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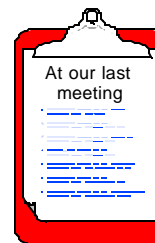
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Our June meeting was started at 7:30 by our President, N4MXP, Mark Davis. All of the members and guests introduced themselves.

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

Began May	\$1,902.39
Memorial for WB4VYA	- 50.00
Dues and 50/50	+ 51.00
N4B Event QSL cards	- 137.15
Final 85 Phone Bill	- 37.34
Club T-shirts for MayFly	- 75.00
Ended May with	\$1,653.90

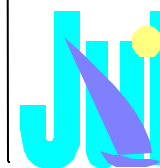
The repeater fund remains at \$3,264.69.

In the absence of N4JJ, Jack Jackson, who is under the weather, KM4D, Dave Jones gave the ARRL Section Report. There are many ongoing changes at the League and there are quite a few upcoming changes at the FCC. For more information you can look at the FCC website.

All three of the Repeaters were reported normal.

The Florence HEART Repeater site will be at the ETV Tower. The antennas and feedline are already in place and the repeater itself will be installed as soon as the Caesar's Head location is finished. To imple-

ment the HEART Repeater system, the USC Center for Public Health Preparedness is training new Amateurs from the ranks of hospital workers. On May 30, they held an all day HEART orientation session for the staff of six local hospitals to acquaint these volunteers with Amateur Radio and the structure of the system. The class ended with a demonstration net to show what a net is and how traffic is passed. Several of the attendees have already been licensed but the majority are looking forward to the Technician test. USC will hold a two day Technician training session which will culminate in a test session. The dates have not been established. USC will hold the same all day HEART orientation session for six other local hospitals on Monday, June 30. We could use some additional club members to attend the June 30 meeting to help train these new operators and to show that the Ham community welcomes their participation. If you need more information, contact KI4ORA, Jim Lavia.



Meeting at
Shoney's
7:30 PM on
the 1st.

There has been no more contact with the local Red Cross since the last meeting. Let's hope something happens soon since we are already in Hurricane season.

MayFly was a great success. The new T-shirts made our members very visible. See the article below.

N4MXP did have a polo shirt made with the club logo and N3ZL wore it to the meeting. We all were able to see how it looks in real life. Any members wishing to get a polo shirt, please contact N4MXP with your desire of color, size and pocket or not. We anticipate that these shirts will cost about \$25.

KI4LJT, Gerard Jebaily, made a request in the name of the Clemson Research Center. Each year in April, on the same weekend as the Flower Festival at the Florence Farmers Market, The Clemson University Research Center holds a Rural Heritage Festival on their grounds across Pocket Road from the '85 Tower site. They have an educational trail with many venues showing different facets of rural life including horse-shoeing. Clemson has requested that FARC supply at least 4 or 5 operators to provide safety communications along the trail next April. After a lively discussion, the club voted to help with this project. More information will be available early next spring so stay tuned.

There was a long and productive discussion about Field Day. It will be held as usual on Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29, at Lake Darpo on US. 52 between Dovesville and Society Hill. We have all the equipment necessary, however all of the antennas must be raised. This



year due to health problems, N4JJ will not be able to set up the antennas. K4AVR, Mac Cullom, volunteered to get the antennas from Jack and bring them out to the site by 9AM. The additional Antenna Monkeys this year will consist of KJ4BVM, Earl Parnell, KA3JAL, John Germain, WA4QMZ, TC Taylor, KJ4BVO, Barney Weatherford and N3ZL, Greg Davis. The antennas should be in place and operational by noon. I am sure that additional help would not be turned away. KA3JAL volunteered to contact the media to encouraged the public to attend.

We discussed the food necessary. The club voted to use up to \$250 for food. We hope that we can get some of the meals donated. We are looking at Atlanta Bread Co., Chic-Fil-A at the Mall, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Hardees for donations. **Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite dessert.**

Any operators who would like to participate can contact N4JJ by e-mail to be put on the schedule. We will have phone stations operational between 9PM and 2AM and need operators.

KI4LJT, Gerard Jebaily and N4AAK, Bill Cheny volunteered for the late shift but we could use more. There will be sleeping places at Dave's should anyone need a bit of rest. You can find a link to other Field Day locations on our website, www.W4ULH.org.

We received three applications for membership. KJ4BVM, Earl Parnell, KJ4BVN, Sheila Parnell and KJ4DGT, Rob Belinski. All three were voted into the club and we want to welcome them.

KA3JAL reported that we had received the thanks of Bobby Wallace's family for our donation in his name. We will miss him.

Since we may have quite a few new Hams due to the HEART training, we might think about a Technician Elmer Training session to introduce our new HEART operators to the hobby. K7DVB, Bob Austin, reminded us that new Hams might not recognize that an Elmer is a seasoned Amateur who mentors a new Ham.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

July Birthdays

- 4 Bobby Collins, KG4BZK
- 5 R. K. Harmon, KC4UTX
- 7 Jay Nester, KF8MC
- 20 Lloyd Mitchell, KD4HTW
- 21 Donald Bryant, KB4RRC
- 23 Gerard Jebaily, KI4LJT
- 30 Tim Kaylor, KJ4DGU

Upcoming Events

- June 28 & 29 Field Day
- August 30 & 31 Shelby Hamfest at Dallas, N.C.

MayFly 2008

As usual FARC had an RV as net control and provided communications to the entry gates and personnel to ride the parking lot trams for safety. A total of 20 Hams signed the roster with our 15 members doing most of the work. KG4BZK, Bobby Collins, served as net control both days.



Everything ran smoothly and the only problem we encountered was one lost child. Special mention should be given to Alex Parnell, 15 year old son of KJ4BVM, Earl Parnell, who drove the handicapped tram through those crowds all Sunday afternoon. KI4LJT, Gerard Jebaily, provided his radar equipped mobile Storm Chaser, which created a lot of interest. Our new FARC tee shirts gave us great visibility. Thank you to all who helped put FARC in the public eye.

Congratulations

Our youngest member, N3ZL, Gregory Scott Davis, has graduated from West Florence High School and plans to attend Clemson in the fall.

Our newest members, KJ4BVM and KJ4BVN, Earl and Sheila Parnell are now the proud parents of Michael Eugene Parnell, born on June 5, weighing in at 6lbs, 12oz. and 20 in. We are always happy to have a new harmonic!