

The FARC QSO

The Newsletter of the Florence Amateur Radio Club

28.330 USB, 146.850- 146.970- 444.000 +

Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, called the October meeting to order at 7:30. After introductions we found we had 22 members and 3 guests present for a total of 25 in attendance.



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

Began September

\$4,805.94

Ended September with

\$4,805.94

The repeater account still stands at **\$5,799.41**.

Sick List -

Ralph Thompson, KI4AOQ, of Kingstree, passed away on September 30 after a long illness. Ralph was a former member of the FARC.

Horace Beasley, WA4OPF, had hip replacement on August 21. He was at the meeting and, for now, is using a cane to get around.

Dave Jones, KM4D, has had a heart attack and is in serious condition in McLeod hospital.

Bill Cheney, N4AAK may have to have surgery in the near future.

Repeater Reports - 146.85 machine is working. 146.970 is working but they are replacing the roof on the City/County complex Hopefully it will not be affected. 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 up to about \$6693. When we get to \$10,000 we will keep adding to it. The more we donate, the more they can give out.



Attending This Meeting:

K4TGK - Tim	M
N4AAK - Bill	M
NM4R - Morris	M
AJ4NQY - George	G
AK4BH - Blaise	M
KG4YVJ - Suzie	M
K4AVR - Mac	M
WA4BUO - Tom	M
WA4OPF - Horace	M
W4YLX - Rudolph	M
KA3JAL - John	M
N4JJ - Jack	M
Jan Austin	G
K7DVB - Bob	M
N4MXP - Mark	M
KD4BUF - Fletcher	M
KG4BZK - Bobby	M
WA4UGD - Johnnie	M
W4GEY - James	M
W4PFZ - Mac	M
NL7VR - Simon	M
WL7KZ - Connie	M
KC4UTX - R. K.	M
W4AYQ - David	M
W4ORW - Wayne	M
M=Member	
G=Guest	

**Meeting at Shoney's,
7:30 P.M. on the 6th.**

Be sure to

VOTE!

FDTTC cannot touch the principal. They will notify the club as to who they gave it to. It is suggested we invite the recipient to our club meeting. We could also have someone go to the graduation, possibly to hand out the scholarship.

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 November 6, 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.

At the next meeting Wayne Howell will be taking names for VE volunteers. Please do not email him about this until after the meeting.

Em-Comm - We currently have 6 people and an EC in Florence County. There was a Simulated Emergency Test on October . Florence County did not participate this time. If you are an ARES volunteer, please consider taking the courses at FEMA for certification. If you are needed for communications through the state they will require IS100.b, IS200.b, IS700.a, and IS800.b. You would also need these to belong to SC AUXCOMM. Find the courses at

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/crslist.asp>

*****QSO SWAP SHOP*****

Do you have something to sell? Looking for a piece for equipment? Let us know and we can list it here. Send it to tim@k4tkg.org. Send a description, price, photo if you want to. This is only for radio related gear. No cars, refrigerators, real estate, etc. please.

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Health note!! - Good health is simply the slowest rate at which you can die.

November Birthdays -

13 - Wayne Cooke, W4ID

Upcoming Events -

Note- the Sumter Hamfest was cancelled this year but should return next year. There was a problem with the location.

- **November 10 - BeachFest 2012.** Grand Strand ARC Hamfest in Conway, South Carolina. See the last page of this month's QSO.
- **November 10** - Trident Amateur Radio Club Fox Hunt
- **February 2, 2013** - Charleston Hamfest
- **March 2, 2013** - Sandblast Rally near Cheraw.

VE Session - There were 2 candidates that passed their exams on October 13th at Methodist Manor.

Come join your Ham friends every Saturday morning



BJ Lounge Saturday 9 a.m.

Scott Burns, KJ4VCF, passed the Extra exam.

Eugene Jones, KK4MBU, Wayne Cooke's grandson, passed the technician and the general in one sitting.

If you or someone you know would be interested in HamTestOnline, John Germain has information, pens and bumper stickers.

Pals Picnic - There were 35 members and several guests attending the PALS picnic in Santee State park. There were several speakers including ARRL Section Manager Marc Tarplee, N4UFP. Several people had extra deviled eggs and in honor of Vic Berner, KG8VT (SK). KE4RVF, Suzannah Roth, the mother of one of our waitresses at Shoney's (Cheryl) was there also. She is an extra class amateur. (We keep trying to get Cheryl licensed, but she keeps resisting.)

MS150 Breakaway to the Beach - September 22 & 23

The MS150 Bike ride was a success this year. It was a hot sunny day but about 1300 bicycle riders completed the course to raise funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Hams from across provided communications. John Crockett of SC Heart operated as net control. Tim Kaylor was stationed at Darlington High School and Mac and Suzie Cullom worked the post at the Lighthouse Church on McIver Road.



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.

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Saturday, November 10, 2012

8 AM UNTIL 2 PM

Old Pee Dee School / Academy of Hope

3521 Juniper Bay Road

Conway S.C. 29527

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Wednesday at 8:30 pm on 28.330
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