

# The FARC

# QSO

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The May meeting was called to order by our President, Jim Lavia, KI4ORA at 7:30pm. Introductions were made all around. We had 25 members and 4 guests attending.

KA3JAL, John Germain, gave the following Treasurer's Report:

Began May with	\$3,074.81
Deposit	+ 60.00
KV4C Wedding Gift	- 50.00
Ended May with	\$3,084.81

Repeater Fund now stands at \$4,598.79.

**Repeater Reports** All repeaters operating properly.

### **PeeDee Airshow & Festival:**

We need volunteers for the Air Show. Over 50,000 people are expected to attend. Gates will open at 8am on Saturday and 9 am on Sunday. Net Control will be at the motorhome. All operators should enter through the CAP gate where there will be someone to issue wrist bands. Please wear your green Communications shirt if you have one. We will use the 146.97 repeater using the W4ULH callsign. We will ask for volunteers on both the Dillon and PALS nets.

**T Shirts:** KJ4BVM, Earl, had T shirts made at the Spartanburg Hamfest and has negotiated with that vendor to make matching shirts for our members for \$10 each. These shirts will have a pocket and the callsign on the front with an antenna on the back and will be a marine blue color. The shirts will be back before Field Day. Earl took the names, callsigns and money and will have the shirts available before Field Day.

**Field Day:** Our Field Day activity will be at Lake Darpo. The club voted to allocate up to \$200 to purchase food. KA3JAL, John, will be contacting both Subway and Chick-Fil-A for donations and we will try to approach Hardee's and Wal-Mart for food donations also. KJ4DGU, Tim Kaylor has offered to supply as much ice as we need. All attendees are encouraged to bring something for the table, especially desserts.



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

We plan to have at least 3 operating positions and all will be located in the main building this year.

We will operate a GOTA station probably located at the picnic table near the lake as it was last year. If all goes well, we plan to offer an Elmer session to acquaint all of our new Hams with different operating modes and procedures.

We discussed ways that we can add points to our score. We will be at a public place. We have invited several elected and agency officials from both Darlington County and the Red Cross. We will try to get a notice in several newspapers and on radio and TV if possible. We will have an information station for the public at the GOTA station. We will be operating on alternative power. We plan to send a message to the Section Manager and to receive the message from W1AW. Our Elmer class will qualify as an educational event. Looks like we will have a good score if we can get enough operators to man our stations.

### **Antenna Restrictions:**

KJ4BVM, Earl, was cited by Darlington County officials because of the tower in his backyard and was told to remove it immediately. It seems that Darlington County was trying to enforce commercial restrictions on private property. Through the intervention of KE4GV, Glenn Greene, the problem was quickly solved and Earl was able to keep his tower in



place. This situation was discussed at a Columbia meeting of all Codes and Enforcement personnel and all counties in SC now have the same requirements with the exception of Sumter County which has tighter restrictions due to Shaw AFB and McEntire ANG Field.

At the **next meeting** on July 6, K4AVR will give a presentation about the PALS Net which was delayed from the June meeting due to time constraints.

**Door Prize:** KJ4LIF brought her famous Oatmeal Raisin Cookies for our door prize.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

### **Upcoming Events**

Sept 5&6 - Shelby Hamfest  
Dallas, NC

### **Remember**

Our meetings will now be at Shoney's at US 52 & I-95.

## July Birthdays

- 4 Bobby Collins, KG4BZK
- 5 R. K. Harmon, KC4UTX
- 7 Jay Nester, KF8MC
- 20 Lloyd Mitchell, KO4L
- 21 Donald Bryant, KB4RRC
- 21 Gerard Jebaily, WX4STM\*\*
- 28 David Rose, KJ4RGM
- 28 Tim Kaylor, KJ4DGU

## Pee Dee Airshow and Festival

On Saturday and Sunday, June 5 & 6, FARC members helped at the Airshow. It was very hot but there was a cooling breeze.

We manned the Lost & Found table, the main gate, the CAP gate, the EMS station and the Announcers Stand. The Saturday show went off without a hitch but on Sunday, the wind was much stronger and the Golden Knights parachute team was not able to do their jump and the ERA and BB&T

Hot Air Balloons were grounded. Although several spectators were overcome by the heat, there were no serious injuries.

We had 15 operators each day so we were able to rotate assignments so everyone had a chance to enjoy the event.

Thank you to members K4AVR, Mac; KG4YVJ, Suzie; KA3JAL, John; KI4MVA, Jim; KI4ORA, Jim;



**How many FARC members can you fit on one golf cart?**

KG4BZK, Bobby; KJ4DGU, Tim; N4MXP, Mark; W4YLX, Rudolph; KJ4RGM, David; KJ4BVM, Earl; KJ4LIF, Bekki; WX4STM\*\*, Gerard; KJ4WBT, Brad; and KE4GV, Glenn. We also had the help of former members N3ZL, Gregg and KI4FFX, Ashley. K4JUJ, Dennis Chapman of Whiteville, NC who is a net control on the Dillon Net, helped on Sunday.

Several other amateurs stopped by Net Control to ragchew. There was a couple from Jefferson, SC who had many mutual Ham friends; two of our newest local Hams, KJ4VCE and KJ4VCF, Donna and Scott Burns; W4WLS, Doug Carter, formerly of Darlington and two bicycle riding Manning Police officers who are licensed.

By far the most excited guest was Hoyt Wood of Lake City who had tested at Myrtle Beach earlier this month but was not yet in the FCC

database on Saturday. On Sunday he came back with his new callsign KJ4VMA. I wish I had a photo of his motorcycle. The sidecar was decorated

with Navy stickers and a decorative machine gun. He hopes to come to our Field Day so you can see it then.

**\*\* Gerard's New Callsign**

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