

# The FARC QSO

The Newsletter of the Florence Amateur Radio Club

28.330 USB, 146.850- 146.970- 444.000 +

The November meeting was called to order by Pres. Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, at 7:30. Members and guests introduce themselves. With 24 people in attendance, 17 members and 7 guests.



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

**Began September**

**\$4,804.94**

**Ended September with**

**\$4,804.94**

The repeater account still stands at **\$5,800.61**.

**Repeater Reports** - 146.85 machine is working.

146.970 is working. The 444.000 repeater is working, but lonely. The Dillon repeater may be back on the air soon. Some hope by Christmas.

**Old Business - The scholarship** amount at Florence Darlington Tech is about \$6693. There is no change from last month.

**New Business** - We need officers for the FARC. We will need a President and Vice President for 2013. If you want to volunteer or nominate someone, please come to the meeting on December 4, or let us know who you have in mind.

We would like to see all members present for voting on December 4th. We are planning to have a Christmas meeting as in the past at Jack Jackson's home. The menu is spaghetti. Jack told us to show up early for the antenna tour.

We need someone to be the local net manager. The section traffic manager was Mack Heaton, N4MEH. He has resigned. Rusty Kirkpatrick, WU2T is acting as

## Attending This Meeting:

K4TGK - Tim	M
NL7VR - Simon	M
W4ORW - Wayne	M
KC4UTX - R. K.	M
AJ4QY - George	G
KJ4MWT - Kathy	G
AK4BH - Blaise	M
K4NOC - Stormy	M
N4AAK - Bill	M
Marty Cheney	G
KG4YVJ - Suzie	M
K4AVR - Mac	M
KF4ECK - Edward	G
Leon - KF4AYM	G
KG4HIE - Scott	M
WA4BUO - Tom	M
WA4OPF - Horace	M
WA4UGD - Johnnie	M
W4YLX - Rudolph	M
KA3JAL - John	M
N4JJ - Jack	M
Russell Wilson	G
KD4BUF - Fletcher	M
KD4WMC - Wink	G

M=Member

G=Guest

**Meeting at Jack Jackson's house, 7:30 P.M.  
on the 4th. The address is**



a temporary replacement. What we need is someone to see there is a net control on the nets each week. This person also will get the tally of check-ins, total nets, amount of traffic passed for each month, then send it to the section traffic manager. The purpose is to give the ARRL ammo to show the FCC that the frequencies are being used. If you would like to volunteer for this, please let one of the club officers know.

There was a discussion about moving net times to 8:00 instead of 8:30. Nothing is yet decided.

There was a discussion about eliminating the 10m net. It was suggested that possibly it could move to the 6m band. If you would be interested in a 6m net, let us know. You could easily use a J-pole or 3 element beam for 6m. Jack Jackson said you could use a 5/8 wave 2 meter vertical for 6 meters. It was not decided to eliminate the 10m band.

Stormy Bishop, K4NOC, let us know that the reason the Sumter Hamfest was cancelled was that the JC hut they use is in bad shape. The power is turned off, it has a hole in the roof, and it is not in condition to use. The Sumter Club will have the hamfest next year at the Bethel Church. Contact has already been made and the venue is confirmed.

Jack Jackson has volunteered his farm property for field day in 2013. We will continue discussions on this and hopefully participate this year. We would like to hear from anyone who can help put field day together this coming spring.

The USPS is probably going to discontinue IRCs due to lack of sales. This will probably go into effect January 27, 2013. Most people overseas ask for a couple dollars or an SASE. The cost of an IRC is \$2.20. An out of country postage stamp is \$1.05.

### **December Birthdays -**

**4** - John Germain, KA3JAL

### **Upcoming Events -**

- **December 4** - Dinner and Club meeting at Jack Jacksons home.
- **February 2, 2013** - Charleston Hamfest website and info at <http://www.wa4usn.org/hamfestm.htm>
- **February 2, 2013** - Richmond Frostfest, Richmond Raceway Complex, Richmond Virginia. See <http://www.frostfest.com>.
- **March 2, 2013** - Sandblast Rally near Cheraw.
- **March 8-9, 2013** - The Charlotte Hamfest will again be at the Cabarrus Arena. See: <http://charlottehamfest.org/>

**VE Sessions** - The next session will be on December 8, 2012 at Carolinas Hospital. Don't forget to wear your badge



**BJ Lounge Saturday 9 a.m.**

if you are working this one. We still need VEs for some of the test sessions next year.

**Club Dues are due!** If you pay them before the end of the year, you can get 10% (\$5) off. The rates are \$45 if paid in December, \$50 in January, \$55 in February and \$60 in March. After that you are off the roster and must re-apply for membership. Please send checks only (NO CASH) to KA3JAL, or give them to him at the meeting on December 4.

