

The FARC QSO

The Newsletter of the Florence Amateur Radio Club

28.330 USB, 146.850- 146.970- 444.000 +

The July meeting began at 7:30. K4TGK, Tim Kaylor, mentioned seeing our august members, august, in this case, meaning respected or venerable. There were introductions around and the meeting was under way. We had 17 members and 5 guests present for a total of 22 in attendance.

Attending This Meeting:

K4TGK - Tim	M	AK4BH - Blaise	M	N4MXP - Mark	G
N4AAK - Bill	M	KG4YVJ - Suzie	M	N4JJ - Jack	M
Marty Cheney	G	K4AVR - Mac	M	W4GEY - James	M
Dave Bailey	G	WA4OPF - Horace	M	W4PFZ - Mac	M
MN4R - Morris	M	WA4BUO - Tom	M	Jan Austin	G
KC4UTX - R. K.	M	KG4BZK - Bobby	M	K7DVB - Bob	M
W4ORW - Wayne	M	W4YLX - Rudolph	M		
KJ4NWT - Kathy	G	KA3JAL - John	M	M=Member	
				G=Guest	



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

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

The repeater account stands at \$5,799.41.

This is the second time we have had no change as there were no expenses.

Sick List - Horace Beasley, WA4OPF had hip replacement on August 21. It appears that all went well. He is home resting.

Repeater Reports - 146.85 machine is working. 146.970 is working. Rudolph Hatcher, W4YLX, and Donald Bryant, KB4RRC checked the 444.000 repeater, but were unable to find out why some people could not get in to it. It is suggested we keep a radio or HT on at home to keep the repeaters more active.

New Business - We voted to pay the insurance bill of \$300.

Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, has accepted the position of Emergency Coordinator for the South Carolina Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES).

The equipment sale for the items that Harry Paxton, W8IXZ, (SK) left to the club has sold out.

**Meeting at
Shoney's, 7:30
P.M. on the 4th.**



The sale raised \$267. The only items not sold were 2 HT radios. The club discussed and agreed that we will retain those 2 radios and use them when we have an event that someone wants to work but someone working it does not have an HT to use. John Germain, KA3JAL, will have possession for now and will keep them charged and ready. It was also voted to purchase the chargers for the radio from club funds. It was also mentioned that perhaps they could be loaned to a new ham to get them on the air.

Old Business - We voted at the August, 2012 FARC meeting to continue funding 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.

Jack Jackson, N4JJ, has decided to remain as PIO officer for the club. Jack has done an excellent job in the past and we are glad he is staying on with us.

September Birthdays -

02 - Johnnie King, WA4UGD 16 - Wayne Howell, W4ORW
06 - Fletcher Townsend, KD4BUF 27 - Stormy Bishop, K4NOC
09 - Bekki Medsker, KJ4LIF

Upcoming Events -

- **September 1-2** Shelby Hamfest in Dallas, North Carolina.
- **September 30** - Pals Net Annual Picnic at Santee State Park. Everyone welcome to attend. Bring a dish to share.
- **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.

Also, on this subject, it has been found that tests are to be given in English only. Someone had asked to have a test given to



BJ Lounge Saturday 9 a.m.

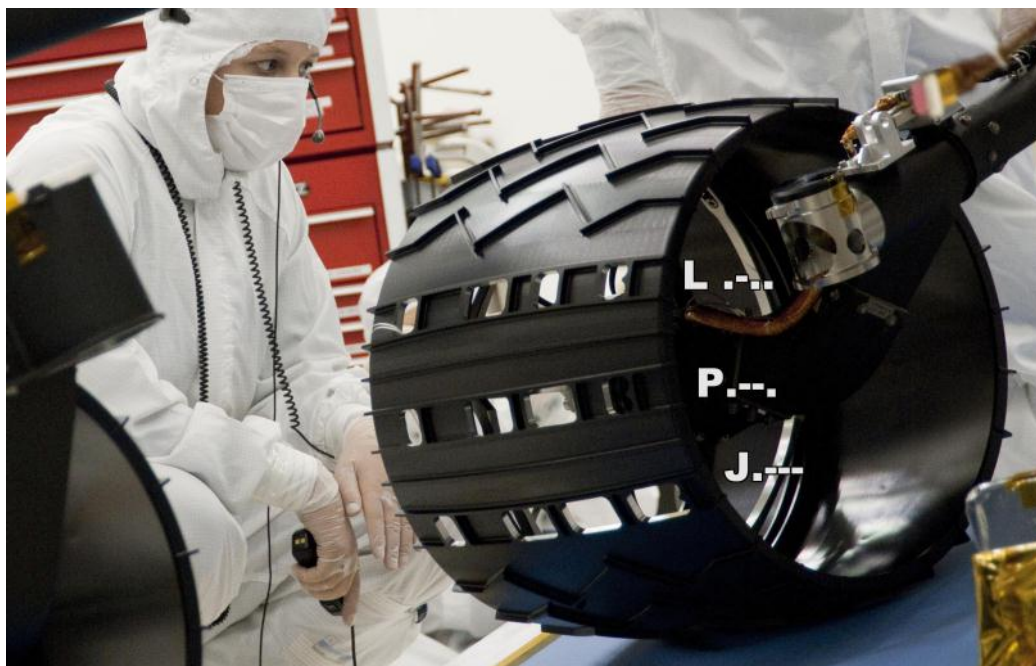
them in Spanish. The response was that the FCC requires that the station be identified in English only. Therefore, the testing is to be done in English.

Vanity Call Signs - The price charged for a vanity call sign will be increasing September 4. It is currently \$14.20 and will be raised 80 cents to an even \$15.

Interplanetary Code - There is now Morse Code on Mars. The Curiosity rover that just landed on Mars has 6 tires that have 3 letters as part of the tread. Since the rover is designed and built by the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, the letters J, P and L are incorporated in the tread pattern using Morse code. As the wheel turns it prints JPL into the dust on the Martian surface. What you will see is:

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The wheel leaves this pattern along with the rest of the tread. The drivers on Earth can use this to check how far the rover has traveled. It is wondered how long the imprints will last. Some people



think many thousands of years, but Mars is known for its vast dust storms. Still, it is amusing to think of an alien race a million years from now finding it and saying, "Looks like dits and dahs to me"!

ITU Prefix Change - The International Telecommunication Union has change the prefix for the island of Niue. The prefix was ZK2. It is now the entire E6 block of prefixes, E6A thru E6Z. Niue (pronounced (new-e')) is about 1500 miles north of New Zealand and has a population of about 1300.

SCHEART - The Sumter repeater, frequency 147.015, has been added to the SCHeart system. The code for the repeater is 44.

Drawings - It was suggested that we use club funds to purchase door prizes for our meetings. Several thought this would be a good idea, but no vote was taken on the matter. It was decided to discuss this further at the next meeting.

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Wednesday at 8:30 pm on 28.330
USB

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Saturday, November 10, 2012

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