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FARC**

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In the absence of our President, KI4ORA, Jim Lavia, the regular December meeting of the FARC was opened at 7:30 pm by our Vice-President, KI4TTS, Doug Macdonald. All members and guests introduced themselves. We had 26 people present, 24 members and 2 guests.

Treasurer's Report: Our Secretary/Treasurer, KA3JAL, John Germain gave the following report:

Started October with \$2,734.78
No Income or Expenses 0.00
Ended October with \$2,734.78
The Repeater Fund remains at \$4,599.94

KG4YVJ, Suzie Cullom circulated a Christmas Card she received from our former member, KV4C, Laurie Sansbury, Jr, which included a photo of his new family, and also a Christmas Card to him for all members to sign. Also, our eldest member, W8IXZ, Harry Paxton, will celebrate his 95th birthday on December 15th and since he was unable to attend the meeting, we circulated a birthday card to be signed by all members.

PIO & ARRL: In the absence of KF2X, Craig England, there was no ARRL Section Report and in the absence of N4JJ, Jack Jackson, there was no PIO Report.

Repeaters: All repeaters are in good working condition.

Elmering & Training: K4AVR, Mac Cullom, reported that he had gone to the DSN Seleeby Center in Hartsville because they were having trouble communicating back to the Pee Dee Center here in Florence. WA4UGD, Johnnie King and K4OVV, Laurie Sansbury, Sr. and K4AVR met with the DSN technical advisor and determined that the antenna they were using was defective. A new one has been ordered.

On Dec. 8, K4AVR, KA3JAL, KG4YVJ and KJ4RGV, Jim Griffith, will meet at the Pee Dee Center with all their newly licensed operators to determine their needs for Elmering. We are



*Meeting at
Shoney's'
7:30 PM on
the 4th.*

hopeful that we can encourage several to become FARC members.

KJ4LIF, Bekki Medsker, has been approached to have an Elmer session and possibly a General class next year. She would like to have some additional help because the class she taught last May was really hard for just two instructors.

Election of Officers for 2011:

The nominees were:

President -- KI4TTS, Doug Macdonald

Vice President -- K4TGK, Tim Kaylor

Secretary/Treasurer--KA3JAL, John Germain

There were no nominations from the floor so those nominated were elected by acclamation.

New Members: We voted 2 new members into the club, NL7VR, Simon and WL7KZ, Connie Carroway. We are happy to have them with us.

Drawings: KJ4LIF brought chocolate chip cookies and WL7KZ, Connie, brought a beautiful Teddy Bear which she had made for the drawing. KC4UTX, R.K., was the lucky recipient.

Although he was not able to attend the meeting, we held a 95th Birthday Party for W8IXZ. We also had a birthday cake for KA3JAL who is just back with us after a long illness. (After the meeting, K4AVR, KG4YVJ, KA3JAL and KI4TTS took the cake to Harry. He was able to share it with his friends there at the Carolinian.)

The meeting was adjourned early at 7:55.

Come join your Ham friends every Saturday morning



BJ Lounge Saturday 9AM



January Birthdays

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| 12 | Chris Taylor, KJ4NKS |
| 16 | Ruth Wallace, WD4UXN |
| 21 | Simon Carraway, NL7VR |
| 22 | John Ratliff, K4KSX |
| 24 | Tommy Walker, NG4S |
| 28 | T. C. Taylor, WA4QMZ |
| 30 | David McGlothlin, W4EPD |

Upcoming Events

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| Feb. 5 | Charleston Hamfest |
| Feb. 5 | Sandblast Car Rally |
| Feb. 12 | VE Test at Methodist Manor |
| Feb. 19 | Myrtle Beach Marathon |

December VE Test Session

The December 11th VE Session at Carolinas Hospital produced three new Extras and three new Technicians. Our own KJ4NKS, Chris Taylor, and KJ4RGV, Jim Griffith, along with K4YYY, Hoyt Wood of Lake City, are our newest Extras. We welcome KJ4ZMX, Jonathan Boan of Cheraw; KJ4ZMY, Jack Kolesar of Timmons ville, and KJ4ZMZ, James Webber of Columbia, as new Technicians.

Our next VE Session will be on February 12.

Websites of the Month

Our new Vice-President, K4TGK, Tim Kaylor knows his way around computers and the internet. He recommends the following sites:

www.qrz.com and www.hamcall.com allows you to look up call-signs and get general information.

www.eqsl.cc -- This site allows you to design and send qsl cards via the internet.

www.rigpix.com -- This site has the photos and specs for 3911 ham radio and swl units and lots of antennas and accessories. The military radios may bring back memories.

www.ham-radio-deluxe.com -- is Tim's favorite site. He loves free software and he doesn't think you can get a better program for a better price.

Members of the Month WL7KZ, Simon and NL7VR, Connie Carraway

Simon is originally from Florence. He attended Harlee Elementary and Poyner but he quit school in the 9th grade. He joined the U.S. Navy and got his GED in 1968 and finished 2 years of college in Seattle, WA. He later graduated from the Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1978.

Simon became interested in radio by listening as a kid and while he was stationed at the Naval Communications Station in Kodiak, AK, for 2 years. He got his 5wpm Technician License in 1990, his 13wpm Advanced License in 1993 and finally got his Extra and became a VE. Simon has WAS on 10 M. He has been active on HF, VHF, UHF and Satellite.

Connie, who was raised in the Seattle area, holds her Technician License. Her specialty is making Teddy Bears.

They made their home in Anchorage, AK, for many years and raised three children. Simon was a practicing Chiropractor and Connie worked in the office. Now retired, they returned to South Carolina to be with family and to escape the cold winters. Simon is working to set up his Ham Shack and will be joining our VE team.

We are pleased to have such seasoned and accomplished new members.

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