**Sick List - Dave Jones, KM4D,** had a serious heart attack and is recovering. He is coming along, but has a way to go.

**Drawings** - In the drawing at the November meeting Kathy Haddock, KJ4Mwt, won a 3 pc screwdriver set and W4YLX, Rudolph Hatcher won a ticket to the Beachfest. We want to thank the Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club for donating the ticket for the drawing.

**There is a swap shop** group for South Carolina hams on Yahoo. The address is: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SCHAMSWAP/> As taken from their notice, "This group is primarily dedicated to Amateur Radio operators who are interested in buying and selling Amateur Radio equipment but discussions of other subjects of interest (Antennas, DX, Contesting, etc) are encouraged as well. This group is based in the Columbia, South Carolina area. Please keep your postings to ham related items. No 11-Meter equipment listings are allowed. "

Membership is restricted to licensed hams from South Carolina and border cities such as Charlotte or Augusta.

The FARC provides this information with no guarantees. Please remember to be careful when doing business online.

**The Charlotte Hamfest** organizers have let us know that they are now using social media and want anyone interested to know that they have Facebook and Twitter accounts. If you would like to follow them or "like" them, their addresses are:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/CharlotteHamfest>

Twitter - <http://twitter.com/CltHamfest>

They also state that they will return the favor if you let them know your addresses for doing so.

**Amateur Radio Supplies LLC, of Haverhill, Massachusetts** will be giving away 3 complete HF stations per year to encourage youth activity on the ham bands. You can nominate young hams for this and individuals can apply online at

<http://www.amateurradiosupplies.com>

and at

<http://www.amateurradiosupplies.com/youth-s/222.htm>

The article below appeared in **Bike MS EMagazine**, September 2012. This article is an appreciation for the help hams give to the MS Society for events such as the MS 150 Breakaway to the Beach. Perhaps you would like to volunteer next time!

## We **DO** Like Green Eggs and "HAMS"

Because the chapter, volunteers provide an amazing array of specialized skills for the mission. Accountants help with money counting or data entry. Doctors, nurses and EMTs provide medical support at events. Attorneys help people with employment issues. Contractor help with service projects or home modification. One specialized skill with which people might not be familiar is that of the Amateur Radio Operator, more commonly known as a HAM. These volunteers are the eyes and ears of our fundraising events, providing key communication and emergency support for Bike MS, Walk MS and MuckRuckus MS.

HAM radio operators come from all walks of life, and each volunteer spends many hours training to pass an examination for the FCC license. The chapter is fortunate to have Amateur Radio Clubs across the area support our many events. These volunteers rarely receive the thanks they deserve for playing this key role in communication and support of participants in our event. At each event, they provide a centralized command center where hams stationed at rest stops and on the course pass on important information. HAMs serve as SAGs (support and gear) and drive the routes to help participants who need assistance. They communicate with medical volunteers and keep staff members and key volunteers apprised of needs. In an emergency, such as a major thunderstorm like in New Bern, they coordinate efforts to close the course and transport participants. Without these key communication links, we could not ensure the safety of our participants and volunteers.



DAN AND MARISA SEARS IN NEW BERN



In their service to the Chapter, HAMs not only share their time and specialized skills, they also use their own equipment and vehicles to support participants. At the New Bern event alone, 32 hams provided over 694 hours of support. They handled 1700 communications and drove 7066

miles in support of the event. The in-kind donation of equipment for the weekend was \$57,800 and the value of the hours volunteered by the hams totaled \$23,552. Annually this donation of time and effort is multiplied many times over as HAMs from North and South Carolina volunteer at each of our major events. When you have occasion to meet a HAM, please take the time to thank them enabling us to raise money for a cure and move toward a world free of MS.

**Em-Comm** - There was some discussion about taking the FEMA Courses for working with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) at the recent FARC Meeting. The NIMS Course site is <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>.

The courses that Amateur Operators need are:

IS-100.b - (ICS 100) Introduction to Incident Command System

IS-200.b (ICS 200) ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents

IS-700.a National Incident Management System (NIMS), An Introduction

IS-800.b National Response Framework, An Introduction.

Once you complete these courses, you can present your completion certificates to your local or State Emergency Management Department for your Incident Command credentials.

The Qualified Radio Operator for FEMA under NIMS is called a Mission Radio Operator. In order to be assigned as an Incident Control Center Radio Operator, you will need to be qualified as a Communications Unit Leader. This training is available from FEMA as an "in residence" course.

If you would like to be involved in ARES, please fill out the form included in this newsletter and turn it in to Tim Kaylor, K4TGK.

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### **HELP SOMEONE GO TO SCHOOL!**

We are continuing to fund our Endowment for the FARC Scholarship at Florence Darlington Technical College. We're trying to increase it from \$6,700 to the \$10,000 level to provide adequate Scholarship funding on a perpetual basis.

