

The FARC

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

Secretary/Treasurer –Our Secretary/ Treasurer, Dean Lisenby, gave the Treasurers Report – As of today:

Total funds	\$10,314.55
Checking Account	\$2,813.89
Repeater Fund	\$7,500.66

\$500 has been transferred to the Scholarship at Florence Darlington Tech. The balance in the Scholarship fund stands at approximately \$10,500.00. We will have the exact number soon. We have been asked to loosen the language to allow more possible recipients. This is something we should address soon. We have 30 paid members to day.

PIO & VE—K4TGK, Tim Kaylor, reported that we will have the Charlotte Hamfest on March 11, the McLeod Run/Walk on March 18 and a VE test on Saturday, April 8, at Carolinas Hospital.

Old Business

Girl Scouts – Dean Lisenby, KK4ZMK, has contacted Celestine Howard about the possibility of our help to partner with her girls to work on their Radio

February Attendance

KK4MQN – Russell Wilson
KK4ZMK – Dean Lisenby
AG4CL – Larry Strickland
KF4ECK – Edward Jordan
K4AVR – Mac Cullom
KG4YVJ – Suzie Cullom
KG4HIE – Scott Thompson
KI4TTS – Doug Macdonald
KM4NYV – Bryan Foxworth
N4AAK – Bill Cheney
W4GEY – Jim Starling
KK4RCP – Doug Brian
WA4BUO – Tom Morgan
WA4OPF – Horace Beasley
KF2X – Craig England
K7DVB – Bob Austin
No Call – Jan Austin

April Birthdays

5 Jay Hopkins NO8X
9 Tom Morgan, WA4BUO



FARC Meeting
April 4, 2017
Shoney's

Patch. They will be winding down their activities for the summer, therefore, they will not be available for Field Day. They would be interested in our help in the fall. So, there has been no progress but there has been communication.

New Business

McLeod Run Walks – We have been advised that in addition to the Florence Run/Walk and the Dillon Run/Walk which we worked last year, McLeod would like to sponsor additional Run/Walks in Chesterfield and Loris. We will contact the Chesterfield County ARS about the Chesterfield activity and the Grand Strand ARC about the Loris activity.

The Florence McLeod Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, March 18, starting at Briggs School. We will need at least 7 operators. All operators should assemble between 7:30 and 8:00 A.M. K4AVR, Mac Cullom, will be the Net Control using the 97 Repeater. Please sign up on the list being circulated.

The Dillon McLeod Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 29. K4AVR, Mac Cullom will again be Net Control. We will request permission to use the McLeod Dillon UHF Repeater on 444.950, PL 162.2. Please sign up on the list being circulated. The new route will be available by Friday. The McLeod Auxiliary will handle the sign-in desk and supply refreshments.

Field Day -- We requested the use of all shelters at Ebenezer Park last year and supplied the Florence County Recreation Department with proof of insurance and our plan to keep our generators safe. We received confirmation in December that we had use of all three shelters for June 24 & 25. Yesterday, at 5:30 P.M., we received an e-mail informing us that two of the shelters will be used by other parties. It seems that because we are not paying for the use of the facilities, we can be bumped. They owe us three but we would settle for two shelters. The officers will have to decide what to do.

We discussed equipment we will need. We have a radio for KG4YVJ, Suzie, to use at the GOTA station. NO8X, Jay has a CW station and K4TGK, Tim has a station for Data. WA4BUO, Tom, has an FT-450 and 2 LED lights and Tim has a 706 Mark11G, and the tent for the data station and K7DVB, Bob, will bring his spud gun. We should have two operators at each station, one to make the contacts and the other to log entries in the computer program.

K4AVR has the updated computer program for logging and a copy of the rules for 2017 Field Day Operations. Last year due to the heat, we had Sub Sandwiches for lunch which worked well. Any suggestions for food will be appreciated.

KM4NYV, Bryan, and K4AVR, Mac, will be responsible for safety. We will try to have caution tape to keep running children and people using the shelter safe.

K4AVR reported that the Greater Pee Dee Radio Society (the Dillon Net) has expressed interest in joining our Field Day operations. They will probably have 3 or 4 operators, mostly Technicians. We will welcome their help.

Infirmiry Net

WD4HLZ, Jimmy Walker – Jimmy became a Silent key yesterday. He was the brother of NG4S, Tommy Walker, who is a Life Member of our club.

Tommy Johnson, N4TJ – Tommy is at Sunny Acres Nursing Facility, 1727 Buck Swamp Road, Fork, SC, 29543. Phone (843) 464-6212. Remember his name is Charles T. Johnson although we know him as Tommy.

Dave Jones, KM4D – Harry Huggins, N4XJC, reported that Dave was just back from Charleston. He may be a candidate for a heart transplant. Keep Dave and Bonnie in your prayers.

Upcoming Events

Charlotte Hamfest – March 10 & 11.

McLeod Run/Walk – The annual McLeod Run/Walk at Briggs School will be held on **March 18th**. We will need at least 7 operators. K4AVR will act as Net Control and we will use the 97 repeater.

VE Session – April 8 At Carolinas Hospital

Raleigh Hamfest – April 15th. At the NC State Fairgrounds

McLeod Dillon Run/Walk -- April 29th. We will need operators.

Upstate Hamfest – May 6th at the Spartanburg Fairground.

Clemson Extension Outdoor Discovery Day – Has been cancelled this year due to hurricane damage to the lake and trails.

New Members

Two hams have asked to become member of FARC:

KF4ECK, Edward Jordan of Conway AG4CL, Larry Strickland of Conway

We voted to accept their applications. Our Secretary, KM4ZMK, Dean, remarked that we now have 32 paid members.

Congratulations to our new members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

KM4D, Dave Jones became a Silent Key on March 10. This came as a shock to all of us. The service will be held at the Kistler-Hardee Funeral Home chapel on Saturday, March 18 at noon.

Upcoming Events.

Saturday Breakfast at BoJangles
Mar. 4 – Sandblast Rally
Mar. 10 & 11 – Charlotte Hamfest
March 18 – McLeod Run/Walk
April 15 -- Raleigh Hamfest
April 29 – McLeod Dillon Run/Walk
May 6 – Upstate Hamfest



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