

The
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The July 3rd 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.

Treasurer's Report In the absence of KK4ZMK, Dean Lisenby, we assume there has been no change in the bank accounts.

Old Business

Field Day – June 23 & 24 we started arriving at Ebenezer Park to set up for field day. Early birds met at Ebenezer Park at about 8:30 a.m. to begin preparation for field day activities. Tim Kaylor, K4TGK and Russell Wilson, KK4MQN were first to show up, followed by Jason Horton, AD4JH, Tommy Walker, NG4S and several others. We did not have anyone that could operate CW this year. Greg Davis was not able to come down and Jay Hopkins was working in West Virginia. Jason Horton, AD4JH, brought and operated his digital JT-8 station. Russell Wilson, KK4MQN set

May Attendance
 KK4MQN – Russell Wilson
 N4AAK – Bill Cheney
 AD4JH – Jason Horton
 K4TGK – Tim Kaylor
 KB4RRC – Donald Bryant
 KG4HIE – Scott Thompson
 NG4S – Tommy Walker
 KM4ZNW – Arthur McCutchan

July Birthdays
 4 Suzie Cullom, KG4YVJ
 9 Jim Dedonis, KD4VH
 12 Tommy Johnson, N4TJ

See you Saturday morning at BoJangles!
 9:00 -?



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 August 7
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up his HF rig for phone. He also set up a solar array for power for those points. Tim, K4TGK, was not able to set up his station this year.

There was no exam since no one showed up that wanted to test.

Tommy Walker, NG4S, brought his 2-KW generator for power. Russell, KM4MQN, brought the club's antennas and coax. We did have all three shelters reserved this year. We only used 2. We had to evict a wasp nest from one.

The event proceeded until about 8 P.M. when it was decided to pack it in.

It was mentioned at the meeting July 3 that conditions were bad a lot of places, making contacts difficult. It was said to have improved later in the day, particularly on 80 meters. There was supposedly a sunspot minimum that day.

There was someone in Texas and another in Pennsylvania that were very loud and clear. We could not hear the other contacts they were talking to.

We did get 5 or 6 GOTA contacts.

As of this writing our contact count totals are not known.

PIO Report – K4TGK, Tim, nothing coming up yet. It is summer. Stay cool.

VE Report – K4TGK, Tim, has received the new exam books for the technician exam (element 2) and has verified them. The next exams are October 13 at Carolinas Hospital. A question came up about the question pool schedules. The general pool will change July 1, 2019 and the extra pool will change on July1, 2020. The technician pool mentioned above took effect on July1, 2018 and will not change until 2022. Each is on a 4 year cycle.

DMR Report – KB4RRC, Donald, said that the people in charge has screwed up the digital contact database. They now do not have a unique state identifier. You will not have to make any changes to the identifier you now have.

Be sure to bring your digital radios to the meeting. He will be doing updates again.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Upcoming Events

Saturday Breakfast at BoJangles
August 31- Sept 2 – Shelby Ham Fest

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