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The January 2nd meeting of the Florence Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by our new President, KK4MQN, Russell Wilson. All present identified themselves.

PIO & VE: K4TGK, Tim Kaylor reported that the next VE session will be at Carolinas Hospital on February 11. The List of VE's for each session has been sent out to all VE's.

Scholarship: Blaise Haddock, AK4BH, our former member has been awarded our scholarship at Tech. We are very pleased that such a deserving person is the recipient.

Secretary/Treasurer –Our new Secretary/Treasurer, Dean Lisenby, indicated that the minutes of the last meeting were printed in the January QSO, the minutes were accepted as printed. Treasurers Report – As of today:

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| Checking Account | \$2,554.99 |
| Repeater Fund | \$7,500.29 |

\$500 has been transferred from Checking to the Repeater Fund and \$500 still needs to be transferred to the Scholarship at Florence Darlington Tech.

Old Business:

N4AAK, Bill Cheney, reminded us that he still has

January Attendance

K4AVR – Mac Cullom
KG4YVJ – Suzie Cullom
KC4WZL – Russell Washburn
KM4NYV – Bryan Foxworth
K4TGK – Tim Kaylor
KK4MQN – Russell Wilson
N4AAK – Bill Cheney
KK4ZMK – Dean Lisenby
KM4ZMW – Art McCutchan
KA3JAL – John Germain
KD4BUF – Fletcher Townsend
WA4OPF – HoraceBeasley
WA4BUO – Tom Morgan
K4TGK – Tim Kaylor
KM4RCP – Doug Brian
W4GEY – Jim Starling

February Birthdays

19 Scott Thompson, KG4HIE
22 Glenn Greene, KE4GV



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February 7, 2017
Shoney's

equipment from David Rose that his widow wants to either give to the club for a deserving member or to sell. This includes a working Kenwood HF radio, a nonworking 600 watt Linear and several 2Meter units. David also had a custom built 5 ft. Secretary to hold his Ham gear that Mrs. Rose would love to sell to someone. Bill will get dimensions and photos if anyone is interested. K4AVR, Mac Cullom still has a dual band 8800 worth \$175 and an Astron 35 Amp Power Supply worth \$90 without meters from NM4R if anyone is interested. Mac would love to find a good home for this. KK4ZMK, Dean Lisenby, offered some space in his storage building to house some of this equipment.

New Business:

KK4MQN, Russell, has set up a new e-mail account for use on FARC business. You can reach him at kk4mqn@gmail.com.

Infirmary Net

Jan, No Call – Bob and Jan spent Christmas in Jacksonville with children and returned home on Wednesday. She unloaded the car, did laundry and did a little grocery shopping. The next morning she was not able to stand. Bob took her to the hospital. She was admitted and put through a battery of tests. One person mentioned possible stroke but the tests did not show that. She is being tested and monitored for atrial fibrillation and is now home on bed rest. Her Blood Pressure was periodically spiking and it feels like her head is ready to explode. Keep both of them in your thoughts and prayers.

Tommy Johnson, N4TJ –Tommy is still in McLeod Hospital. He is discouraged because he can't do anything for himself. He has serious neuropathy in both his hands and feet. They have him on an 1800 calorie diet. W4GEY, Jim Starling, visits him often and says he looks smaller. He hopes to be moved to a care facility.

Jim Starling, W4GEY, has offered to visit any member in the hospital. Just let him know by phone or e-mail.

Field Day – We have been approved to use Ebenezer Park for Field Day 2017. NO8X, Jay Hopkins, is now working longer hours and may not be available to be Chairman. We do need to supply a certificate of insurance and to submit our plan to keep the generators safely probably using a dog fence. Last year KM4NYV, Bryan Foxworth was our Safety Officer. That was worth an extra

100 points. We really could use more CW operators. There is plenty of time to get your speed up!

McLeod Run/Walks – The annual McLeod Run/Walk at Briggs School will be held on March 18th. The McLeod Dillon Run/Walk will be held on April 29. We will need operators for both events.

Coming Events Discussion – We discussed the coming Hamfests. Greenwood will have the Wireman, DBJ Electronics, the Rock Hill organization selling DMR and inside tailgating. Charleston will be the state ARRL Convention with VE testing, the same vendors as Greenwood and also indoor and outdoor tailgating.

KK4ZMW, Art McCutchan, was at the Mall Radio Shack and saw three switching power supplies marked at \$69. The staff did not know what they were but were in new condition. They could easily run a 100W HF station.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Sandblast Rally --Jonathan Viehe, KM4ZRK is volunteering to help with communications at the Sandblast, which will occur near Cheraw on 3/4/17. The organizers are looking for more licensed radio operators interested in helping out with communications. Any amateurs who are interested in helping out should contact Jonathan at jviehe@comcast.net. For more information about the event, please visit <http://www.sandblastrally.com/>

2017 FARC Dues: The dues for 2017 will be the same as last year. Regular membership is \$36.00, with additional family members discounted to \$18.00 and first time members set at \$20.00. These prices are good through January 31. There is a \$5.00 extra added to those paying in February and \$10.00 added for those waiting until March to renew. Anyone not renewing by March 31 will be dropped from the roster.

Dues Payments – Any members wanting to pay your dues, you can bring the money to the next club meeting or the Saturday Breakfast. You can also mail it to our new Treasurer at:

Dean Lisenby, KK4ZMK
3102 Wainwright Ct.
Florence, SC 29501

N4TJ Tommy Johnson --I spoke with Tommy's XYL on January 12th. Tommy has been moved to McLeod Darlington (Wilson Clinic). He would love to get a card.

Charles T. Johnson
McLeod Darlington Hospital, Room 119
701 Cashua Ferry Rd.
Darlington, SC 29532

Upcoming Events.

Saturday Breakfast at BoJangles
Jan. 14 – Greenwood Hamfest
Feb. 4 – Charleston Hamfest
Feb. 11 – VE Session at Carolinas Hosp.
Mar. 4 – Sandblast Rally
Mar. 10 & 11 – Charlotte Hamfest
March 18 – McLeod Run/Walk
April 29 – Dillon Run/Walk



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The FARC rag chew net meets each Monday night at 8:30PM on 146.85