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The FARC QSO

A publication of the Florence Amateur Radio Club of Florence, SC

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

How sweet it is !!!

On August 8, 25 people entered the Shoney's Restaurant in the Magnolia Mall area for our first trial meeting to find a good home for our club." How sweet it is" was an understatement. We no longer had to put up with noise from the kitchen, people attending other meetings in the same room, etc. The room was quiet because we could shut the glass doors to lock out



the QRM. The club voted to meet there again in September, and we give Shoney's another "shot"

before we our final decisions where we will meet.

We had 25 present and welcomed Ed Nealy as a guest.

Bobby Collins gave an ARES report. The Red Cross is planning a mock disaster on October 18, and they are expecting the amateurs to plan a major role. If you are not attending a college football game, then you need to mark your calendars. Bobby also told about documentary on Amateur Radio being telecast over the Public

Broadcasting System network. Will give more info when it become available.

The 440 repeater is off the air and is looking for a new home. If anyone knows of a good location, please pass the word onward. The radio equipment in the Bell South building is no longer going to be used by the phone company. The phone company also dumped antennas off of their towers that didn't belong to them. The club voted to give the equipment to the Red Cross; however, the power supplies will be given to the PALS 2m network.

The VE exams scheduled for August were canceled. A date will be announced ASAP.

FARC voted to get a liability insurance at a cost of \$325 a year. Presi-

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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. Answers to quiz on page three are Ecuador engineers and two hundred seventy-two feet

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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dent Jack Jackson showed the segment of Late Night Jay Leno Show where two cw ops beat someone dialing their cell telephones the same message. The audience couldn't guess that cw beat the cell phones hands down. As Gomer Pile would say, "SURPRISE, SURPRISE, SURPRISE." The cw message was copied before the cell group could enter the complete telephone numbers to hook each other up.

President Jack, N4JJ, gave a door prize to celebrate the new location. It was won by KD4CTI, Kent Servance. The ARRL coffee mug will look great on his operating table.

Our treasurer, John KA3JAL, reported that we started the month with a total of \$1,818.78 and after paying monthly bills we have balance on hand of \$1,753.00 We have 49 members in the club at the present time.



Every Saturday morning at nine o'clock you are invited to the FARC Coffee Club at the BK Lounge (Burger King) on S. Irby Street near Coles Cross Roads

Happy September birthdays

- 2nd - Johnny King, WA4UGD
- 2nd - James McColl, KA4PVT
- 5th - Fletcher Townsend, KD4BUF
- 10th - Oliver Webber, WD4CHR
- 16th - Wayne Howell, W4ORW

"They are back....."

We are happy to welcome Mac and Suzie Cullom back to Florence after an extended trip to our 49th state, Alaska. They sent some great photos back to the lower 48 states, and we appreciate their thoughtfulness.



The XYL and I just returned from a 14 day tour of India. As we walked down the main street in Deli, we could not believe the power lines overhead. However, We saw a lot of other things that shocked us as well. Cows are sacred and against the law to kill them. Bulls and cows beyond the age of bearing calves are turned loose to defend for themselves. They wander down the main streets and are everywhere...so are the "cow patties." I would image even our original 13 colonies had better conditions than the Indians do in the 21st century. It is indeed a very, very poor country. Our poor in the USA are wealthy compared to the people of India.



Happy August birthdays to:

- 4th - Suzie Cullom, KG4YVJ
- 9th- Jim Dedonis, KD4VH
- 12th - Tommy Johnson, N4TJ
- 22nd - Jack Jackson, N4JJ
- 30th - Laurie Sansbury, Sr K4OV



Don't forget, we will meet again at Shoney's Restaurant in the Magnolia Mall area in September again.

Ham radio trivia

From QRZ.COM

Who invented the cubical quad antenna in the 1930s?

1. US Air Force
2. Ecuador radio engineers
3. ARRL lab techs
4. Australian radio engineers

How long is a 75 meter sky loop antenna?

- (1) 71 feet (2) 142 feet
- (3) 272 feet (4) 360 feet

(Look for hidden answers)

Happy Birthday to our club president, Jack Jackson, N4JJ. In honor of your birthday last month we present this photograph to you

