

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Meeting—10 March 2014

By Terry Brown (AK4D)—Secretary, Forsyth Amateur Radio Club
With Corrections Provided by Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Minor, K4GW, at 1932 hours.
2. **Welcome, Motion to Alter Course of Meeting and W4NC Live:** Jerry Minor started the meeting welcoming all attendees and guest speaker Lanie Pope from WXII. The normal meeting format was altered via club motion with a second to allow Lanie Pope to give her presentation first with club business following. Approximately 40 attendees were at the meeting. Signup sheet is included at the end of these minutes. Note that not all attendees signed the sheet. Raymond Taber broadcasted the meeting via W4NC-Live with the entire meeting later available on youtube in three parts.
3. **Lanie Pope Presentation:** This presentation is available for viewing in two parts on youtube. Her presentation had a northwestern North Carolina focus. She discussed wind damage, down bursts, radar bow echos, derecho, wind speed table with associated damages, heights of thunderstorms, effects of the Appalachian Mountains on local weather, hail, tornados, radar heights and angles, new types of radars in the works, layering in the atmosphere, safety plans, three day confidence in weather forecasts, weather forecast models, twitter and her approach to broadcasting weather events depending on the severity of the impending weather systems.
4. **Treasurer Report:** Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, reported the club balance to be\$2538.38.
5. **VEC Testing:** Dale Mierisch, WB9SZL, had three folks taking tests. One of the three (Daryl Knight) got his technician license. (Later his new callsign was listed as KK4CZO). Dale thanked VE's Mike-N4VE, Ed-KJ4ENM, Tyler-KJ4ENN and John-NOKTY for helping.
6. **Repeater Status:** Dale reported that all repeaters were up. The 145.17 repeater needs a tuneup, probably will get done in the spring. He was aware of the crackling on the145.47 repeater due to the cold weather and moisture getting into the phasing harness. Echolink on the 145.47 is working well, but still need to get the Red Cross to do a firewall change to get Echolink working on the 146.64 repeater. The Red Cross is aware of this need thanks to Henry's (W2DZO) coordination with the Red Cross. If Echolink is needed on the 146.64 repeater due to an emergency, some reconfiguration can be done to get this going on a temporary basis.
7. **ARES Report:**
 - a. **Pilot Mountain Payback:** Jim Mansfield, WA4NOT, said that the Pilot Mountain Payback event had been rescheduled for 12 April and that six or seven ham radio volunteers would be needed to help with this event. He will check with the previous list of volunteers to see if they would be available to help on the rescheduled day and will ask for additional volunteers if needed.

b. Emergency Exercise: The search and rescue exercise (SAREX) set up by the State EM and hosted by the Stokes County EM was set up to provide food and overnight shelter plus coordination activities at four locations. FARC got involved as radio communications were needed between the locations, two hams at each location for a total of eight hams. A change from planned activities happened due to illness with some hams plus the winter ice storm happening at the same time. Wound up with a minimal shift at each location but the exercise was successful. A more detailed after action report is forth coming.

8. Adjournment: Jerry Minor adjourned the meeting at 2050 hours after initial motion to do so with second.

9. List of Attendees: The list of attendees is below but appears to be incomplete.

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FARC MONTHLY MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET FOR

VISITORS: If you are visitor, welcome to our Club. If you would like to become a member then fill out one of the attached applications and see our treasurer Henry Heidtmann W2DZO. If you are from out of Forsyth County and would just like to get news and events about FARC then fill out one of the applications and give it to our secretary Don Edwards, WS4NC.

MEMBERS: If you wish to update your email address, mailing address or other information then fill out an application with the new address and give it to the Newsletter/Secretary Don Edwards, WS4NC.

NAME	CALL	NAME	CALL
DAN O'LEARY	KG4EC1	DALE MIERISCH	WB9524
David Ramsey	KJ401L	MIKE ATKINS	N4VE
Edwin Newham	AF4XC	HENRY HEIDTMANN	W2DZO
Judson Davis	K840HQ	JERRY BROWN	AK4D
Les Jongsberg	KJ4JY	DON EDWARDS	WS4NC
Doc H	WB4KIZ	DAVID McDONALD	N5WNB
Harold Richards	N4HER	RANDY TOMPSON	NC4RT
Gary Miller	WA4VMC	DAVE LAMBE	K4ICK
Ponyl Knight	-	ANDREW GUSEK	NC4AG
Bob Fowler	K4KEU	BOB GUSEK	NC4ZC
Kathryn Mansfield		STEVEN MIERISCH	KG4JWU
Jim Mansfield	WA4NOT		
Fred Overstreet	WB4QXG		
Geoff Rudy	KK4MOV		
Randy Austin	N4ABA		
Bill Stanley	N4WWS		
Gene Bowman	W04M5G		
John Kippe	N4KIT		
Tyler Eller	KJ4ENN		
Ed Eller	KJ4ENM		