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## The FARC QSO

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The August meeting was called to order by our President, Dave Jones, K4DLJ.

After introductions were made, the following Sec/Treas report

was given by John KA3JAL:

Began July	\$2,292.02
Check to KV4C	- 615.00
'85 Phone	- 33.49

End July \$1,643.53

The Repeater Savings Account stands at \$1,860.44. There were 16 members and 3 guests at the July 4th. meeting and the membership stands at 62 and all of the repeaters are all doing fine.

Mike Wells, WA4HVP, from Charleston gave an update about the HEARTS radio system which is now operational in the Charleston area and hopes to become statewide. John Welton, N4SJW, tried to get some radio equipment set up at medical locations and found he could get funding from Homeland Security. He has installed several stations with grant money, all done with volunteer workers. Now he wants to make sure that all major medical centers in South Carolina are equipped with gear for a statewide network so the medical teams can communicate with each other during times of

emergency. When Mike finished explaining everything he took questions from members of the club. Our John Schumacher, N4DOU, is the FARC liaison to this project.

Under Old Business, the club approved funds for Jack, N4JJ, to build two complete sets of wire antennas for our Field Day setup as discussed at the July meeting and Jack advised that they are about halfway complete.

Dave announced that the K7DVB antenna raising party was a success with N4JJ, K4DLJ, and KA3JAL helping.

Next, since the club is planning on making special anniversary shirts and pens for the club, a few members volunteered to find out information about pricing the items.

Another thing that was mentioned was a possible bus trip to the Dayton Hamvention next year, so stay tuned for more information about that.

Field Day picture CD's are on the way at a price of \$7 with the profits going to the various FARC Funds.

The meeting ended just after 8:30 PM.



Meeting at 7pm  
on Tuesday the  
5th at Shoney's

## ARES Meeting

Bobby Collins, KG4BZK, hosted a meeting of ARES members at the Red Cross on August 8th. Only three other members, John, KA3JAL, Jim, KD4VH and Donna, N4FJF attended. All of these members had returned the ARES applications. Each person there got a chance to operate the HF equipment in the radio room and checked into the SC Single Sideband Net. There was a good discussion about emergency radio and the proposed hospital system. All ARES members who were not able to attend are encouraged to submit new applications since the old cards have expired.

## Upcoming Events

Shelby Hamfest	Sept 2 & 3
MS Bike Tour	Sept 16 & 17
Santee 2M Picnic	Sept. 24
Rock Hill Hamfest	Oct. 7
Sumter Hamfest	Oct. 28
Conway Hamfest	Nov. 11

## September Birthdays

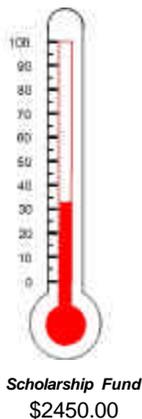
- 2 Johnny King, WA4UGD
- 2 James McColl, KA4PVT
- 3 Jim Lavia, KI4ORA
- 4 Fletcher Townsend, KD4BUF
- 11 Oliver Webber, WD4CHR
- 13 John Guard, WB4VDT
- 16 Wayne Howell, W4ORW



## Members Of The Month KI4OEU and KI4LJT Jerry and Gerard Jebaily

Our newest members include a father and son team. Jerry Jebaily, KI4OEU is an Associate Director at the McLeod Family Medicine Residency Program where he has been a full time teacher and faculty member for over 25 years. He is a Clemson graduate; earned his medical degree and did his residency at MUSC in Charleston. His special area of interest is Geriatrics. It took his son to interest him in Amateur Radio.

Gerard, KI4LJT, grew up in Florence and from an early age was fascinated with electronics and weather. When he was little, he would take electronic things apart to see how they were put together and to fix them. His competence grew as his interests developed. He developed into a private tutor for his younger sister (six years his junior) as he patiently would answer her



questions and would teach her how to do things. He attended West Florence High and is a rising Senior at the University of Oklahoma at Norman, majoring in Meteorology. This summer, the Florence Power Squadron invited Gerard to teach their weather course. These veteran boaters, some of whom are full time school teachers, were just thrilled with his teaching ability. When he graduates, he hopes to come back east and get his Masters at North Carolina State in Raleigh and possibly teach.

Last summer KB0YQN, Tim Weigman, and W5GPL, Chris Nuttall, took Gerard to their Field Day operation in Oklahoma. They had lots of interesting things to show and Gerard was instantly hooked. He quickly got his Technician ticket and began working with his friends as a SkyWarn Observer and all around storm chaser. You only have to look at his mobile to see how he loves weather equipment!



His great enthusiasm interested Jerry and this past February, Jerry was also licensed as a Technician. They began communicating between Norman and Florence using ECHOLINK. We really didn't hear too much from

Jerry on 2 Meters until Gerard came home for the summer. Now they are regulars on the Florence, Dillon and PALS Nets and you often hear them talking together, shades of KD4BUF and KG4WRU.

Gerard's greatest thrill so far has been getting his father licensed. They both enjoy boating and salt-water fishing, have a model train collection, looking to learn more about deer/duck hunting, and are also talking about restoring old cars as a future activity. They are looking forward to installing a 2 Meter base station at the house.

Gerard would like to upgrade to General and is interested in slow scan TV and APRS for weather spotting purposes. Jerry believes that Amateur radio has opened up a whole new world of possibilities and is grateful for the opportunity it presents. "I guess you can teach an old dog a new trick."

## Meet the FARC at the Shelby Hamfest

Our Vice President, Bob Austin, K7DVB, will be camping at the Shelby Hamfest. All members are invited to congregate at his camper to relax, meet friends and maybe even sell some of your special HAM Junque (high class junk!). Just look for the FARC banner and remember to bring your own chair and beverages. Hope to see y'all there.



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