

The FARC QSO

The Newsletter of the Florence Amateur Radio Club

28.330 USB, 146.850- 146.970- 444.000 +

At 7:30, Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, opened the July meeting. Everyone introduced themselves. There were 13 members and 4 guests present.

Attending This Meeting:

K4TGK - Tim	M	W4YLX - Rudolph	M	WA4OPF - Horace	M
WA4BUO - Tom	M	N4AAK - Bill	M	NN4RB - Rick Brown	G
K4NOC - Stormy	M	KJ4DGT - Rob	M	N4KCB - Kay Brown	G
KC4UTX - R. K.	M	WA4UGD - Johnnie	M	KX4P - John Green	G
AJ4QY - George	G	KA3JAL - John	M	M=Member	
K7DVB - Bob	M	N4JJ - Jack	M	G=Guest	



Treasurer's Report - John Germain, KA3JAL, gave this report:

Began June	\$4,937.58
No income or expenses	<u>-0.00</u>
Ended June with	\$4,937.58

The repeater account stands at \$5,799.41.

Sick List -

Harry Paxton, W8IXZ passed away at age 96 on June 29th.

Rick Brown's mother passed away on July 8th.

Repeater Reports - 146.85 machine is working. 146.970 is working. We need to look into the problem with the 444.000 repeater. It receives for a short time after it identifies, then will not receive until it identifies again.

Old Business - Bill Cheney, N4AAK, can finally get into the HEART repeater, 146.685.

Jack Jackson, N4JJ, Reminded us that there is a scholarship fund at Florence Darlington Tech. They had dipped into the fund in the past. Jack suggested we simply give them the money. At the present, there is no one getting use of it. There is probably less than \$2000 left there. We may give it out as \$500 scholarships in something related to electronics.

Mark Davis, N4MXP, will graduate the Nursing program at Tech in August.

New Business - None

Meeting at Shoney's, 7:30 P.M. on the 7th.



Jack Jackson brought a stack of magazines to give away. He is also preparing a list of items he has for sale and will send it out when ready.

Equipment - Harry Paxton had donated his equipment to be sold by the club and the proceeds donated to the FARC.

August Birthdays -

- 04 - Suzie Cullom, KG4YVJ
- 09 - James Dedonis, KD4VH
- 12 - Tommy Johnson, N4TJ
- 22 - Jack Jackson, N4JJ
- 30 - Laurie Sansbury, K4OVV

Come join your Ham
friends every Saturday
morning



BJ Lounge Saturday 9 a.m.

Upcoming Events -

- **August 4** - CFARS Swapfest at Methodist University in Fayetteville, North Carolina.
- **September 1-2** Shelby Hamfest in Dallas, North Carolina.
- **November 10** - BeachFest 2012. Grand Strand ARC Hamfest in Conway, South Carolina.

VE Session - Our next VE session will be on October 13 at Methodist Manor. If you are working it, don't forget to wear your WCARS badge.

Online Lookups - You probably have used QRZ.com for lookups in the past, but now they want you to join. A basic xml membership costs \$30. There is a free service you can use called HamQTH.com. You will not have to register to use it, but if you do the information about you will be much more complete. Another free service, at least for now, is at QRZCQ.com. This one is new and they are building the database. They also have other services on the web site.

Vanity Call Signs - The price charged for a vanity call sign will be increasing. It is currently \$14.20 and will be raised 80 cents to an even \$15. The increase will take effect 30 days after it is published in the Federal Register. There is no date for that publication yet.

Antenna Raising - On July 7 several members showed up for an "antenna raising" at Methodist Manor. Morris Jones, NM4R, finally got his radios from his son in Florida and then had an antenna installed. The building maintenance men climbed the ladders and did the install while club members did the ground work. Helping out were Mac Cullom, K4AVR, Suzie Cullom, KG4YVJ, John Germain, KA3JAL, Bill Cheney, N4AAK, and Tim Kaylor, K4TGK. Morris is operating a Kenwood TS430 into an MFJ tuner. The coax passes through a connector panel from MFJ that is inserted into the window frame. We are told the antenna is called a "Carolina Window Special". If you look hard at the photo, you may be able to see the nearest hanger and a balun. Morris reports he is getting out well and making contacts.



Morris Jones is ready to get the antenna installed.



The connection pass-through from MFJ.



Members assist with the ground work. Here, Mac Cullom, K4AVR, is preparing a balun.



The maintenance people did an excellent job. The antenna is practically invisible.



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