor Suzie McCullom
(June 1 thru August 31, 2005)

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FARC nets meet each week on
Monday, 8:30 pm 146.850-
and

Wednesday at 8:30 on or about
28.330 MHz

Meeting in Shoney's at
Magnolia Mall,
7pm, the 2nd of

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and Cindy Watson KI4KWN to General Class. The other two were walk in who took and passed their Tech licenses.

The "Grand-Daddy" of hamfests in September

The 49th annual Shelby Hamfest will be on September 3 and 4 at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds in Shelby, NC. Talk in 146-28/88. The fairgrounds is on US 74 Business at intersection NC 180, 3 1/2 miles east of Shelby. The preregistration price is \$5 and the gate price is \$6.

The preregistration award is a hand held transceiver with charger at 9 am on Saturday, Sept. 3. The main award is an A HF transceivers and drawing at Sept. 3 at 3 pm and Sunday at 2 pm. The hourly awards are 2m transceivers given hourly from Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm, and on Sunday from 9 am to 1 pm.

There will be forums held in the fire station's meeting room on Saturday: 10 am - ARRL forum, at 11 am there will be a MARS forum, at 1 pm a Skywarn forum, and a forum at 2 pm that is yet to be announced.

For more information check the intner net: www.shelbyhamfest.org



FCC proposes to drop cw from amateur requirements.

Earlier this month, the FCC announced that they were proposing to drop all cw requirements from the amateur exams. There will be a period where they will ask for feedback from amateur about this direction amateur radio will be moving.

If you are interested in putting in your two cents worth or what others think, you can get info on line from qrz.com. Amateur radio will certainly change as a result of this for better or for worse.

This page was reserved for pictures of the 2005 Field Day event at Lake Darpo

I want to apologize for the lack of pictures that were supposed to be printed on this page. I asked one of the club members, whom I will not mention him by name, to provide pictures. He said that he would. I also sent 3 e-mail asking him to PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, send me the photos. However, this person chose to ignore the request.

This is a club newsletter. One of the features that makes a newsletter successful is for the membership to contribute and provide information. No one the newsletter to be a one man operation. Then it becomes the editor's newsletter and not the club's newsletter.

I hope that FARC members will support your editor and provide her with articles and/or pictures of our activities. She can't do it alone.

Again, I apologize to all of you. I hope this will be a wake up call to everyone and step up to "the plate" when asked to help make the newsletter the best that it can be.

Wayne Howell, W4ORW
(Filling in for editor Suzie Cullom KG4YVL)

