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The October 4th meeting of the Florence Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:25 P.M. by our President, K4AVR, Mac Cullom. All present identified themselves.

Secretary/Treasurer – In the absence of KA3JAL, John Germain, KG4YVJ, Suzie Cullom, gave the following report:

The Minutes of the September meeting were printed in the October QSO and were accepted as printed.

The Treasurers Report was the same as the September Report.

Checking Account	\$2884.79
Repeater Fund	\$6999.20

We still need to transfer \$500 from Checking to the Repeater Fund and \$500 to the Scholarship at Florence Darlington Tech.

PIO – K4TGM, Tim Kaylor, discussed the Howl-O-Ween Run/Walk for the Humane Society to take place on October 22. We decided to use the '97 repeater. We will meet at the Old Florence Museum on Spruce St. at about 8:00AM and the event starts at 9:00AM. We can use at least 6 operators with HT's Check the website for a link to a Google Map of the event

October Attendance

K4AVR – Mac Cullom
KG4YVJ – Suzie Cullom
KM4NYV – Brian Foxworth
WA4OPF – Horace Beasley
WA4BUO – Tom Morgan
K4TGM – Tim Kaylor
N4AAK – Bill Cheney
K7DVB – Bob Austin
No Call – Jan Austin
KM4RCP – Doug Brian
KF2X – Craig England
NO8X -- Jay Hopkins
KC4WZL – Russell Washburn
KK4MQN – Russell Wilson
Guest – Arthur McCutchan
Guest – Harry Huggins

November Birthdays

25 David Beasley, KK4VWY



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The hurricane net has been activated on 20M and 40M with Hurricane Matthew currently over the Dominican Republic and Haiti and is expected to impact South Carolina at the end of this week. We discussed www.spaghettimodels.com which shows the modeled storm tracks and www.stormpulse.com which now charges but is an excellent source for storm information. KG4BZK, Bobby Collins, who was formerly a member of FARC is still getting updates from the Florence EOC and will forward them to us. He reported that Florence Schools will be closed to be used as shelters for evacuees. Remember, next Monday is Columbus Day therefore a holiday

Repeaters – All three repeaters are working well.

PALS Picnic – KG4YVJ, Suzie Cullom, reported that the PALS annual picnic was held at Santee State Park on September 24. The weather was wonderful. We had 30 attendees but our ARRL Section Manager, N4UFP, Marc Tarplee, was unable to attend. PALS has had the same officers since 2007. W4EOZ, Jimmy Hill, retired as Treasurer and his position was filled by KB4ERT, Bert Bolton, of Summerville. Bert will remain as Net Manger and is working to get PAYPAL as an alternative way to make donations. Bert is retired but does conduct recreational tours driving a 15 passenger van. He has two tours to Key West this month and usually takes groups skiing in the winter. Suzie then delivered a Certificate of Appreciation to KB8PHW and NO8X, Becky and Jay Hopkins for their financial support since they were unable to attend the picnic.

New Business –

Nominations for FARC officer positions are due at the November. Our Vice-President, KG4HIE, Scott Thompson is in charge. KA3JAL, John Germain, would like to step down as Secretary/Treasurer for health reasons. Anyone willing to serve as an officer should contact Scott.

NM4R – Morris Jones became a Silent Key on September 22. His family has donated his FT-8800 Dual Band UHF/VHF radio with mike but no mounting bracket and an Astron power supply. We are free to sell this equipment and use the money for the club or to give it to a deserving new ham who could use it.

VE – The next VE Test Session will be on October 8 at Methodist Manor. Mac Cullom, K4AVR, has the box and will officiate. Methodist Manor has not started the renovations on the first floor so the room we usually use will be available. KM4NYV, Bryan Foxworth, will be trying for his General.

Infirmiry Net

John Germain, KA3JAL – John needs an Aortic Valve replaced in his heart. He has rescheduled several doctor's appointments. He is trying to find an alternative treatment. Please pray that he makes the right decision.

David Bailey, KK4VWY – David is still in Dillon helping with his Mother-in-Law who has had a knee replacement which has not gone well and will be without the use of her knee for several more months. David also has a lot of medical problems including being on Dialysis. Keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Glenn Greene, KE4GV – Glenn had his knee replaced and is in Rehab. His back on the air and calling his nets. He is doing very well.

