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The October FARC Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by our President, KI4ORA, Jim Lavia.

Everyone in the room introduced themselves.

In the absence of our Treasurer, KA3JAL, John Germain, KG4YVJ, Suzie Cullom, read the Treasurer's report:

Began September \$2,734.78
No income or expenses 0.00
Ended September \$2,734.78
The repeater account stands at \$4,599.94

As the Secretary of the PALS Net, Suzie distributed Certificates of Appreciation to KJ4LIF, Bekky Medsker, KI4TTS, Doug Macdonald and KJ4BVM, Earl Parnell for their service as Net Control Station and Net Manager during 2009 and 2010.

ARRL Section - KF2X, Craig England, reminded us about the election underway for the SC Section Manager position.

N4UPF, Marc Tarplee, who was appointed to complete the term of N2ZZ, Dr. Jim Boehner, attended our February meeting. He is running against KE4KMD, Mark Caragher of Ladson, who is a recent resident of SC, holds a Technician License and just became a member of PALS. The club voted to endorse N4UPF.

PIO - N4JJ, Jack Jackson spoke about the election and requested that members use the repeaters more often.

BSA 100th Anniversary - KJ4BVM, Earl Parnell, gave a detailed report of the weekend activities at Camp Coker. He believes that the Scout Council would like to make this annual event and we would be welcome to participate. He also suggested that Camp Coker might be a good location for our



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

Field Day activities.

Dept. of Special Needs – K4AVR, Mac Cullom reported that there had been no recent contact about setting up a training session for their personnel. KA3JAL is our contact.

General Class – KJ4LIF, Bekki Medsker, has not had any contact with the operators who took the Technician class we held in May. They had indicated an interest in having a General Class. KF4KAE, Tom Hall, has expressed interest in such a class.

Education Chairman – KI4ORA asked if we should designate an Education Chairman to coordinate classes and Elmer sessions so that such projects would not just be mentioned at meetings and then dropped till next month. There was no vote.

KJ4BVM reported that KJ4BVN, Sheila will be taking her General License test this weekend at the VE session. They both recommended www.hamtestonline.com as an excellent training for the tests. It is a pay site but well worth the money. The fee is \$70 for a two year subscription covering all three license classes. Earl paid \$34.95 for the Extra only. The site teaches the theory behind



the questions and there is a free trial available.

VE – There will be a VE session on October 9 at Methodist Manor and on December 11 at Carolinas Hospital.

N4JJ has become aware of a website which is a ministry to supply hand crank radios to teachers in undeveloped countries. It touched Jack's heart and he recommended www.earstoourworld.org.

Jack also mentioned that we should make sure that we renew our membership early. KA3JAL has a difficult job getting all of the dues collected because it means many trips to the Main P.O. Let's try to make his job easier this year.

KI4TTS, Doug Macdonald, our Vice President, is working on a slate of FARC officers for 2011 to be announced at the November meeting.

For our drawing this month we had four packages of Oatmeal Raisin Cookies supplied by KJ4LIF. The lucky winners were KC4UTX, W4PFZ, WA4UGD and WA4BUO.

We had 21 members and 1 guest attending the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

November Birthdays

- 1 Tim Webber, WD4CHS
- 12 Wayne Cooke, W4ID

Our Newest General

At the VE Session held at Methodist Manor on October 9, KJ4BVN, Sheila Parnell passed the General Exam. Congratulations, Sheila, we hope you have lots of fun on HF.

Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary

To recognize the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouting in America, the Pee Dee Council held a weekend Camporee for it's members on September 2 & 3 at Camp Coker in Society Hill. FARC was asked to participate. We operated as the special event station W4C. KJ4BVM, Earl Parnell and WG4MB, Jim Baker from Myrtle Beach, set up at least five antennas and were able to get on the air on Friday afternoon by 2 P.M.

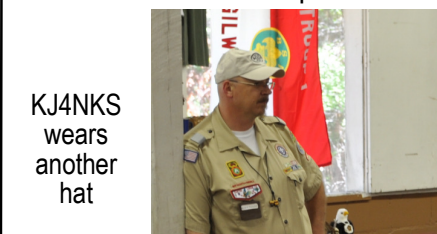
They worked several stations on 20, 40 and 80 Meters as well as 2 Meters. They were able to make over 85 contacts from California to the Carolinas and from Maine to Florida. They remained on the air until about 11 A.M. on Sunday morning.

On Saturday afternoon, N4JJ,



Jack Jackson captivated both Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts with a description of his years as an Amateur Operator and a display of many keyers and QRP rigs many of which he made himself. One group of six scouts made a 17 meter antenna with parts supplied. They were excited when they were able to make many contacts.

Our own KJ4NKS, Chris Taylor, coordinated the activities for the Pee Dee Council. AJ4BH, Blaise Haddock, and his father AJ4QY, George Haddock, as well as N4MXP, Mark Davis, spent lots of time with scouts and parents.



KJ4NKS wears another hat