

The FARC QSO

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

146.850-, 146.970-, 444.000+

The June 4, 2013 meeting was called to order by President Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, at 7:30 PM. There were 17 people in attendance: 15 members and 2 guests.

Attending this Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was provided by John, KA3JAL.

General Fund - \$5,749.34

Repeater Fund - \$6,375.94

(Ed. Note - numbers were reversed last month in error.)

PIO REPORT - no update

EM-COMM REPORT - no update

WEBSITE REPORT - During May, the site had 74 visits, 57 unique visitors, and 167 page views. May 6 had the most views with 20. Referrals were mainly from direct entry, Google, and Bing. In order, the newsletters, repeater listings, and exam dates were the most viewed.

KA3JAL - John	M
K4NOC - Stormy	M
KG4YVJ - Suzie	M
K4AVR - Mac	M
K4TGK - Tim	M
K7DVB - Bob	M
NoCall - Jan	G
WA4BUO - Tom	M
W4AYQ - David	M
KI4TTS - Doug	M
KJ4MWT - Kathy	M
KJ4PTU - Amanda	G
AK4BH - Blaise	M
N4AAK - Bill	M
W4PFZ - Mac	M
W4GEY - James	M
W4YLX - Rudolph	M

M = Member
G = Guest



July Birthdays

- Bobby Collins KG4BZK - July 4
- R.K. Harmon KC4UTX - July 6
- Lloyd Mitchell KO4L - July 20
- Donald Bryant KB4RRC - July 21
- Gerard Jebaily WX4STM - July 23
- David Rose W4AYQ - July 28
- Tim Kaylor K4TGK - July 30



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

REPEATER REPORT - No problems were reported with the 146.850 or the 444.000 repeaters. A question was addressed by Mac, W4PFZ regarding a problem with the clock on the 146.970 repeater. The clock gains one second per day so it is set 25 seconds slow. Once it is running 25 seconds fast, it is reset.

Join in on the club's Monday Night Rag Chew net at 8:30 PM on the 146.850 repeater. Check-ins have been low lately and we would like to see more participation. Also, the Dillon repeater, 146.745 (82.5 tone) holds a net every night at 9PM. The Palmetto Amateur Link System also holds a net every night at 9:30PM, which can be accessed through the Florence link, 147.195.

SAD NEWS – It is with sadness that we say goodbye to French “Stormy” Bishop, K4NOC. Stormy passed away unexpectedly on June 9, 2013. He will be greatly missed. Please keep his wife, Lois, in your thoughts and prayers.

RECUPERATING HAMS – Please continue to keep Jack Jackson, N4JJ, in your thoughts and prayers. R.K. Harmon, KC4UTX, has been getting out and about. Glad to hear that! And, although not a member of our club, Phil, KI4SIW, is back home but at last word was recuperating from pneumonia. .

OLD BUSINESS

- Based on the financial information provided to all members last month (sent out with the QSO), the club voted on and passed the dues structure presented by the dues committee. The new annual dues structure, beginning 2014, will be as follows:

Individual Returning Member - \$36.00, to be paid by January 31. A \$5.00 late fee will be added for dues paid in February and a \$10.00 late fee will be added for dues paid in March. On April 1, the member will be removed from the roster and will be required to be voted back into the club. There will no longer be prorating for early payment.

Additional Family Members (returning members) - \$18.00, with the late fees as outlined above.

New Member - \$20.00, first year membership only. This is applicable only to new club members (not prior club members). The dues for a new member will be pro-rated to \$10.00 after July 1. Additional family members will be \$10.00 and \$5.00 after July 1.

Repeater Fund – At the end of the year, \$500.00 will be added to the repeater fund from the general fund. In addition, in April of the following year, any excess funds in the general fund, as determined and proposed by the club treasurer, will be proposed to club members for a vote and this sum, if approved, will be added to the repeater fund.

- We had six members participate in the Nucor Run/Walk held on June 1 at Lee State Park – Tim, K4TGK, Stormy, K4NOC, Mac, K4AVR, Suzie, KG4YVJ, Bill, N4AAK, and Tom, WA4BUO. Communication was provided on 146.535 simplex. Thank you! There were 122 runners that participated in the event raising over \$5000 for Lee State Park.



- The scholarship fund at FDTC was briefly discussed. This issue still needs to be resolved – are we going to let it stand as is or bring the fund back up to \$10,000 and stipulate that FDTC uses only the interest?

NEW BUSINESS

- We have been asked to provide communication for a run/walk for the Humane Society to be held on October 26. No further updates at this time, but please start thinking about it. It will be held near Timrod Park.
- Rumor has it that the FCC wants to raise the vanity call fee from \$15.00 to \$15.20.
- Should we hold a membership drive?



DON'T FORGET!

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Annual club dues are \$36, due on January 1 of each year. Additional family members are \$18. Late fees apply after this date. Dues for first year members are \$20; additional family members are \$10.

The FARC rag chew net meets each Monday night at 8:30PM on 146.850-.