

The
FARC

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The December 1, 2015 Meeting of the FARC was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by our President, Tim Kaylor, K4TGK. Each attendee introduced themselves. We had 14 attendees, 10 Members and 4 Guests.

Treasurer's Report -- Our Treasurer, John Germain, KA3JAL, gave the following report:

Checking Account	\$ 2,466.31
GoDaddy Website	- 333.12
N4JJ Memorial to Southside Baptist Church	- <u>100.00</u>
	\$ 2,033.19

Savings Account Repeater Fund **\$ 6,997.66**

There are no outstanding bills.
The Liability Insurance has been paid.
Dues for 2016 are now due.
We welcome 2 new members –
Russell Washburn, KC4WZL
Bryan Foxworth, KM4NYV

PIO – Since N4JJ became a Silent Key, we need a new PIO. We would like to be able to get the mailing lists from N4JJ's computer but we will recreate the list if necessary.



FARC Meeting

January 5, 2016
7:30 P.M.
Shoney's

January Birthdays

15 KC4WZL -- Russell Washburn
16 KD4UXN -- Ruth Wallace
24 NG4S -- Tommy Walker
30 W4EPD -- David McGlochlin

Come join your Ham
friends every Saturday
morning



BJ Lounge Saturday 9AM

Repeaters – All repeaters are OK.

Scholarship – We are not sure of the current status of our Scholarship at Florence Darlington Tech. We plan to find the current amount and try to rename it as the Florence Amateur Radio Club, N4JJ Memorial Scholarship since he was the driving force behind this scholarship.

PALS -- KG4YVJ, Suzie, reported that the two special event nets on the PALS system were very successful. The Ham-O-Ween net on October 31 had 62 check-ins and the Veterans Day Tribute Net had 53 check-ins. We were very pleased with that participation.

Net Manager – We need a Net Manager to coordinate the Monday Ragchew Net to insure that there is a Net Control each week, accumulate the Net Reports and to send the monthly report to the Section Traffic Manager. This is a very simple job and we hope someone will volunteer.

QSO – KG4YVJ, Suzie, has restarted the QSO. If anyone is interested in becoming the Editor, let her know. Please pass along any ideas for articles or regular features you would like to see published.

Field Day – FARC has not participated in several years. If we decide to do it this year, we need to locate a site which has good public access, trees for antennas and restroom facilities. Please submit your ideas. We also need some CW operators. In the past few years we have lost our CW Operators N4JJ, K4NOC, KV4C and KM4D.

Elmer Session – Several members mentioned starting License Classes or Elmer Sessions. We have an offer of a suitable location. Let us know if you are interested.

Elections – We elected a slate of FARC Officers for 2016:

President	K4AVR, Mac Cullom
Vice President	KG4HIE, Scott Thompson
Sec/Treas	KA3JAL, John Germain

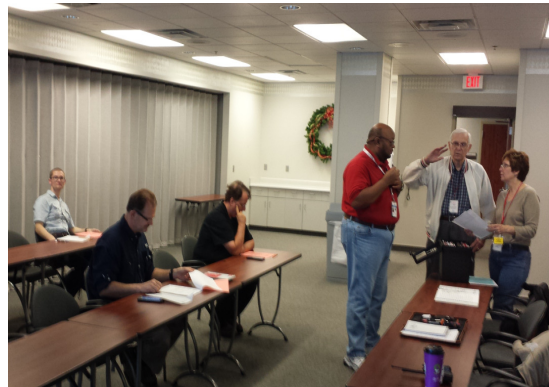
Since there were no other nominations, these Officers were elected by acclamation.

The meeting was closed at 8:15.

VE Testing – W4ORW, Wayne Howell officiated at his last WCARS Testing Session on December 12. He has been our VE Coordinator for many years. We truly thank him for his long service.



W4ORW, Wayne & KJ4LIF, Bekki



December 12 VE Session

There were 5 people taking tests and 3 passed.

We have two new Technicians:

William Sherman, KM4PQB
Edward Johnson, KM4PQA

Effingham, SC
Sumter, SC
(He will soon deploy to Kuwait)

We have one new Extra:

John Costa, KM4KYM

Murrells Inlet

K4TGK, Tim Kaylor will take over as Primary VE Coordinator starting in January. N4MXP, Mark Davis will remain as Alternate VE Coordinator.

FARC Dues – Your 2016 FARC Dues are due. Please remember to bring your checkbook to the January meeting. Renewal Dues are \$36.00, with each additional family member being \$18.00. If you are unable to make the meeting, mail your check to: John Germain, KA3JAL
2731 Ascot Drive
Florence, SC 29501

Upcoming Events

January 9, 2016 Greenwood Hamfest
January 9, 2016 Harbison 50K Run
February 6, 2016 Charleston Hamfest
March 5, 2016 Sandblast Rally

March 11 & 12, 2016 Charlotte Hamfest
March 19, 2016 McLeod Run/Walk
May 7, 2016 Clemson Rural Heritage Day
June 25 & 26, 2016 ARRL Field Day

Request from the South Carolina PIO

Harbison 50K running event

Calling all hearty hams! Here's the true test of your ability and your equipment. We've worked this event the last 2 years and each time the weather was completely different.

Please contact me with your availability! We need lots of folks to support all the runners.

Here are the specs:

Harbison 50K running event. Will be held at Harbison State Forest on Saturday, January 9th.

The course has changed from last year due to the flooding in October which changed some of the trails.

- 1) Run starts at 7:30am
- 2) Pre-event meeting for hams at 6:30am
- 3) Pre-event meeting for hams will be at the Park Office (notated on the map as the Education Center) N 34° 5' 4" W 081° 7' 51"
- 4) Parking flyers will be given out at the pre-event meeting as there is a \$5 entrance fee for that park that is waived for volunteers
- 5) Codes for the gates where we need access to outlying areas will also be given at the pre-event meeting
- 6) Pre-program the Lexington repeater as primary for this event, 147.000+ tone123
- 7) Pre-program the Columbia repeater as secondary for this event, 147.330+ tone156.7
- 8) Pre-program simplex frequency 146.400 also as a backup for this event
- 9) Run is expected to last 9 hours. Last runner should cross the finish line no later than 4:30pm
- 10) Director will have a sweep runner (Bib 100) for the event. Net Control will notify all stations when the sweep leaves for the final round

11) There will be assigned volunteers at the Aid Stations and assigned volunteers to check hourly on the unmanned water drop station

Thanks!

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Annual club dues are \$36,

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



