

# The FARC QSO

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

146.850-, 146.970-, 444.000+

The April 2, 2013 meeting was called to order by President Tim Kaylor, K4TGK, at 7:30 PM. There were 16 people in attendance: 14 members and 2 guests.

### Attending this Meeting

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Repeater Fund - \$5,801.34  
Club Fund - \$6,356.22

**PIO REPORT** – no update

**EM-COMM REPORT** - no update

**WEBSITE REPORT** – When doing a search, Google has us ([www.w4ulh.net](http://www.w4ulh.net)) listed 5<sup>th</sup> – ahead of QRZ.com! Exam dates and the newsletters were the most popular views.

KK4MQN – Russell	G
N4AAK – Bill	M
AJ4QY – George	M
KJ4MWT – Kathy	M
AK4BH – Blaise	M
K4NOC – Stormy	M
K7DVB – Bob	M
NoCall – Jan	G
NL7VR – Simon	M
WL7KZ – Connie	M
KG4YVJ – Suzie	M
K4AVR – Mac	M
W4GEY – James	M
W4YLX – Rudolph	M
KA3JAL – John	M
K4TGK – Tim	M

M = Member  
G = Guest



#### May Birthdays

Blaise Haddock, AK4BH – May 1  
Connie Carraway, WL7KZ – May 2  
Horace Beasley, WA4OPF – May 22  
Doug MacDonald, KI4TTS – May 27



Meeting at Shoney's, Hwy. 52  
May 7, 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 recuperate:

N4JJ – Jack Jackson

KC4UTX – RK Harmon

KG4HIE – Scott Thompson

**OLD BUSINESS** – Volunteers were needed for Rural Heritage Day, held at Clemson's Pee Dee Research and Education Center in Florence on April 13. There was much discussion regarding the lack of volunteerism for this event, especially considering that the FARC was listed as one of the events sponsors. Six hams participated in the event: Wayne, W4ID, E.J., W4JC (Wayne's grandson), Bob, K7DVB, Fletcher, KD4BUF, Russell, KK4MQN, and Tim, K4TGK. Thank you all for coming through for the club.

## 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. No update regarding date and time yet.
- Two examinees tested at the session held on April 13, 2013 at Carolinas Hospital: Donnie Norris from Whiteville, NC, is a new technician level ham, call sign KK4QHQ, and Ben Setzer III from Hamlet, NC, WA4BCS, upgraded to general. Congratulations!
- Field Day – Initial plans were discussed for this year's field day to be held on June 22 and 23. Kathy, KJ4MWT, will be calling several area facilities to inquire about their use for the event. The May issue of QST magazine provides a website to list the location of a club's Field Day: [www.arri.org/field-day-locator](http://www.arri.org/field-day-locator). Something to consider for FARC.
- We have been asked to provide communication for a run/walk for the Humane Society to be held on October 26. Although this is about 6 months away, please start thinking about it. We want a good showing at these events and your participation is important!
- The main meeting discussion centered on the lack of volunteers for Rural Heritage Day. Much concern was expressed about the future of the club if participation for community service events remains at the current low level. The discussion also included a list of activities that the club could present for members and non-members to instill interest and to increase attendance at the monthly meetings. The list includes a fox hunt, an

antenna build, how to QSL, and radio presentations at club meetings. There were several others ideas, but the main point is how the club will maintain the interest of the current members and also attract new members to the club.

In addition, the discussion covered obtaining publicity for the club. Suggestions here included listings in the Florence Morning News club listings section and the News Journal. Providing a presentation to a local civic organization, such Kiwanis or Rotary, to introduce others to ham radio was another suggestion. The club could also set up a tent or table at local events through the city or FMU, such as the Friday night concerts in the park. The Sumter Radio Club has found a membership increase through their website. Please visit ours ([www.w4ulh.net](http://www.w4ulh.net)) and Sumter's ([www.sumteramateurradio.org](http://www.sumteramateurradio.org)).

Much work and organization will be required on the part of ALL club members if we want to see FARC grow and carry on the tradition of ham radio operation in the area.

**Volunteers Needed! Please get involved!**

- Nucor Run/Walk – June 1, 8AM at Lee State Park.
- Humane Society Run/Walk – October 26<sup>th</sup>. More information coming.



**DON'T FORGET!**

Bojangles, Celebration Avenue  
Every Saturday morning, 9AM!

**Answer to last month's brain teaser: The Letter 'A'.**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To Wayne Cooke, W4ID for achieving DXCC on 5 bands



## UPCOMING HAM RADIO EVENTS



May 4 – South Carolina Section Convention, Spartanburg, SC

Sponsored by the Blue Ridge ARS

Additional Info: [kd4dra@gmail.com](mailto:kd4dra@gmail.com) OR [brars.org](http://brars.org)

June 22 & 23 – ARRL Field Day

This is the largest on-air Amateur Radio event in the world, according to QST. There have been a few rule changes for this year regarding setup times. More information for FARC on the way!

## SMILING FACES, RURAL RACES Scenes from Rural Heritage Day



Russell, KK4MQN, and Bob, K7DVB



Plowing the fields - the old-fashion way!



Along the race route. And finally....



## THE FINISH LINE!

About 200 runners participated. Many commented how much they enjoyed the course through the woods.

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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-.