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The FARC QSO

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The September 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 August	\$1,643.53
Insurance	- 320.00
Repeater Savings	- 43.75
'85 Phone	- 33.49

End August \$1,246.29

The Repeater Savings Account stands at \$1,904.29. We had a total of 26 at the August meeting, 23 members and 3 guests.

Bobby Collins, KG4BZK, reported that the EOC needs your application for ARES/RACES before you will be qualified to help there in an emergency. Please get and return your applications. He also discussed the Simulated Emergency Test scheduled for October 7 & 8, 2006. See related article.

The reports on all of the FARC repeaters were good.

Under old business, K4DLJ reminded all members that the Anderson Power Poles are still available from KA3JAL. All members are encouraged to use them to make all of your hardware connectable to other equipment.

There was a discussion about getting shirts made with the club logo. Several suppliers were discussed but no decision was made but it will come up again next month.

We had a lively discussion about the Shelby Hamfest. The club had a very good representation. Having the club banner on the side of Bob Austin, K7DVB's trailer gave us good publicity. See related article.

Under new business, there was a good discussion of the MS Bike Rally scheduled for Sept. 16 & 17. Three separate groups of riders will depart from Monroe, NC, Rockingham, NC, and Lugoff, SC on Saturday morning. They will all meet at the Darlington Raceway in the afternoon and spend the night there. On Sunday morning the whole group will depart for Myrtle Beach. Amateur Radio will be used on all three legs to make sure that the riders are safe. We will have mobiles along the route called SAGS to transport riders and their bicycles to safety or to a repair station as needed. All members were invited to join in this effort. Last year this event raised more



Meeting at 7pm
on Tuesday the
3rd. at Shoney's

than a million dollars to fight MS which cripples many Americans each year. Your help with mobiles and HT's would be greatly appreciated and your time and mileage are tax deductible.

Harry Paxton, W8IXZ, who recently arrived in the Florence area requested membership and was voted into the club. Harry is 90 years old and becomes our senior member. He will be moving into the Carolinian shortly and will be added to the membership list as soon as his new information is available.

As usual, K4DLJ distributed instructions for a G3HCT Mini Beam 40 meter antenna as the final item before the meeting adjourned.

Fun at Shelby

Bob, K7DVB, and Jan Austin camped for two weeks at the Shelby Hamfest. They were located in a very obvious position and had the FARC Banner prominently displayed. Many of our members took advantage of the awning and chairs to rest for a few minutes. At least two people thought that our club was very fortunate to be wealthy enough to own such a trailer. Bob got a good laugh about that but convinced all that it was a personal unit rather than a club asset.



N3ZL, N4MXP, KG4YVJ, K4AVR & K7DVB at Shelby



Upcoming Events

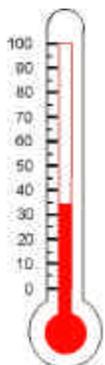
Rock Hill Hamfest	Oct. 7
Sumter Hamfest	Oct. 28
Conway Hamfest	Nov. 11

October Birthdays

- 2 Jerry Jebaily, KI4OEU
- 13 Wink DeWitt, KD4WMC
- 22 Bobby Wallace, WB4VYA

2006 Simulated Emergency Test

Due to a scheduling conflict, Bobby Collins, KG4BZK, will not be able to participate in the ARRL Simulated Emergency Test as scheduled on October 7 & 8. He plans to delay the Florence County test until either later in October or in November. He will have more information at the next meeting.



Scholarship Fund \$2545.22



Don't forget to make a donation to our scholarship fund at F-D Tech.

Member Of The Month

Laurie Sandsbury, Jr.
KV4C

Editor's Note

Because we have not heard from Laurie since he left Florence for his Medical School studies in Tampa, I contacted him and got the following. It is good to hear that he is doing well.

Thanks for thinking of me. They say that med school is like trying to drink water from a fire hydrant and they are right. There is just so much material thrown at you. I'm at school most weekdays from 7 am to 5 pm. Then I take an hour or two off for dinner and study until 11 or 12. I try to take Friday nights off, though. I have few friends that I study with and we all went out for Mexican food last Friday.

On the weekends, I get chores done and study 6 to 8 hours a day probably. We've had two exams so far and I did well on them. The last one was 180 questions and took five

hours, so it is a little grueling, but it is still fun. The local newspaper actually interviewed me during orientation because it seems as if I'm the oldest student there. There is a woman that I think might be pretty close, but as a gentleman I just can't ask her how old she is, now can I?

There is a lot to do locally, but I haven't really had the time to do a lot yet. I have joined a few of the medical clubs, but I just haven't had the time to meet any local hams yet. I think that after anatomy is over this first semester that everything will be a lot easier. I'll have a lot more free time then. I did sign up for a trip

to Orlando in October for this big Halloween thing they do at Universal Studios, It's supposed to be a lot of fun. About a hundred and fifty med school students are going. I just wish I had time to go to some of the sporting events around. We have professional baseball and football and hockey ... but I have to stay home and study ... Oh well. Still, a few of us are thinking about going to one of the comedy clubs soon. They have some pretty big names coming to Tampa in the near future.

Traffic is awful, but you get used to it. I live in a condo off of I-75



and it can sometimes be a nightmare. The neighborhood is really nice, though. There are a whole lot of retired people living nearby. In fact, there are supposed to be two new medical schools opening up

in Florida in the next two years, just to handle all the older folks moving in. In a sidelight, a bunch of students actually have to go out of town to do OB/GYN rotations because there aren't enough women of child-bearing age locally to handle all of the students. Can you believe that?

Anyway, I'd better go. It's almost 2AM and I still have a few more things to look at before I get to bed tonight. Fortunately, we have a break tomorrow and classes don't start til 10.

Laurie, KV4C

Please keep Laurie, Sr., K4OVV, in your thoughts and prayers. He was hospitalized on Sept 10.