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The FARC QSO

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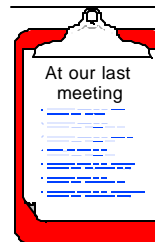
FARC nets meet each week on
Monday 8:30 pm on 146.850- and
Wednesday at 8:30 pm on or about 28.330

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28.330, 146.850-, 146.970-, 444.000+



The January 1st. FARC meeting was opened at 7:30 by our President, N4MXP, Mark Davis. There were 22 in attendance, all members.

Our Secy/Treas. KA3JAL, John Germain, gave the Treasurer's report:

Began December with	\$ 659.23
Deposit 2008 Dues	+ 1,075.00
Donation to Scholarship	-100.00
Paid PO Box for 2008	- 40.00
'85 Phone	- 36.69
Deposit 2008 Dues	+ 342.50
Paid Dues Refund	- 5.00
Ended December with	\$1,895.04

The repeater account remains at \$2,579.18. As of 1/10/08 we have 41 members paid and 13 yet to pay dues.

Our ARRL representative, N4JJ, Jack Jackson, reported that there will be new training materials proposed by Newington. More information is available in QST.

The repeater reports were all positive however, as usual, the 97 and the 444 machines are very underutilized.

KO4L, Lloyd Mitchell, described the special event station to be set up to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Mars Bluff Bomb Drop. We will be using the N4B callsign for this

activity. Since this coincides with the Charlotte Hamfest weekend, March 8 & 9, we may choose to operate from each operator's home station. We plan to operate on 80, 40 and 20 meters. We will have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting to allow interested operators to cover their preferred time slots. The club voted to get special commemorative QSL cards which will be handled by N3ZL.

The Florence Red Cross is now under the Grand Strand Red Cross office. We have been contacted by the Grand Strand Office about our participation. We formed a committee to investigate whether and how we can work with the local office. The committee consists of N4DOU, John Schumacher, KO4L, Lloyd Mitchell, W4ORW, Wayne Howell and KG4HIE, Scott Thompson. All of these members have worked well with the Red Cross in the past and will be able to find some common ground to solve our current problems.

K7DVB, Bob Austin, proposed KE4GV, Glenn Greene as a new

Feb

Meeting at
Shoney's
7:30 PM on
the 5th.

member of FARC. Glenn is an Attorney in Latta and is active on the Dillon Net. Glenn was approved and we welcome him to the club.

There was an informational discussion on the phase out of analog phones.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Traffic Handling Training Nets Start On February 3

If you are interested in learning or increasing your message and traffic handling capabilities, you are in luck.

The ARRL Fourth Region Net Manager will be offering a traffic handling training net beginning on February 3 for approximately fourteen weeks. The nets will be held every Sunday evening starting at 5pm local time on 3861 kHz, LSB. Since the first lesson will be held on SuperBowl Sunday, that lesson will probably be a short one.

February Birthdays

- 17 Steve Rath, W4JM
- 19 Scott Thompson, KG4HIE
- 28 Dave Jones, KM4D

DUES

Remember, dues paid in January will be \$50, in February \$55 and in March \$60. It is to your advantage to pay as soon as possible. There are 13 member from 2007 who have yet to renew!



Upcoming Events

- Feb 2 Charleston Hamfest
- Feb 9 VE Test Session
9AM Methodist Manor
- Feb 9 Sandblast Car Rally
- Feb 16 Myrtle Beach Marathon
- Mar 8 Charlotte Hamfest

Editor's Note

I am sorry that this issue is late but I have been battling shingles and cellulitis for the past two weeks and the antibiotics have taken all the starch out of me. I hope that I will get my strength back soon and that the next issue will be more timely.



Our Youngest Extra is Now an Eagle Scout



On Saturday, January 12, N3ZL, Greg Davis was one of two honorees at a Court of Honor where he received his Eagle Scout Award.

There were approximately 50 people attending including N4JJ, Jack Jackson, KA3JAL, John Germain and KG4BZK, Bobby Collins with his family.



Greg's Eagle Project was the construction and installation of 2-meter antennas at several Red Cross Shelters for use to communicate from the shelters back to the Red Cross operation center.



Greg has also just been accepted to Clemson University and awarded a small scholarship. There is a great possibility of more scholarship money being available in the future.



We are very proud of Greg and all his accomplishments and we wish him well as he heads off to continue his studies this fall.



Congratulations to both Mark and Beverly Davis for guiding such a fine young man.