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The May 8th 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. We were a little out of order.

Treasurer's Report In the absence of KK4ZMK, Dean Lisenby, we assume there has been no change in the bank accounts and the telephone for the '97 Repeater has been cancelled.

Old Business

Field Day – June 23 & 24 we will have use of all three shelters at Ebenezer Park. KM4MQN, Russell, has a new job and he hesitates taking on the job of Field Day Chairman until he knows his schedule. Since K4AVR, Mac, will not be in state and his motorhome will not be available, we need a volunteer.

If we do not have enough operators to work through the night, we could consider scaling back our event to Saturday only maybe from 2PM to 8PM? If we change our plans and/or cancel our operation, we should let the County Recreation

May Attendance

- K4AVR – Mac Cullom
- KG4YVJ – Suzie Cullom
- KK4MQN – Russell Wilson
- N4AAK – Bill Cheney
- KM4NYV – Bryan Foxworth
- AD4JH – Jason Horton
- W4GEY – James Starling
- K4TGM – Tim Kaylor
- KB4RRC – Donald Bryant
- KG4HIE – Scott Thompson
- KI4TTS – Doug Macdonald
- NO8X – Jay Hopkins
- KM4RCP – Doug Brian
- KD4BUF – Fletcher Townsend
- Guest – Charlie Cutter

June Birthdays

- 7 Jim Starling, W4GEY
- 21 Dustin Fails, KK4NFG
- 28 Tom Hall, KF4KFE



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Department know as soon as the decision is made.

Tommy Walker, NG4S, has a 2-KW generator and K4AVR has a 1-KW generator which is available. Mark Davis, N4MXP, can borrow the dog fence to protect the generators as he did last year.

K4AVR, Mac, has gotten the software for operations and has sent it to Russell, KM4MQN; Tim, K4TGK, and Jay, NO8X. Jay is hoping to participate if he is able to schedule the time off. Greg Davis, N3ZL, plans to come but he needs to renew his license. He is our best CW operator.

K4AVR, Mac, has all of N4JJ's antennas and coax as well as the club's end-fed all band antenna. Russell, KM4MQN, will get all of these items.

In 2017 we had about ¾ the points of 2016 and we had no takers to use the GOTA station. We might think about eliminate GOTA this year.

Last year N2ZZ, the Roanoke Division Director; N4COP, the Roanoke Division Vice Director and KK4NFG, Dustin, at the time the elected Fire Commissioner, visited our event. KB4RRC, Donald, volunteered to invite a current elected official this year.

Someone needs to download the Field Day Packet from the ARRL Website and read through the rules. We can get quite a number of "Freebie" points including for copying the ARRL Field Day Message on Friday night.

PIO Report – K4TGK, Tim, had nothing to report but the Dayton Hamfest will be held on May 18 thru 20 in Xenia Ohio.

VE Report – K4TGK, Tim, let us know that at the last VE Session on April 14 Paul Ingram, KM4JPM, upgraded to General and we made 3 new Technicians which were listed in the May QSO.

Infirmary Report

N4TJ, Tommy Johnson is still at Sunny Acres in Fork, S. C. He is unable to stand on his own. Unless something changes, he will probably be unable to walk again. His fingers have curled into his palms and at least one of his fingernails has been removed to prevent cutting into his palm. He is unable to feed himself well. His

wife told the staff not to let him eat soup on his own. She can only get there every two weeks due to her health conditions. She indicated that Sunny Acres intends to get WiFi soon. She will let us know because Tommy may be able to connect with us by e-mail.

K7DVB, Bob, planned to be at the meeting tonight but he was just too tired. He has had treatments for his neck and is no longer in pain. He has his new glasses and is able to read and to drive. He drove to the barber shop today but he is not yet comfortable driving on the Interstate. Jan is feeling much better.

KE4GV, Glenn, fell at an event in Latta last weekend. He bruised the hip that he had replaced about a year ago. He is in some pain. We hope he hasn't damaged that hip.

KM4ZMW, Art, has had pain for quite some time. The latest diagnosis is a pinched nerve. He is much better but still unable to fly. While we were talking about him, he called Russell on the phone and sent his regards.

KK4VWY – David Bailey's membership has expired. He is doing better but he is still in bad shape. He is on the transplant list for a new kidney and is on dialysis. He is currently living in Dillon. He would appreciate your prayers.

KK4VXD, our former member Isaac Rutan is now a senior in high school. He has been accepted at Emory Riddle. He got his private pilot's license last year. We are so proud of him.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

The Trident Amateur Radio Club Tailgate Party will be held at the Goose Creek Masonic Lodge 401 located at 149 St. James Avenue, Goose Creek, SC 29445, on Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Entry fee is \$5 but includes a ticket for ARRL prize drawing. Cost is \$10 to sell. For additional information, please call Tom Lufkin, W4DAX, at 843-442-5650

Upcoming Events

Saturday Breakfast at BoJangles
May 19 --Trident Amateur Radio Club
Tailgate Party – Goose Creek
June 23 & 24 – Field Day



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