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The October 3<sup>rd</sup>. meeting of the Florence Amateur Radio Club was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by our President, KK4MQN, Russell Wilson. Since Russell had no format agenda, he decided to “wing it”.

### Infirmary Report

**KA3JAL**, John Germain became a Silent Key on September 28. He had been at Bethea Rehabilitation. He was recovering from a stroke. His memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 7.

**KG4HIE**, Scott Thompson will have surgery later this month to replace his defibrillator.

**N4TJ**, Tommy Johnson is still at the nursing home in Fork, S. C.

**K4TGK's XYL**, Barbara, has had a recurrence of cancer and is undergoing treatment. Please keep both Tim and Barbara in your prayers.

### Old Business

**Girl Scouts** – KK4ZMK, Dean, reported that he has not been able to make contact with the Girl Scouts. We will see if contact can be made next year.

### October Attendance

- K4AVR – Mac Cullom
- KG4YVJ – Suzie Cullom
- KM4NYV – Bryan Foxworth
- KG4HIE – Scott Thompson
- KC4WZL – Russell Washburn
- N4AAK – Bill Cheney
- KK4MQN – Russell Wilson
- KM4RCP – Doug Brian
- K7DVB – Bob Austin
- No Call – Jan Austin
- KK4ZMK – Dean Lisenby
- WW4BT – Bruce Turner
- W4GEY – James Starling

### November Birthdays

- 25 David Beasley, KK4VWY



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**Boy Scouts** –Maybe we can make contact with some local troops and provide help with appropriate merit badges. Both Russell and Dean have contacts and will keep us advised.

**Red Cross** – There is no new information. KO4L, Lloyd Mitchell was the only member at the last meeting but has not given any information.

**DHEC** – They seem to be interested but don't know what they want. They do have radios but the antenna on the roof has been removed. We have not heard back

### **New Business**

**KA3JAL Equipment** –John had HF and VHF equipment including several HT's some belonging to the club. His XYL, Carol would like to sell everything. John also has a tower with a tri-band antenna. Carol would like to remove the tower so that she can sell the house and move to a smaller place. If anyone would like to take down the tower they could probably get a great deal. Carol will be contacting a tower climber soon to have it removed professionally.

**W4AYQ Equipment** – David Rose's XYL has donated some equipment to the Club. It is currently in the possession of N4AAK, Bill Cheney. Bill would like to make other arrangements. KK4ZMK, Dean will take possession of the Club's equipment. He also still has the tents we bought for Field Day.

**ETV** –Since the death of W3JH, John Crockett, there have been many changes at ETV. We have been advised that it is possible that all Amateur antennas will be removed from ETV and state owned towers. We have not been officially advised that this is the new policy. John often did things without paperwork; however, he did give a letter of authorization for both the '85 and the PALS repeaters to remain forever. We do have copies of this e-mail. The '85 repeater has been on the WJPM tower in 1979. Since at this point this is just a rumor, we will not do anything until we are formally notified.

**Jamboree On The Air** – KK4ZMK, Dean, has been in contact with KM4MIL who is a Boy Scout Leader. It seems that about a third of his troop is interested in learning about radio. The Jamboree On The Air will be held on October 20, 21 and 22. This troop will be camping at Poinsett State Park that weekend. Dean will try to get them to contact the Sumter club through KK4F, George Mudd or AD4JH, Jason

In the past we have not had good luck working with the local Boy Scout Council. We did try to work Jamboree On The Air at the Scout Office one year. We put up antennas behind the building and got everything operational. The Council never did contact troops to have boys attend. They did have Leader training in another part of the building. The only scout we had was a dummy with a Cub uniform which we moved from station to station.

**HOWL-O-WEEN** –We will be working a Run/Walk for the Humane Society on October 14. This year it will be held at the Country Club of South Carolina. Since KG4TGK is busy with Barbara’s treatments, KK4MQN, Russell will take charge. We hope to have at least 6 operators.

**VE Exam** – The next WCARS VE Exam will be held at Carolinas Hospital in the upstairs classroom of Medical Mall B on October 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be spread a bit thin with the run/walk on the same day but we have enough VE’s who have committed to come.

### **Financial Report –**

Our Treasurer, KK4ZMK, Dean, reported that the only change in our funds was the interest on the Repeater Fund. The August interest was \$.19 and the interest in September was \$.18. We discussed why! We have \$2500 in the Checking Acct. and \$7500 in the Repeater Fund for a total of \$10,087.50. The phone bill for the '97 repeater will be paid very soon.

### **Miscellaneous**

**N4AAK** reported that the Florence County Finance Division is taking over billing for city water. Check that any automatic payments are still working since the account numbers have been changed.

**WX4STM**, Gerard Jebaily, sent a Thank You note for putting the article about his Emmy in the last QSO

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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**HOWL-O-WEEN** – On October 14, five members helped with the Howl-O-Ween 5K and 10K Run/Walk for the Humane Society. This year it was run at the Country Club of South Carolina. This course was much safer than the old one near the old Florence

County Library. We only have estimates of the number of runners. There were approximately 30 to 35 in the 5K race and 10 to 15 runners in the 10K race. We would like to thank KK4MQN, Russell Wilson; KK4ZMK, Dean Lisenby; N4AAK, Bill Cheney, KM4RCP, Doug Brian and KM4ZMW, Art McCutchan for their help with this project.

**WCARS VE Session** – Also on October 14, we ran a VE test session at Carolinas Hospital. We had one Technician who tried for General but was unsuccessful. Mark Blair of Hartsville passed both Technician and General. He is now KN4GOM. Congratulations to Mark. We had five VE's: K4AVR, Mac Cullom; KG4YVJ, Suzie Cullom; KG4HIE, Scott Thompson; KI4TTS, Doug Macdonald and NO8X, Jay Hopkins officiated. Thanks for your help.

**N3ZL** -- Our former member N3ZL Greg Davis, had a bicycle accident on Wednesday October 11 and was on the side of the road for at least 30 minutes. Mark got a cell phone call that he thought was from Greg. A woman's voice asked him if he knew Greg. She had been coming home from work and saw him on the side of the road. Greg was bleeding from the head and was disoriented. She called EMS, then called Mark.

Greg was taken to the ICU at Mission Hospital in Asheville with a concussion and several skull fractures. Fortunately, Greg was wearing a helmet or the outcome would not have been very good. He remained in the ICU under observation over the weekend but is now at home.

He has severe headaches, moderate hearing loss in his right ear and some memory loss. He will be out of work for at least four to six weeks and may not be back to normal for six to twelve months.

If you would like to send a card, here is the address. Greg Davis, N3ZL; 8 Mayfair Dr.; Canton, N.C. 28716

**KG4HIE** – Scott Thompson had his defibrillator replaced on October 16. Everything went well. Hope to see him at the November meeting.

**Nominations for 2018 Officers** will be taken at the November meeting.

**Field Day 2018** – If we want to use the facilities at Ebenezer Park, we need to send in a request soon.

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## Upcoming Events.

Saturday Breakfast at BoJangles  
November 11 -- Beachfest

Come join your Ham  
friends every Saturday  
morning



**BJ Lounge Saturday 9AM**

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