

THE FARC QSO

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE FLORENCE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB FLORENCE, SOUTH CAROLINA

146.850-, 146.970-, 444.000+

The April 1, 2014 meeting was called to order by President Tim Kaylor, K4TGK at 7:30 PM. There were 12 in attendance: 11 members and 1 guest.

In Attendance

K4TGK - Tim	M
AK4BH - Blaise	M
KJ4MWT – Kathy	M
W4GEY – James	M
KI4TTS – Doug	M
KG4HIE – Scott	M
K4AVR – Mac	M
KG4YVJ – Suzie	M
K7DVB – Bob	M
NoCall – Jan	G
N4AAK – Bill	M
KK4VXD – Isaac	M

M = Member

G = Guest

SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

The March Treasurer’s Report was read by Tim, K4TGK, as provided by John, KA3JAL.

The treasury stands at:

General Fund - \$3,127.70: \$1,017 in dues added to the general fund.

Repeater Fund - \$6,376.26

PIO REPORT – Upcoming Events

- SC Section Conv., Spartanburg: May 3
- Dayton Hamfest: May 16 - 18

EM-COMM REPORT - no update

May Birthdays

Blaise Haddock, AK4BH - May 1

Horace Beasley, WA4OPF - May 22

Doug Macdonald, KI4TTS - May 27

Meeting at Shoney’s, Hwy. 52

May 6, 2014, at 7:30 PM

Join us at 6:30 for dinner!



UPDATE ON HEALTH OF OUR FRIENDS AND CLUB MEMBERS

- Jack Jackson, N4JJ, is home. Please keep Jack in your thoughts and prayers as he recuperates and heals.
- Also remember Mac McDaniel, W4PFZ, and his wife.

REPEATER REPORT - No problems were reported with the repeaters.

- A new pre-amp was installed on the 85 repeater that will result in an approximate 6dB improvement.
- The Escom controller that Mac, K4AVR, was following on eBay sold at a price higher than approved by the club at the March meeting. Danny Hampton, K4ITL, removed an Escom controller from the Dillon repeater and donated it to the FARC. Since \$250 had been previously approved by the club for the eBay purchase of the controller, Mac suggested that this money be given to Danny for his generosity. The club agreed and the money will be sent along with a thank you letter to Danny.

OLD BUSINESS

- Heritage Day Run was at Clemson Extension on April 26. The following hams assisted with communication: Suzie - KG4YVJ, Mac - K4AVR, Bill – N4AAK, Jim – KD4VH, John – KA3JAL, Russell – KK4MQN, John – KM4AGO, and Tim – K4TGK. Thank you!
- Mac, K4AVR, gave a tour of the 146.850 repeater and facilities located across the road at the ETV tower after the road race.

NEW BUSINESS and INFORMATION

- The Nucor Run/Walk will be held on May 3 at Lee State Park. Volunteers needed.
- Bill, N4AAK, requested assistance with a road race to be sponsored by the Pee Dee Citadel Club on Saturday, November 9, 2014. He will provide additional information when available and will require confirmation by the club by the October meeting.
- Beach Fest, Conway, SC is also on November 9.
- Skywarn – Mac, K4AVR, has not received any response from Sam, K4KNJ, regarding using the 85 repeater for backup for the Skywarn system.
- A pre-amp is to be installed on the 444 repeater at Carolinas Hospital System to better balance the input and output signals.
- A Ham Fest will be held in Dillon at the VFW on Field Day Saturday. More details will be coming.
- A test session was held on April 12. Three people tested and passed the Technician Class License: David Brown - KM4AGN, John Cowan - KM4AGO, and Jerry Parker – KM4AGP. Congratulations!



DON'T FORGET!

Bojangles, Celebration Avenue
Every Saturday morning, 9AM!
Come on out!

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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-.