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The August meeting was called to order by our President, Jim Lavia, K14ORA at 7:32pm. Introductions were made all around.

We had 19 members and 2 guests attending.

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

Began July with	\$3,101.69
97 Phone (2 Qtrs)	- 65.76
Ended July with	\$3,035.93

Repeater Fund now stands at \$4,598.79.

**Repeater Reports** All repeaters operating properly.

**SkyWarn:** There was no new information about the proposed SkyWarn class because KF2X, Craig England was not at the meeting. N2CFN, Ann England, was in the hospital having test. She may have had a TIA.

**Elmer Class:** KJ4LIF, Bekki Medsker, mentioned that several of the Hams that took the Technician class in May have asked when we will be scheduling an Elmer Class. They are looking for information on Net Protocol, Handling traffic,

what you can and cannot do during an emergency and just to be able to ask questions that they have. Most say that September or after would be better and that they would like it to be just a couple of hours long. Earl Parnell, KJ4BVM, volunteered to have them come over to his house and he would help them. No other members present expressed an interest or had any further discussion about an Elmer Class. We will bring this up again.

**Boy Scout 100th Anniversary Jamboree:** Chris Taylor, KJ4NKS, spoke about the upcoming event to be held at Camp Coker on the weekend of October 2 & 3. Chris is looking for anyone who would be willing to participate. He feels that we would get more involvement with the scouts at that event

Sept

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

than we would with JOTA which comes up on October 16. Chris is unavailable on the 16th. He would like to have a station broadcasting during the entire Jamboree to help scouts qualify for merit badges. He would like to have club members come out and help. Rudolph Hatcher, W4YLX, agreed to allow Chris to use the club callsign for this event. We will have more discussion about this Jamboree and our possible involvement with JOTA at the next meeting.

#### **New Business:**

**Insurance:** John Germain, KA3JAL, received the notice for the renewal of our ARRL Liability Insurance. Stormy Bishop, K4NOC, made the motion to pay which was seconded by Chris Taylor, KJ4NKS. The motion passed and the bill will be paid.

**New Member:** James Griffith, Jr., KJ4RGV, applied for membership in the club. He was voted in. We are very happy to have him as our newest member.

**Door Prize:** KJ4LIF brought her famous Oatmeal Raisin Walnut Cookies for our door prize. The lucky winners were Jim Lavia, KI4ORA, and John Kirkland, KF4HJS. Jim, KJ4RGV pulled the names and



when he pulled his own, he declined.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Sept 5&6 - Shelby Hamfest  
Dallas, NC
- Sept 26 - PALS Picnic  
Santee St. Pk.
- Oct 2&3 - BSA 100th Anniversary  
Camp Coker
- Oct 16 - JOTA

#### **September Birthdays**

- 2 Johnny King, WA4UGD
- 2 James McColl, KA4PVT
- 3 Jim Lavia, KI4ORA
- 4 Fletcher Townsend, KD4BUF
- 9 Bekki Medsker, KJ4LIF
- 15 Wayne Howell, W4ORW
- 27 Stormy Bishop, K4NOC

#### **Remember**

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

#### **Member of the Month Horace Beasley - WA4OPF**

Horace is a local boy. He grew up in the Stokes Bridge area of Lee County, finished at Bishopville High School in 1955 and received a Business Degree in 1962. He worked as a Rural Carrier and later a Supervisor with the USPS and retired after over 28 years of service.

His uncle, W4NTO, Fritz Nitsch, of Spartanburg had a mobile rig and Horace caught the bug. He finally got his Novice License in 1962 and his Elmer was K4BMT, Bill King. Horace worked with the Lee County EOC and with Navy MARS. In 1984 when tornados devastated Bennettsville, Horace was very active passing Health & Welfare traffic and providing information to his son who worked with WPDE and the Florence Morning News.

Horace wears many hats. In addition to FARC, he is a past Shriner, an active Mason, a member of both the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sons of the American Revolution. He is a General Class operator and often participates in the SCSSB Net. His next goal is to pass his Extra then he would like to interest his grandchildren in Amateur Radio.

#### **WA4UGD Turns 80**

A group of his friends decided to host an drop-in Birthday Party for WA4UGD, Johnnie King. on Saturday, August 28th at the Masonic Lodge on Cashua Drive in Florence. Johnnie will be 80 years young on September 2nd.



Johnnie has been an active Ham since 1964. He is very proud that he had been able to operate his Phone Patch to allow military personnel stationed overseas to contact their families in the states before cell phones, e-mail and Skype were available. He has been a member of FARC for many years and was a long time member of the South Carolina Single Sideband Net where he served as Net Manager for five years. He was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Sideband Net and a banner which all attendees signed. If you didn't attend, you missed a great party.