#### **Mail contributions (Tax Deductible) to:**

FDTF Educational Foundation

Attn: Emery DeWitt

PO Box 100528

Florence, SC 29502-0528

Make checks payable to "FDTF Foundation". Write "FARC Endowment" on the "For" line.

\*\*\*If you work for a Company that matches contributions, don't forget to submit the necessary documentation for a match\*\*\*

The FDTF Foundation will mail you a receipt for tax purposes.

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**The Grand Strand Amateur Radio Club** held BeachFest 2012 on November 10. There was a yard sale area and inside displays. There was also a great grill with hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks available.

Several people from the Florence club (members and non-members) attended. Seen on site were W4YLX - Rudolph Hatcher, WA4OPF - Horace Beasley, WA4BUO - Tom Morgan, AK4BH - Blaise Haddock, AJ4QY - George Haddock, KJ4MWT - Kathy Haddock, and K4TGK - Tim Kaylor.

Mac Cullom - K4AVR and Suzie Cullom - KG4YVJ manned the table for the South Carolina Single Side Band Net.

They were set up next to the table for the ARRL. (Prime real estate!)

We were pleasantly surprised to see the people from ARRL attending. Dr. Jim Bohner, Roanoke Division Vice Director and Marc Tarplee, SC Section Manager were there. They stopped and spoke with us for quite a while.



Left to right, WA4OPF - Horace Beasley, WA4BUO - Tom Morgan, KJ4YVJ - Suzie Cullom, behind Suzie is N4UFP - Marc Tarplee, N2ZZ - Dr. Jim Bohner, K4AVR - Mac Cullom, W4YLX - Rudolph Hatcher.



## Amateur Radio Emergency Service®

### ARES® Registration Form

Name:	
Call Sign:	
Mailing Address:	
City, State, ZIP code:	
e-mail address(es):	
Home phone number:	
Work phone number:	
Cell phone number:	
License Class:	

Check bands and modes that you can operate:

MODE	HF	6 meters	2 meters	222 MHz	440 MHz	Others
SSB						
CW						
FM						
DATA						
PACKET						
Other modes (specify below)						
Mobile Operation						

Can your home station be operated without commercial power? Yes [  ] No [  ]

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Contact ARES® and ARRL Section Leaders in your area: [www.arrl.org/sections/](http://www.arrl.org/sections/).  
 Learn about ARRL-sponsored Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Courses:  
[www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog](http://www.arrl.org/online-course-catalog)

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# 2013 CHARLOTTE HAMFEST

[www.charlottehamfest.org](http://www.charlottehamfest.org)

## 2 DAY "CAN'T MISS" EVENT



FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH, 4:00 TO 8:00  
 SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH, 8:30 TO 5:00  
 Talk-In — 146.655 (minus) — No Tone

CABARRUS ARENA & EVENT CENTER  
 4751 Hwy 49 North, Concord, NC 28025  
 Backup — 146.94 (minus) — No Tone

**TICKETS \$10 AT THE DOOR — 12 AND UNDER FREE — FREE PARKING**

- 85,000 sq ft of Flea Market Shopping (324 tables!)
- 80 commercial booths w/ MAJOR manufacturers
- Hands-On Workshops
- Informative Forums
- SUPER Hourly Prizes



- Homebrew Go Box Contest
- VEC Testing Saturday
- BINGO - \$500 in prizes
- On-Site Concessions
- FREE WI-FI

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call Sign \_\_\_\_\_  
 Business Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

.....	Pre-registration tickets	@	\$ 7.00	=	\$ _____
.....	Extra Prize Tickets	@	\$ 1.00	=	\$ _____
.....	8 ft. Swapfest Tables	@	\$20.00	=	\$ _____
.....	Chairs	@	\$ 1.00	=	\$ _____
.....	Electricity	@	\$40.00	=	\$ _____
	<b>TOTAL</b>			=	\$ _____

Name (SIGN) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Detach and mail with your check and self addressed stamped envelope to:  
**For tickets only:** Charlotte Hamfest, 635 Crater Street, Charlotte, NC 28205.  
**For tickets & flea market tables:** Charlotte Hamfest, 16007 Wynfield Creek Pkwy.,  
 Huntersville, NC 28078. Orders received after Feb. 23, 2013 will be held at the door.  
 No refunds after Feb. 23, 2013/ Tickets and tables are good for both show days.

**Flea Market Info Contact**  
**Mary Hunt — N4MH**  
**704-948-7373 or**  
**fleamarket@w4bfb.org**

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**Tom Hunt — KA3VVJ**  
**704-948-7373 or**  
**dealers@w4bfb.org**

**Setup Friday 9-3**

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Florence, South Carolina  
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## The FARC QSO

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FARC nets meet each week on  
Monday 8:30 pm on 146.850- and  
Wednesday at 8:30 pm on 28.330  
USB