

The FARC QSO

The Newsletter of the Florence Amateur Radio Club

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Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, President, started the April meeting at 7:30. There were introductions around. There were 11 members and 2 guests present.

John Germain, KA3JAL, gave this report:

Began March	\$5,497.05
Deposited Dues	+ 97.00
Copies and Postage	- 12.47
Ended March with	\$5,981.58
The repeater account stands at	\$5,224.55.

**Meeting at
Shoney's 7:30
P.M. on the 1st.**

We began 2012 with 55 members, 51 that pay dues and 4 lifetime members. We are now 47 members for 2012.

Reports - We are still looking for someone who would perform PIO officer duties. Duties include reporting items at the meetings, distributing emails, and dealing with outside organizations such as the media. Jack Jackson, N4JJ, has done this for several years and needs to step down. If YOU would like to handle this, PLEASE let us know.



Sick List - Wayne Cook, W4ID is home and recuperating.

Scott Thompson, KG4HIE was at the meeting. He is having a bout with congestive heart problems. He has lost a lot of weight and is feeling run down, but managed to get to Shoney's anyway. He is controlling his illness with medication. We were all glad to see him.

Repeater Reports - All repeaters are reported as working.

Old Business - No old business was discussed.

New Business - We are having quite a bit of trouble getting people to volunteer. We know people have lives, but the events we are working are events we have done for several years. WE NEED YOU TO HELP OUT!

Officer Change - Wayne Bramble, KJ4NNT, has stepped down from Vice President of the FARC for personal reasons.

May Birthdays -

- 2 - Connie Carraway, WL7KZ
- 22 - Horace Beasley, WA4OPF
- 27 - Doug Macdonald, KI4TTS



New From ARRL - Beginning in June the QST magazine from ARRL will be available in digital format. Members will be able to view it on their computer or handheld devices.

Upcoming Events -

- **May 5** - The Upstate Hamfest in Spartanburg SC.
- **May 19 and 20, 2012** - The Pee Dee Air Show at the Florence airport.
- **May 18-20** - Dayton Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio.
- **September 1-2** -in Shelby Hamfest in Dallas, North Carolina.
- **November 10** - BeachFest 2012. Grand Strand ARC Hamfest in Conway, SC.



BJ Lounge Saturday 9 a.m.

VE Session - On April 14th, 3 people took exams at

Carolinas Hospital. They all passed with good scores. Thomas Lawhon and Gerald Sattewhite both passed the technician exam and then tried for the general. They did not pass the general, but now they know what to expect. Thomas Lawhon is now KK4IOJ and Gerald Sattewhite is now KK4IOK.

Gerard Jebaily took and passed the general exam. Gerard is WX4STM.

The next VE Testing session is October 13th at the Methodist Manor. Check to see if you are scheduled. If you are not going to make it, let Wayne Howell know.



From left to right, Gerald Sattewhite, KK4IOK, Gerard JebailyWX4STM, and Thomas Lawhon, KK4IOJ.

Clemson Extension Rural Heritage Festival

The annual Rural Heritage Festival was held April 21st at the Clemson Pee Dee Research and Education Center on Pocket road. The Florence Amateur Radio Club was there again to assist.

The day started with the Run for Brighter Days, a 5K and 10k Run/Walk that is in support of the Jonathan C. Smith Foundation, which helps teens with mental illnesses and addictions. There were over 100 runners this time. The first race, last year, only had 9 participants, but that was because of being rained out and having to reschedule. This year there were balmy temperatures and a partly



cloudy to sunny sky, making it a very nice morning to run.

From 10 until 4 the day continued with the main exhibits and activities. There were demonstrations of plowing with a mule, falconry, an early American Indian village, wool carding, and many other

things to do and see.

Attending the festival from the FARC were Bob Austin, K7DVB, Bill Cheney, N4AAK, David McGlothlin, W4EPD, John Germain, KA3JAL, Gerard Jebaily, WX4STM, and Tim Kaylor, K4TGK. Also helping out was Thomas Lawhon, KK4IOJ, who just received his technician license this week.



David McGlothlin, W4EPD, and Bill Cheney, N4AAK enjoy the day at the Rural Heritage Festival.

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