

# The FARC

# QSO

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The June 6th meeting of the Florence Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by our Vice President, KG4HIE, Scott Thompson, until our President could arrive. All present identified themselves.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report** - Our Secretary/Treasurer, Dean Lisenby reported that there had been no changes. Checking Acct: \$2,864.79  
Repeater Fund: \$7,501.22

## Old Business

**DX Engineering** – Last month we were contacted by DX Engineering offering a presentation via Skype. Mac Cullom, K4AVR, had the opportunity to hear such a presentation about antennas at another club he belongs to. The presenter was very knowledgeable but spoke above the heads of most of the group. After discussion, we decided not to try the DX Engineering presentation but rather to have our members make interesting programs lasting about 15 minutes.

Several ideas were discussed as possible programs such as the difference between coax and ladder line, the difference between AM CW SSB and FM, and Moon Bounce. We have some very competent members who could handle that. N4AAK, Bill Cheney, volunteered to accept ideas for such programs. You can reach him at

## May Attendance

KK4MQN – Russell Wilson  
KK4ZMK – Dean Lisenby  
KG4HIE – Scott Thompson  
KM4NYV – Bryan Foxworth  
N4AAK – Bill Cheney  
W4GEY – Jim Starling  
K4AVR – Mac Cullom  
KG4YVJ – Suzie Cullom  
KB4RRC – Donald Bryant  
WA4MRV – Buddy Rodgers  
K4WNT – Lyn Denny

## June Birthdays

20 Lloyd Mitchell, KO4L  
21 Donald Bryant, KB4RRC  
30 Tim Kaylor, K4TGK



**FARC Meeting**  
**July 4, 2017**  
**Shoney's**

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## **New Business**

**DHEC** – N4AAK, Bill Cheney, reported that DHEC is creating a Reserve Medical Corps. which will be a deployable medical group including supplies. They realized that they need communications and are asking AUXCOMM to provide such help. Bill will be helping this weekend by trying to identify disabled people in Horry and Georgetown Counties who would not be able to evacuate without help. A list will be made of those who need help and the exact help they need. Only previously vetted Hams can work this operation but Bill offered to send the name of anyone interested up the line.

The Section Emergency Coordinator, N9OH, Billy Irvin, is planning a training session for all EC's and DEC's at the State EOC in Columbia on Saturday, August 5. We do not have a Florence Emergency Coordinator at this time. Do we have any volunteers?

At this point, KM4MQN, our President, Russell Wilson arrived.

**Field Day** – Our Field Day Coordinator, K4AVR, Mac Cullom, related that this year we will again operate at Ebenezer Park. We intend to again operate 3A which is 3 transmitters by a club. We will be using less than 150 Watts using battery and generator power. We will try to generate extra points by being in a public place, sending a message to the Section Manager, providing an Information Booth, providing an educational activity hopefully for Boy Scouts and Civil Air Patrol Cadets as well as the GOTA (Get On The Air) station. We will try to copy the W1AW Field Day message and have asked for visits from elected officials, the Red Cross which is a served agency, a representative of the Florence EOC and some media members.

KM4NYV, Bryan Foxworth, has agreed to be our Safety Officer and will follow the ARRL guidelines. KK4ZMK, Dean Lisenby has agreed to be our contact with the Media and Social Media to get us some much needed publicity.

KK4MQN, Russell Wilson will be purchasing 3 screened tents to make sure we have cover for our radios and K4TGK, Tim Kaylor will be bringing his screened tent. NO8X, Jay Hopkins, will be taking time off to join us and will have his CW equipment. N4MXP, Mark Davis, will be with us and will again try to obtain donations from local businesses and his son, N3ZL, Greg Davis will be helping with the CW station. Mark will also be able to borrow the dog pen to

protect our generators. KG4YVJ, Suzie Cullom, will be buying the food to keep us fed not to exceed \$200 and the motorhome will supply a full kitchen.

We will provide dinner on Saturday night. We should have a 6' Sub with potato salad and chips. Overnight we will have crackers, chips and bananas and maybe watermelon. Hopefully on Sunday morning we will have donuts and biscuits that N4MXP can scrounge. For Sunday dinner, we hope to have Lasagna with salad and garlic bread. If Mark is successful, we will have lots of Pepsi products and water as well as coffee. We also have tablecloths, plates, cutlery, napkins and paper towels.

We will have an FT450 for our phone station, an FT857D for our GOTA station, NO8X will provide the CW station and K4TGK will supply the digital equipment. We will have (4) 80 – 10 end fed dipoles which will make it easier to erect the antennas. We also have all of the antennas and coax that we have used in prior years.

We have a 1KW generator with extra gas tank, a 2KW generator, ground stakes with wire, 7 extension cords, outlet strips, 2 fire extinguishers, a large first aid kit, safety tape, (2) 5' folding tables and one canopy.

Please remember that you should bring any extra tables for stations. You need to bring a chair for yourself as well as sunscreen and bug spray. If you require any special food or drink, please bring it along.

**501C3** – KK4MQN tried to get Academy Sports to donate the screened canopy. They only donate to organizations with 501c3 tax designation. We discussed the pros and cons of our applying for that status. The cost to apply would be \$400. We agreed to discuss this in the future.

### **Infirmary Net**

**N4TJ** – Tommy Johnson is still in the Sunny Acres Care Facility in Fork, SC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.



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## Upcoming Events.

Saturday Breakfast at BoJangles



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