Dave Jones, KM4D – Dave had three heart attacks and was taken to MUSC. He is now home but must restrict his operations. He is too weak for an operation and he does not want a transplant. He is considering a booster pump. He is selling most of his excess equipment including a TS-2000 with manual and cords for \$875, a TS-590 with no mike for \$875, and a microphone for \$75. He has lots of good buys. Keep him in your prayers.

Tommy Johnson, N4TJ – Tommy was hospitalized back in May with an infected foot and had a toe removed and was put on very heavy antibiotics to retain another toe. He was sent to Greensboro for treatment. When that was completed he was moved to Georgetown. He has now been moved back to Florence to Faith Healthcare on Marion Street. The phone number is (843) 669-9958. Remember his full name is Charles T. Johnson and that is how they know him. He must be able to walk before he can be released because the doors in his house are only 32" and will not accept a wheelchair or walker. He could use your visits, phone calls and prayers.

Stan Stadig, KI4LLU – Stan is a former member of FARC. After he was married they moved to Lugoff. He was a regular participant in the PALS nets until his wife developed cancer. We haven't heard him often and in late spring, he stopped talking. He checked into the PALS net in the last few days. His wife passed in June and he is just starting to open up to old friends. We hope he will contact the Kershaw County Club and get back on the air and active. That should help him recover from this loss. Keep him in your prayers.

Chairs – Our guest Harry Huggins just bought chairs for his shack at Goodwill on Second Loop Rd. They were given a large number of secretarial style chairs when a company remodeled. They are in excellent condition and are priced at \$5.00

Stone Mt. Hamfest – We have several tickets to this hamfest on November 5 & 6. Normally the charge is \$7.00. K4AVR has them. Give him a call.

Antenna Party – N4AAK, Bill Cheney, would like some help with his antennas. He needs to install a new mast and a loop antenna. He estimates about 3 to 4 hours of work. He needs a 2" hole saw to put a hole in his deck and a tennis ball gun to send a line over a large tree. Tim will bring his spud gun.

Jay's Antenna – NO8X, Jay Hopkins has gotten an EFHW 80-10 end fed, half wave antenna. He is in an antenna restricted neighborhood so he ordered this from www.myantenna.com. He has it along his fence and no higher than 14 ft. It is a very good all band, HF antenna. KK4ZMK, Dean Lisenby, is using one and K4AVR used one at the PALS picnic and also had great results. It retails for about \$140.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

VE Test at Methodist Manor –As Hurricane Matthew came into the area on Saturday, October 8th, we were able to hold our VE test. Methodist Manor is undergoing a significant reconstruction but they had not started on the room we usually use. Several of our VE's were not able to attend due to the storm but we had three VE's to make it legal. There were two candidates that braved the weather, KK4NYV, Bryan Foxworth and KM4WUZ, Jason Horton of Sumter came to take the General test. We are very pleased that both passed. We congratulate both of them.

Howl-O-Ween – Four days before this event, the Humane Society notified us that it has postponed the Howl-O-Ween Run/Walk on October 22. We were not given much information but the reason must be Hurricane Matthew which left a great deal of debris on our roads. Hopefully, any downed power lines have been repaired. We hope that this event will be rescheduled and will let everyone know as soon as we are notified.

W3KH, John Crockett --John Crockett, W3KH, of Irmo, South Carolina, died on October 12, he was 69. Crockett was director and Frequency Coordinator for South Carolina and Vice President for the Southeastern Repeater Association (**SERA**), as well as project manager for the entire **SCHEART**, system. John was Vice-President for Engineering at SCETV and has given FARC permission in writing to have the '85 repeater on the ETV tower on Pocket Road. He will be sorely missed.

Upcoming EventsSC

Saturday Breakfast at BoJangles
Oct. 8 – VE Session at Methodist Manor
Oct. 15 – Mini Field Day at WPDE Florence
Oct 22 – Howl-O-Ween Postponed
Oct 22 – Antenna party at N4AAK's
Nov 5/6 -- Stone Mt. Hamfest,
Lawrenceville, GA
Nov. 12 – Beachfest at the Old Pee Dee
School on Hwy 378 west of Conway.
Info at www.W4GS.org.

Come join your Ham
friends every Saturday
morning



BJ Lounge Saturday 9AM

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