

The FARC QSO

The Newsletter of the Florence Amateur Radio Club
Florence, South Carolina

146.850-, 146.970-, 444.000+

The March 5, 2013 meeting was called to order by President Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, at 7:30 PM. There were 18 people in attendance: 16 members and 2 guests.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John, KA3JAL, was unable to attend this meeting due to illness. However, he did provide that there were no expenses for the month of February.

PIO REPORT – no update

EM-COMM REPORT - no update

WEBSITE REPORT – no update

JUST KIDDING



Attending this Meeting

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| W4PFZ – Mac | M |
| W4GEY – James | M |
| N4AAK – Bill | M |
| AJ4QY – George | M |
| KJ4MWT – Kathy | M |
| AK4BH – Blaise | M |
| K4NOC – Stormy | M |
| NoCall – Lois | G |
| K7DVB – Bob | M |
| NoCall – Jan | G |
| KG4YVJ – Suzie | M |
| K4AVR – Mac | M |
| KG4HIR – Scott | M |
| WA4OPF – Horace | M |
| WA4BUO – Tom | M |
| W4YLX – Rudolph | M |
| KI4TTS - Doug | M |
| K4TGK – Tim | M |

M = Member

G = Guest

Note: Scott, KJ4VCF, was incorrectly listed last month as a guest of FARC.



Meeting at Shoney's, Hwy. 52
April 2, 2013 @7:30 PM
Join us at 6:30 for dinner!

REPEATER REPORT

No problems were reported with any of the repeaters: 146.850, 146.970, and 444.000. Join in on the club's Monday Night Rag Chew net at 8:30 PM on the 146.850 repeater. Also, the Dillon repeater, 146.745 (82.5 tone) holds a net every night at 9PM.

RECUPERATING HAMS –Please keep the following of our fellow hams in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to recuperate:

N4JJ – Jack Jackson
KC4UTX – RK Harmon

OLD BUSINESS – no updates

NEW BUSINESS

- Forestry Department Tour – Donald, KB4RRC, has offered to provide the club with a tour of the new dispatch station located at the Forestry Department. Tim, K4TGK, will get back to Donald to coordinate a date and time.
- The next VE session will be on April 13, 2013 at Carolinas Hospital.
- Dues - A motion was made to rescind the vote regarding the changes to the dues, passed last month, including a decrease in the annual fee, reduced dues for first year members, and the repeater fund allotment. There is a concern that the discussion was not completed prior to the vote, especially regarding club annual expenses. Although the motion failed, a committee of club members was formed to review and formally present a fee structure to the club. Suggested topics for review are: (1) annual dues; (2) repeater fund allotment; (3) family discount; (4) new member first year discount; (5) early pay discount; (6) amount of money to be added to the repeater fund at year's end. The committee will consist of Mac, K4AVR, John, KA3JAL, and Kathy, KJ4MWT. The report will be presented at the July meeting.
- McLeod Run/Walk – We had 10 members participate in communications for the event held on March 16. Participating were: Tim, K4TGK, Bob, K7DVB, John, KA3JAL, Rudolph, W4YLY, Suzie, KG4YVJ, Mac, K4AVR, Bill, N4AAK, George, AJ4QY, Blaise, AK4BH, and Kathy, KJ4MWT. Great turnout and it was a lot of fun!
- Field Day – We need to start planning to make this year's Field Day event successful!!

Volunteers Still Needed! Please get involved!

- Rural Heritage Day, Clemson's Pee Dee Research and Education Center, Florence – April 13, 8:30 – 3:30. Both half and full day volunteers needed. Currently we have only 5 volunteers for this event and NEED another 5 or else we will have to cancel our participation.
- Nucor Run/Walk – June 1, 8AM at Lee State Park.



April Birthdays

Tom Morgan, WA4BUO – April 9



DON'T FORGET!

Bojangles, Celebration Avenue
Every Saturday morning, 9AM!

FUN STUFF

Brain Teaser for you....

While I am in air, I am not in oxygen.
I am also in water, but not in hydrogen.
I am necessary in all animals, but you won't find me in the zoo.
Look in all brains and you'll find me there too.

What am I?

SMILING FACES, FUN PLACES!



McLeod Run/Walk - March 16

Pictured (L to R): Rudolph, Suzie, Tim, Bob, Mac, and Blaise

Not pictured: John, Bill, George, and Kathy



Charlotte Ham Fest – March 8 and 9, 2013



John, KA3JAL at the Charlotte Ham Fest.
Also attending was Tim, K4TGK.

Young Ham – Check out this link for an interview with a new, very young, 5 year old Ham, Ethan Kemp KK4ORG. We need to keep these kids interested and involved!

http://arvideonews.com/hrn/HRN_Episode_0066.html

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20 – Hamfest, Morganton, North Carolina 8AM – 1PM

Sponsored by the McDowell ARA

Additional Info: www.cvhamfest.com

April 20 – Hamfest, Moncks Corner, South Carolina 9AM – 3PM

Sponsored by the Trident ARC

Additional Info: www.tridenthams.org/events.htm

April 27 – Hamfest, Kinston, North Carolina 8AM – 3PM

Sponsored by the Down East Hamfest Association

Additional Info: www.downeasthamfest.org

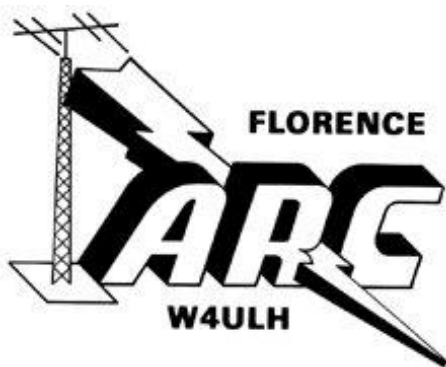
May 4 – South Carolina Section Convention, Spartanburg, SC

Sponsored by the Blue Ridge ARS

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Annual club dues are \$36, plus \$14 for the repeater fund, due on January 1 of each year.

The FARC net meets each week on Monday at 8:30PM on 146.850-.