

The FARC QSO

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

146.850-, 146.970-, 444.000+

The February 5, 2013 meeting was called to order by President Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, at 7:30 PM. There were 19 people in attendance: 15 members and 4 guests. It was good to see Horace at the meeting doing very well!

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following report was given by John Germain, KA3JAL:

General Fund

Begin January 2013: \$5998.22
End January, 2013: \$5995.22

The only expenses for the month of January was the annual web site fee of \$252.50.

Deposits for the month of January totaled \$249.00, from the payment of dues.

Repeater Fund

The repeater fund currently stands at \$5801.34.

PIO REPORT – no update

EM-COMM REPORT - no update

WEBSITE REPORT – Tim, K4TGK, reported that we had 33 visits to the club website, including one from Austria.

Attending this Meeting

N4AAK – Bill	M
KJ4MWT – Kathy	M
AK4BH – Blaise	M
K7DVB – Bob	M
NoCall – Jan	G
KG4YVJ – Suzie	M
K4AVR – Mac	M
WA4OPF – Horace	M
KD4BUF – Fletcher	M
NoCall – Ranie	G
WA4BUO – Tom	M
W4YLX – Rudolph	M
N4JJ – Jack	M
KA3JAL – John	M
W4GEY – James	M
W4AYQ – David	M
KK4MQN – Russell	G
KJ4VCF – Scott	G
K4TGK – Tim	M

M = Member

G = Guest



Meeting at Shoney's, Hwy. 52
March 5, 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. Don't forget that the Dillon repeater, 146.745 (82.5 tone) is back up and running. Join in on the club's Monday Night Rag Chew net at 8:30 PM on the 146.850 repeater and the Dillon daily net on the 146.745 repeater at 9PM.

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

N4JJ – Jack Jackson

KG4RGV - Jim Griffith's father

KC4UTX – RK Harmon (But he has been back on the net. Good to hear you, RK!)

Also please keep Doug (KI4TTS) and his family in your prayers. His father passed away on February 22, 2013. Our condolences to Doug and his family.

On a happy note...Congratulations to Dave Jones on the birth of his grandson, Jackson Lee Jones!

OLD BUSINESS

- Florence Darlington Tech Scholarship Fund – The fund currently stands at \$6,693. There was much discussion regarding the club's direction for this fund, including: bring it back up to \$10,000 using a lump sum from the club's treasury; let it stand as is and provide another ~12 years of scholarships at \$500 each; and determine if the current amount can be refunded to the club. This last option is unlikely as the money is held in a 501(c)(3) fund. Further information is required before the club can make a decision.
- Annual Club Dues – Effective January 2014, it was voted that club dues will be lowered to \$36.00 annually (\$30.00 dues and \$6.00 repeater fund). The decrease in dues is a result of the review of dues for other area clubs. Club expenses will still be covered by this amount, assuming a continuation of a minimum of 40 members. (Please see the February FARC QSO for the full discussion.) Further discussion involved directing any year-end surplus in the general fund to the repeater fund, with a goal of \$500 annually. In addition it was voted that the cost for a first year full membership in FARC will be \$20.00 in an effort to encourage new members. A suggestion was offered to set up a link on our website to allow donations to the repeater fund. No decision was made on this suggestion.
- Net Manager – Blaise, AK4BH, volunteered to assume the role of net manager for the 146.85 repeater Monday night Rag Chew net.

- VE Test session – We had one examinee take the technician level test during the session held on February 9. Congratulations to KK4OJB, Thomas Infinger from Sumter as the area’s newest ham!

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteers Needed! It is very important that we, as a CLUB, show our support for these events. Please get involved!

- McLeod Run/Walk – March 16, 7:30 - noon.
- 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.
- Nucor Run/Walk – June 1, 8AM at Lee State Park.

The raffle prizes were won by Cheryl, our extraordinary server at Shoney’s, and Kathy, KJ4MWT. And it looks like we may have convinced Cheryl to take the test. Let’s encourage her!



March Birthdays

Bob Austin, K7DVB – March 21
 Mac Cullom, K4AVR – March 7
 Rudolph Hatcher, W4YLX – March 4
 Morris Jones, NM4R – March 8
 Jack Kolesar, N3AJU – March 30
 Olin McDaniel, W4PFZ – March 7



DON'T FORGET!

Bojangles, Celebration Avenue
 Every Saturday morning at 9AM

FUN STUFF

Did you know?

President Warren G. Harding became the first president to have a radio in his office, when on February 8, 1922, he had a radio set installed in the White House, so that he could listen to news and music, as his schedule permitted. On June 14, President Harding was also the first president to be heard by the U.S. public on the new mass medium: he spoke on radio at a dedication site in honor of Francis Scott Key, who wrote the words to the Star Spangled Banner. (Source: Wikipedia. "Warren G. Harding")



The answer to last month's trivia question is....

What is pupinization?

Also from Wikipedia - In electronics, a **loading coil** or **load coil** is a coil that does not provide coupling to any other circuit, but is inserted in a circuit to increase its inductance. The term originated in the 19th century for inductors used to prevent distortion in submarine telegraph cables. Loading coils are still used in long cables. The term is also used for inductors in antennas, or between the antenna and its feedline, to make an electrically short antenna resonant at its operating frequency.

Loading coils are archaically known as **Pupin coils** after Mihajlo Pupin and the process of inserting them is sometimes called *pupinization*.

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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-.