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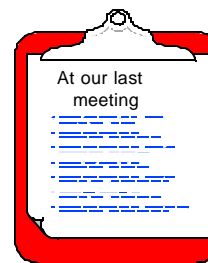
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After a great meal at the Annual Venison Spaghetti Christmas Dinner, our President, KM4D, Dave Jones, opened the meeting at 8:05 PM. After the normal greetings and self introductions, Our Treasurer, KA3JAL gave the following report:

Begin November with	\$1,073.76
'85 Phone Bill	- 33.43
Deposit	+ 52.00
End November with	\$1,092.33

The Repeater Savings remains at \$1,904.19.

We had a total of 25 at the November meeting with 22 members and 3 guests. The total membership stands at 64.

KG4BZK, Bobby Collins, our ARES Officer reported that our contact at the Red Cross has changed. We should now contact Karen. Bobby also reminded us that due to his new work schedule he would be unable to remain the Florence County and District 4 E.C. He would appreciate volunteers and promises to work closely with any candidates. He reminded us that the ARES Nets have been changed to the second Tuesday of the month at 8:30 p.m.

N4JJ, Jack Jackson, our Information Officer reported that the photos and

write-up has been submitted to the ARRL for publication but would probably not be published until much later next year. He also announced that we have a new Assistant Director for the Roanoke Division of ARRL, N4ROS, Patricia Hensley.

W4YLX, Rudolph Hatcher, reported that the '85 Repeater is working. W4PFZ, Olin McDaniel, reported that the '97 Repeater is working and the 440 Repeater is still giving the ID at 30 wpm.

KM4D then thanked everyone for making our Field Day such a success. We ranked 22<sup>nd</sup>. In the country in the 4A Category with 5127 points as announced in the latest issue of QST. He proceeded to distribute certificates to all those who participated. KM4D wore the Timberlake shirt that we could purchase with the ARRL Logo, Call Sign and the Club Logo. It is a very rich looking item which we may decide to purchase as a group, more on this project later. Dave also took this opportunity to thank the club for allowing him to serve as President and thanked everyone for their help and support.



Meeting at  
7:30 PM on  
the 2nd. at  
Shoney's

The Nominating Committee presented the Slate of Officers for 2007 – for President, K7DVB, Bob Austin, for Vice President, KM4D, Dave Jones, and for Secretary/Treasurer, KA3JAL, John Germain. The members present voted unanimously to accept this group and they will become the Officers on January 1, 2007.

KM4D apologized for not having an antenna article to distribute but will have all of the articles from 2006 at the January meeting.

N4JJ held the usual raffle but this time he raffled off the plywood tables we were using for the dinner. He plans to replace them with lighter tables later. W4YLX, Rudolph, K14LLU, Stan and W4STW, Sam, were the lucky recipients.

W4ORW, Wayne Howell, invited all to the Annual Luncheon in Mullins open to all Hams in the Pee Dee, to be held at O'Hara's on Friday, December 15.

N4JJ then reminded us to donate to our Scholarship at FD Tech. Jack also proposed a meeting in January for all Volunteer Examiners to decide on a number of issues including the appointment of a new Liaison, the possibility of affiliating with W5YI and/or WCARS as well as ARRL and establishing a suitable schedule for testing starting in 2007. The date and time for this meeting will be decided at the January meeting.

KA3JAL took 2007 Dues from all members ready to sign up. He also reminded us of the discount available if renewal is done before the New Year and that anyone who needs to renew membership in the ARRL should do so through the club because we get a little bit for renewals and a much better amount for new ARRL memberships.

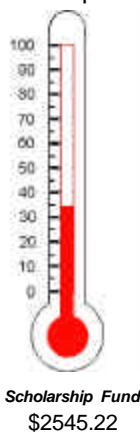


The meeting was officially closed at 8:55 pm just in time for the Dillon Net. N4JJ usually calls it on Tuesdays but N3ZL, Gregg Davis, was pressed into service. That was his first time calling a large net and he did it like a pro. Congratulations Gregg.

### FCC Strikes Again

On Friday, December 15, the FCC announced a new Report and Order which was released on Tuesday, December 19. These rules will take effect 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. If we use the last timing as a guide, it will probably be published in the middle of January to take effect in the middle of February. There were four main issues addressed.

1. Element 1, (Morse Code), has been eliminated for new Amateur Operators as of the effective date. The rules that Volunteer Examiners are to use have been adjusted and the examination requirements



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

for General and Extra Class licenses have been revised. Anyone currently holding a CSCE must request the upgrade at a VE session, it will not be automatic.

2. The distinction between Technician and Technician Plus has been eliminated. All Technicians are granted voice and telegraphy privileges in four HF bands that are identical to those of Novice class licensees.

3. Clarified the earlier Report and Order concerning the frequency allocations for Automatically Controlled digital stations which now will operate in a section of the band formerly allocated to CW.

4. Defined the reciprocal operating privileges for holders of the European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications (CEPT) "Radio Amateur" licenses. These operators will have all Amateur Extra privileges in the United States.

Editors Note: *Although we all knew this day would come, many of us are sad to see the code requirement lifted. We should use this as an incentive to make sure that new operators on the HF frequencies have some training. We might think about reactivating the old Elmer system.*

### Upcoming Events

- Jan. 13 Greenwood Hamfest
  - Feb. 3 Charleston Hamfest
  - Feb. 17 Sandblast
  - Feb. 17 Myrtle Beach Marathon
  - March 10 Charlotte Hamfest
- VE Sessions to be announced.

### January Birthdays

- 16 Ruth Wallace, KD4UXN
- 19 Greg Davis, N3ZL
- 22 Jerry Pollard, N4JRY
- 24 Tommy Walker, NG4S
- 27 Tom Willis, KQ4BR
- 28 T. C. Taylor, WA4QMZ
- 30 David McGlothlin, W4EPD

### Christmas Party Photos



KD4WMC shows off his famous yeast rolls.



KD4BUF stirs the noodle pot.



KM4D distributes Field Day Award to K14LLU

### 2007 Dues

If you have not already submitted your dues for 2007, please pay as soon as possible. Payments in January will be at the normal rate of \$36 + \$14 Repeater Fund. Remember to add \$5 if you wait until February and to add \$10 if you wait until March.

**Happy New Year!**