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The March 1st meeting of the Florence Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by our President, K4AVR, Mac Cullom. All present identified themselves.

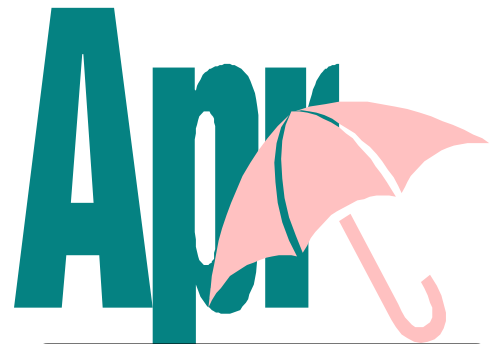
Treasurer's Report – KA3JAL, John Germain, gave his report as follows:

Starting Balance:	\$1,967.43
P.O. Box Rent	- 70.00
Ending Balance	\$1,897.43
Repeater Fund	\$6,997.66

All dues money will be deposited in March.

PIO – In the absence of K4TGK, Tim Kaylor, his report was read:

- 1) Stamps are going from \$.49 to \$.47 which got a good laugh.
- 2) The FCC is asking for comments about making Ham licenses lifetime.
- 3) As of 1/1/2016 the FCC indicated that there were 735,405 Ham licenses in the U.S.
- 4) Upcoming events are Sandblast Rally, Charlotte Hamfest, March 11-12, McLeod Run/Walk, March 19.



FARC Meeting
April 5, 2016
7:30 P.M.
Shoney's

March 1st Attendance

K4AVR – Mac Cullom
KG4YVJ – Suzie Cullom
KG4HIE – Scott Thompson
KM4NYV – Brian Foxworth
WA4OPF – Horace Beasley
WA4BUO – Tom Morgan
KA3JAL – John Germain
KK4MQN – Russell Wilson
KD4BUF – Fletcher Townsend
W4GEY – James Starling
NO8X – Jay Hopkins
KM4MII – Brian Richardson
KC4WZL – Russell Washburn
KM4RCP – Doug Brian
K7DVB – Bob Austin
No Call – Jan Austin

April Birthdays

5 Jay Hopkins NO8X
6 Jack Kolesar, N3AJU
9 Tom Morgan, WA4BUO

VE – K4TGK, Tim Kaylor,'s report included:

- 1) Next exam session on April 9 at Carolinas Hospital, Bldg. B.
- 2) The FCC is now paperless. If you need a paper license, Tim will e-mail instructions.
- 3) The Extra license question pool will be revised on July 1, 2016. The third revision is now ready for review by all VEC's.
- 4) All information is on the website.

Repeaters -- W4GEY reported that the '97 Repeater is working well. K4AVR reported that the '85 and the 444 repeaters are working properly

Net Manager – We are in need of a Net Manager for the Monday Night Ragchew Net. It is a very easy job. K4AVR has been handling those duties and KG4YVJ is acting a Net Control most weeks. The Net Manager is required to assign Net Control Stations for each week then collect the number of check-ins, number of pieces of traffic passed and the number of session each month and report these number to the Section Traffic Manager.

Field Day NO8X, Jay Hopkins, our Field Day Chairman, K4AVR, Mac, and KG4YVJ, Suzie attended a meeting of the Florence County Recreation Department on February 18. We asked for the use of Ebenezer Park on June 25th and 26th overnight, and to be able to use generators to power our radios. We were asked to provide a Certificate of Insurance and a Hold Harmless which we supplied. We checked with KE4GV, Glenn Green, our own retired Attorney who indicated our Hold Harmless would be fine.

NO8X, Jay, will supply a collapsible dog pen to keep children away from a generator but will wait until we have definite use of Ebenezer Park. The club now owns the logging software which only cost \$8. We will have access to the whole picnic area at the park and we plan to set up at least one phone, one C.W. and one digital station as well as a station for GOTA. We will set up on Saturday morning and begin operations at 2:00P.M. and continue overnight until 2:P.M. on Sunday.

WA4BUO, Tom, has offered the use of a Yesau FT450. All of the club antennas and coax are now at K4AVR's QTH. KD4BUF, Fletcher, will try to locate W4ID's spud gun. If unsuccessful, someone else must have one

Dillon McLeod Run/Walk – We have been asked by McLeod Dillon to help with a 5K Run/Walk on April 30. The route has not been set. We will need radios at the start, finish and at least one water stop. K7DVB, Bob Austin will coordinate our efforts. KE4GV, Glenn Greene, will help. Registration will be

at 7AM and the race will start at 8AM. There will be more information at the April meeting.

Future Service Projects

Charlotte Hamfest – If you plan to go to the Charlotte Hamfest on March 11/12 at the Cabarrus County Arena, we recommend that you arrive early to get a close-in parking space. Late comers usually have a long walk.

McLeod Run/Walk We have 7 people willing to work this event on March 19. If we are lucky this will be a 2 hour waste of time with no problems. There will be no Rescue Squad on standby this year.

Clemson Rural Heritage Run/Walk KA3JAL, John Germain, will coordinate our efforts. We need 7 or 8 operators at the Pocket Road facility. More information at the April Meeting.

Humane Society Howl-O-Ween – K4TGK, Tim Kaylor, will coordinate our efforts at this Run/Walk event near the old Florence Museum. More information as time gets nearer.

Life Members – We have four members who have been active and effective with FARC but due to advancing age and medical problems are no longer able to attend meetings and activities. K4AVR, Mac, asked to make them Life Members of the club so they will continue to get mailings and the QSO each month. We are pleased that the membership approved. Our four new Life Members are: NM4R, Morris Jones; W4ORW, Wayne Howell; KC4UTX, R.K. Harmon and KE4GV, Glenn Greene. Congratulations to each of them. We appreciate your past service.

Bank Account KG4HIE, Scott Thompson, mentioned that none of us are getting any younger. He wanted to know if there was more than one signator on our bank account. Since at present KA3JAL, John Germain, is the only one, K4AVR, Mac, as President, will become another signator very soon.

April Meeting K4AVR will be out of town for the April meeting on April 5. KG4HIE, our VP, will also be out of town. KG4TGK will conduct that meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

McLeod Run/Walk We had eleven operators to help with the McLeod Run/Walk on Saturday, March 19. It was a great day and about 140 total

participated according to Adam Ploeg, the Athletic Training Specialist for McLeod Health and Fitness.



FARC Operators at McLeod Run/Walk

**Foreground: N4MXP-Mark, KG4YVJ-Suzie, Jan-No Call, K7DVB-Bob, KM4RCP-Doug,
KM4MII-Brian**

**Background: NO8X-Jay, K4AVR-Mac, K4TGK-Tim, KM4RCO-Matt, KM4NYV-Brian,
KM4AGO-John**



First Runners

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