

# The FARC

# QSO

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In the absence of our President, the July meeting was called to order by our Vice President, Doug Macdonald, KI4TTS at 7:30pm. Introductions were made all around. We had 16 members and 5 guests attending.

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

Began June with	\$3,084.81
Copies & wedding card-	18.12
Deposit Dues	+ 33.00
Ended June with	\$3,101.69
Repeater Fund remains at	\$4,598.79.

Our member NM4R, Morris Jones married Peggy Gregory on Saturday, June 26 at the chapel at Methodist Manor. We wish them much happiness.

**ARRL Section:** KF2X, Craig England reported that there are no new changes in the section. He asked if any members had taken any National Weather Service Skywarn classes. Since very few had attended, he will inquire about setting up a class by the Wilmington NWS office to train our members to become certified weather spotters. More information next month.

**Repeater Reports** All repeaters are operating properly.

**Old Business:** We had good reports about the Pee Dee Airshow and Festival and the South Carolina SingleSideband Picnic and Field Day. (See article below)

**Program:** K4AVR, Mac Cullom gave us a PowerPoint presentation about the PALS Net. He described the history, the organization, the technical operation and the area of coverage for this linked 2-Meter system. There were many insightful questions asked.

**Door Prize:** KJ4LIF brought her the famous Nieman Marcus Chocolate Chip Cookies for our door prize.

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

## Upcoming Events

Sept 5&6 - Shelby Hamfest  
in Dallas, N.C.



*Meeting at  
Shoney's  
7:30 PM on  
the 3rd.*

## August Birthdays

- 4 Suzie Cullom, KG4YVJ
- 5 Craig England, KF2X
- 9 Jim Dedonis, KD4VH
- 12 Tommy Johnson, N4TJ
- 17 Brad Taylor, KJ4WBT
- 19 Jack Jackson, N4JJ
- 30 Laurie Sansbury, Sr., K4OVV

## Field Day 2010

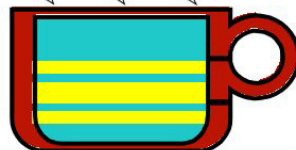
FARC started our Field Day with the usual antenna raising party. Jack, N4JJ, and Dave, KM4D, supervised the erection of dipoles used for 80 through 10 meters, a Windom for 80-10 meters and a 3 element beam for 6

meters. Earl KJ4BVM used his super shooter to get the antenna's up. This year we set up most of the operating stations in the main building

at Lake Darpo. We had three operating positions, one CW, one Phone and one Digital. Operations started at 2PM on Saturday and continued through 2 PM on Sunday. We completed 482 CW , 154 Phone and 134 Digital contacts during the 24 hours. KJ4DGT, Rob Belinski, tried to make a satellite contact but was unsuccessful. Better luck next year, Rob. We had a total of 34 Amateurs and 13 guests who signed our log.

We also set up a Get On The Air FARC QSO August, 2010

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BJ Lounge Saturday 9AM



Raising the 10-Meter GOTA Antenna

(GOTA) station at a covered pavilion nearer the entrance of the park. This included an information station and several local residents came to ask questions. The

GOTA station is set up for new licensees and unlicensed operators to get some experience. We had two radios this year, one on 2-Meters and the

other on 10-Meters. We were very lucky that 10-Meters was open. One unlicensed operator, Brian Weeks, was able to make over 30 contacts reaching into New England and the mid-west. He was very professional and we hope that he will decide to become a Ham. KJ4VCI, Jeanne Downing, who was licensed in May, also tried her luck and was able to contact Kansas and Arkansas. We had two very young hopeful operators, Spencer Taylor (age 10) and Mitchell Taylor (age 6). They were

excited to operate on 2-Meters and did an excellent job. Their parents, Becky (KJ4VCO) and Tracy (KJ4VCP) were licensed in May and spent most of their time observing other operations.

Although we submitted information to Radio, TV and print media, there was nothing published before the event, however, Elizabeth Lamb, who represented both TV-13 and the Morning News, visited our operation on Saturday. She interviewed several people on camera including KA3JAL, John Germain and KJ4VCP, Tracy Taylor. Since we were having a VE test session, Elizabeth took the Technician test. We were sorry that she did not pass but she came reasonably close even though she had not studied any of the material. She put the video on the Saturday evening TV-13 News broadcast and wrote a very nice article which appeared on the front page of the Sunday Morning News. We were all

very happy that KJ4BVM, Earl Parnell, was able to pass his Extra. Congratulations, Earl !! With his limited vision, Earl had a harder time with preparation than most but he studied long and hard.

We would like to thank Subway-Darlington, Zaxby's-I-95 & HWY 52, KFC, Domino's, Chic-Fil-A –

Magnolia Mall, PepsiCola, Harris Teeter and IGA - Quinby for their donations of food for our endeavor. KJ4LIF, Bekki supplied us with a generous supply of her famous cookies and W4PFZ's wife, Eunice, sent some wonderful brownies. With the additional items supplied by the operators, we all ate very well.

When operations ended at 2PM, everyone helped with the clean-up. Many hands made light work and we had all of the antennas down and stowed, the food repackaged, the kitchen and floors cleaned and the trash collected well before 3PM which was very timely because as the final cars left the parking lot, we had a very strong thunder storm which



**Sunday Morning Maritime Mobile Operation**

dropped an impressive amount of rain. During the trip home there was a lot of chatter on 85 about the location of minor street flooding and the location and severity of the rain.

Thanks everyone for a job well done and see you next year.

### **Remember**

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

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