

The FARC QSO

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

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The September 3, 2013 meeting was called to order by Vice President Tom Morgan, WA4BUO, in the absence of President Tim Kaylor, K4TGK at 7:30 PM. There were 16 people in attendance: 14 members and 2 guests.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was given by John, KA3JAL.
General Fund - \$2,369.56. (no change)
Repeater Fund - \$6,376.10 (no change)

PIO REPORT – no update

EM-COMM REPORT - no update

WEBSITE REPORT – During August, the site had 70 visits, 57 unique visitors, and 104page views. Sixty-eight views were from the U.S. The repeater listings, the newsletters, and exam dates were the most viewed.

Attending this Meeting

KA3JAL – John	M
KD4BUF – Fletcher	M
K4AVR – Mac	M
KG4YVJ – Suzie	M
WA4UGD – Johnnie	M
K7DVB – Bob	M
NoCall – Jan	G
WA4BUO – Tom	M
N4AAK – Bill	M
W4YLX – Rudolph	M
WA4OPF – Horace	M
KF2X - Craig	G
KJ4MWT – Kathy	M
AK4BH – Blaise	M
KG4HIE – Scott	M
W4GEY – James	M

M = Member
G = Guest

October Birthdays

Jerry Jebaily, KI4OEU – October 2
Ray Fisher, W2SBM – October 11
Bill Cheney, N4AAK – October 29



Meeting at Shoney's, Hwy. 52
October 1, 2013 @7:30 PM
Join us at 6:30 for dinner!

REPEATER REPORT - No problems were reported with the repeaters.

RECUPERATING HAMS – Please continue to keep our hams and their loved ones in your prayers, especially Jack, N4JJ, and Brenda Jackson, and Bill Cheney, N4AAK.

OLD BUSINESS

- If you have any suggestions for club improvement and activities please let the club officers know.

NEW BUSINESS and INFORMATION

- We have been asked to provide communication for a run/walk for the Humane Society to be held on October 26 near Timrod Park. We will meet at 9AM and will probably need 5 or 6 volunteers for this 5K/10K run/walk.
- The ARRL has increased the cost of a vanity call sign to \$16.20.
- Mac, K4AVR, reported that NC has gone to using Skype for the ARRL section manager to reduce the travel. This may be a consideration for our club.
- Club officer elections will be held at the December meeting.
- Repeater Change – As provided by Lloyd, KO4L, and Donald, KB4RRC, the uncoordinated 147.000 repeater has now been coordinated to 147.255 pl 162.2hz + shift for transmit. Please program this into your radios.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The next test session will be on October 12th at Methodist Manor.
- Humane Society Run/Walk – October 26, Timrod Park, Florence.
- Sumter HamFest – October 26, <http://sumterhamradio.org/Hamfest.html>
- PALs Picnic – Cheraw State Park, September 29 at noon



DON'T FORGET!

Bojangles, Celebration Avenue
Every Saturday morning, 9AM!

SHELBY HAMFEST, 2013

Mac, K4AVR, and Suzie, KG4YVJ, provided these pictures.



Craig, KF2X, Johnny, WA4UGD, and Suzie, KG4YVJ



Entrance to Hamfest Flea Market



Dr. Jim Boehner, Roanoke Region Vice Director



Dalton Arena

Members, friends, and family attending included Johnnie, WA4UGD, Craig, KF2X, Mac, K4AVR, Suzie, KG4YVJ, Bob, K7DVB, Jan, Dave, KM4D, and Lois Bishop, Stormy's wife. Lois has traditionally made cookies for this event and provided 70 DOZEN for the hamfest! Our members said there was a good crowd in attendance on Saturday morning, but very few people in the afternoon. Of course, it was very hot and humid and the location has changed this year.

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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-.