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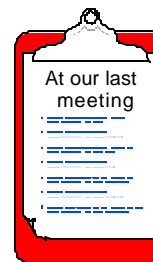
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The January meeting was opened by our new President, K7DVB, Bob Austin. Each person identified themselves and gave a short bit of information about their Ham interests.

Our Treasurer, KA3JAL, John Germain, gave the following report for December:

Began December	\$1092.42
PO Box Rent	-40.00
SERA Dues	-20.00
Phone for '85	-33.28
Dues Refunds (4)	-20.00
Copies & Beverages	-22.26
Dues Collected	+1,514.50
Ended December	\$2,471.38

Repeater savings remain at \$1905.19.

There were a total of 30 people at the December meeting, 29 members and 1 guest.

ARRL - KM4D, Dave Jones, reported that there have been many changes to staff positions at the ARRL as of December 16. Hopefully things will settle down soon.

PIO - N4JJ, Jack Jackson, advised that N2ZZ, Dr. Jim Boehner, our SC Section leader, had praised the quality of our QSO publication.

ARES - Although KG4BZK was not at the meeting, we were advised that most of the surplus

low-band radio equipment which formerly was at the old Red Cross building has been scrapped. Our current HF and VHF equipment is still at the new location and operational.

Repeaters - '85 Repeater needs more use. W4PFZ advised that he had been able to get into the repeater from the Columbia Airport and was very pleased. Both the '97 and the '440 report no change.

Remember that KA3JAL still has 80 pair of the Anderson Power Poles. Since the price has gone up from other sources, if you need any, contact John.

N4JJ requested a meeting of all VE's. After discussion, this meeting was planned for Monday, Jan. 29th at the Bell South Conference Room at 7PM to discuss future sessions, to select a new contact person and perhaps to affiliate with another VEC. All FARC VE's are invited.

W4ORW, Wayne Howell, reported that the Annual Ham Luncheon for Pee Dee area Hams on December 15 had about 10 Hams at O'Hara's.

Feb

Meeting at
7:30 PM on
the 6th. at
Shoney's

KM4D distributed some of the antenna information which he was unable to have ready at the December meeting.

KA3JAL then informed us that after all the bills were paid and before any new dues were added, we have just under \$1,000 in the treasury. He proposed that we donate \$500 of that to our scholarship fund at FD Tech. This motion was passed by acclamation. John also will move funds from the general account to the Repeater Saving Account at the end of March. At the April meeting we can decide whether we would like to continue the annual \$14 per member assessment to that fund.

KI4OEU, Jerry Jebaily, related that KI4LJT, Gerard, taught a weather class to the Florence Power Squadron during the summer. Gerard was voted Teacher of the Year and presented with an award at the annual Change of Watch Dinner. Congratulations on a job well done.

Gerard won the monthly drawing and received an antenna kit.

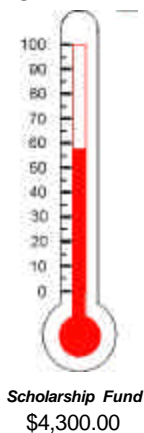
We were advised that several Hams have health problems. K4NOC, Stormy Bishop, has been fighting with Peripheral Artery Disease in his legs since before the Christmas meeting and that his wife Lois was in an automobile accident on the way to the hospital. KB4RRC, Donald Bryant is in the hospital recovering from an emergency appendectomy. And lastly, K4ITL, Danny Hampton, the owner of the Dillon Repeater, suffered a heart attack on



December 15th. He is also has Leukemia and is currently recovering at home. Keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers.

Matching Funds

KA3JAL has been contacted by an amateur radio operator who wishes to remain anonymous but has committed to matching all donations to the FARC Scholarship Endowment on a dollar for dollar basis until we reach our goal. What an opportunity to have every dollar of our donations become two dollars for the Endowment!!! All you need to do is to mail your donation check — made out to FDTC Foundation and showing the FARC Scholarship Endowment on the FOR line. Mail it to John Germain at the club mailbox or to 2731 Ascot Dr., Florence, SC 29501-1963. He can then properly account for the donation and claim the matching funds. What could be simpler ... and such an



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

opportunity.

Dig deep guys and gals and lets make the Scholarship Endowment a reality. As of January 15, the Scholarship Fund stands at \$4,300 which includes \$1,200 in corporate matching funds and the \$500 from FARC funds.

FCC Ruling

The latest FCC ruling was published in the Federal Register on January 24 and will take effect on February 23, 2007. This includes the No-Code General and Extra licensing. The VE team will be setting up a new session soon and will have information about time and place at our regular meeting on February 6th.

Upcoming Events

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

February Birthdays

- 12 Cindy Watson, KI4KWN
- 17 Steve Rath, W4JM
- 19 Scott Thompson, KG4HIE
- 25 Dave Jones, KM4D

Have You Paid Your Dues?

KA3JAL reminds us that there are still 15 members who have not yet paid their 2007 Dues. Dues paid in February will add \$5 and dues paid in March will add \$10 to the normal \$50. It pays to pay early!

Member of the Month

KI4LLU - Stan Stadig

KI4LLU got his Technician Ticket in Lancaster SC in August of 2005. His first exposure to Ham operations was way back in 1969 on active duty with the Army in Germany. He was impressed with the efficiency of the Phone Patch system which kept soldiers in touch with family back in the States before cell phones.

Originally from Massachusetts, Stan is a former Optician, LPN and EMT, who spent a long Army career working in military hospitals in Texas, Colorado, Kentucky and Germany and retired in 1988. After his mother died in 1998, Stan headed south in his motorhome and has lived in Bishopville for the past eight years, where he is among other things a regular volunteer at the Cotton Museum.

During a web search, Stan found the PALSNet information and the rest is history. His first on-the-air contact was with KM4RK, Mark in Dorchester. Stan regularly checks into the Florence nets as well as the Sumter, PALS and Dillon nets. He is also working his way through the Emergency Communications training.



Stan bought a new Honda Gold Wing motorcycle for himself for Christmas and has it set up for 2 Meter operation.