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The FARC QSO

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The meeting was called to order at 7:55 by our President, Dave Jones, who announced his new call-sign, KM4D.

In the absence of the Treasurer, Dave gave the Treasurer's report. (We started with some money, we received some money, we spent some money and we ended with some money.)

Began September with \$1,246.29
2 Telephone Bills -66.37

Ended September with \$1,196.92
Repeater fund remains at \$1,904.19. At the September meeting we had 27 members and 7 guests.

KG4BZK, Bobby Collins gave the ARES report. Since N3ZL, Greg Davis, will be installing a 2 meter antenna at Lake City High School soon, the ARES training exercise will be delayed until after that installation. All ARES members will be advised of the date when established.

Repeater Reports indicated that the '97 machine was doing well and that there has been more activity lately. N3KGE has been checking into the repeater from the auto-train when he passes through. KG4BZK reported that he can access the 440 repeater from Johnsonville.

KG4YVJ, Suzie Cullom, read an e-mail from KD5CFA giving the new address and phone number for the Pugh family in Baton Rouge. This will be available in the latest membership roster.

K4NOC, Stormy Bishop, reported on the MS-150 Bike Tour. They raised more money this year than last year. Thanks to all who helped.

N4JJ, Jack Jackson, requested that all members who are considering end of the year charitable donations remember our FARC Scholarship Fund at Florence Darlington Tech. We have so far raised one third of the amount required to fund a scholarship. Please give generously.

KM4D has been getting quotes and samples of merchandise to indicate our 40th anniversary. He will have samples at the next meeting. See related article.

K4NOC, French "Stormy" Bishop, requested membership and was accepted by vote of the members. Welcome Stormy. You and Lois will be valuable members of our group.

KM4D and K4NOC discussed the manufacturing location of TENTE in Sevilleville,



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

Tennessee. TENTEC has a display of every radio they have ever manufactured and it is very interesting. Since they are very close to Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, it is easy to tour if you are going to the area.

We were delighted to have a guest speaker at the meeting. Kelly Rubottom, the Assistant Prop Master for Smiley Face Productions, requested our help in finding old HF radio equipment to be used in the movie "The Strangers" which will be shot in this area very soon. K4NOC invited him to his barn in Bishopville to find something and suggested the Fort Mill Hamfest on Oct. 7, as a possible additional source. See related article.

W4PFZ, Mac McDaniel, has not been pleased with either the food or the service at Shoney's recently and requested that we might find another meeting place. N4JJ noted that he had arranged for the change to Shoney's and would not be available to find a new location. If any member would like to arrange for a new location, please feel free to make inquiries and bring your information to the next meeting.

KM4D distributed instructions for the Double Bazooka/ Coaxial Dipole Antenna to all attendees and KI4DJG won the door prize of a \$10 gift certificate good for any publication of the ARRL. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Upcoming Events

Conway Hamfest Nov. 11

Don't forget that we still have Anderson Power Poles and the crimper available for all members. Just call John, KA3JAL.

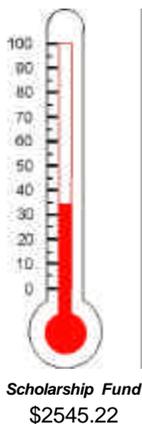


November Birthdays

- 1 Tim Webber, WD4CHS
- 13 Wayne Cooke, W4ID

FCC Ruling Released October 10, 2006

The FCC finally released the long awaited Omnibus Radio Amateur Report. In it, the FCC adopted nearly all of the proposed changes released back in 2004. Most of the changes pertain to frequency usage by license class and mode. Sorry guys, there was no mention of deleting the code as a requirement. We will have to wait for a while on that subject. All of these changes will become effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. We recommend that all Amateurs interested in HF operation especially all Volunteer Examiners read these changes on ARRL.org.



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

Presidential Notes:

With the 40th Anniversary of the club coming up soon, we are looking at having commemorative apparel available. I will bring samples from local vendors to the next meeting including caps, T-shirts and denim shirts. Pens, pencils, badges and other items are also possible. I am also looking into items from Baxter who supply the ARRL in Newington, Ct. We may be able to get the ARRL Logo, the FARC Logo and name and/or callsign on items. I hope that all members will consider which items are of interest to them and either contact me or come to the next meeting.

Member of the Month

R.K. Harmon, KC4UTX

RK grew up in Florence and Columbia. He worked 38 years for Southern Bell/Bell South in Telephone Carrier Systems, Microwave, Radio Communication, TV & Radio Systems and Fiber Optics. One of his elmers was co-worker, Gene Clark, W4BAN. He is a very active Retiree who goes to many meetings, Church, Civic and Radio, especially if a meal is offered.

RK is very active on Nets, he is a regular on the Lunch Bunch, Telephone Pioneer Net and the FARC Monday Rag Chew Net. He always calls the Wednesday Night FARC 10 Meter Net, attends most meetings and is a regular at the BK on Saturdays.

RK is very proud to have worked with the Baptist Emergency Net during Hurricane Hugo and is considering upgrading to Extra. Our younger members could learn a lot from RK because he is well versed on most things electronic.

Please Note:

Our contact at F-D Tech was married in September. Her new name is Kathy Rogers.

FARC Helps With The Movie "The Strangers"

On Monday, October 23, the officers of FARC were finally able to see the radio equipment to be used in the movie *The Strangers* which is being filmed in Florence County.

Our newest member, K4NOC, Stormy Bishop, supplied the equipment which will be used in the filming in the next few weeks. Stormy is the perfect person to consult with the props department of the movie because of his long association with Amateur Radio at all levels. He was able to make many suggestions about placement of items and proper connections to make the scene more authentic.

The story line has the heroine of this thriller, Liv Tyler, finding an old Amateur station in a barn on the property and attempting to use it to contact the outside world. Stormy had to supply two identical, complete stations because the equipment will be destroyed during the action.

The Strangers should be in theaters next fall. Watch for it.



Shown on the Movie Set are: KM4D, FARC President; KA3JAL, Secretary; K4NOC; K7DVB, VP; N4JJ, PIO; Gillian Albinski, Prop Master; and Kelly Rubottom, Assistant Prop Master.