

**Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting—16 June 2014**

**By Terry Brown (AK4D)—Secretary, Forsyth Amateur Radio Club**

**1. Attendees:** Fourteen attendees: Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Bob Gusek-NC4RC, John Kippee-N0KTY, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, Raymond Taber-WX5AAA, Mike Atkins-N4VE, Jerry Minor-K4GW, David Shoaf-KC4X, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL, Steven Mierisch-KG4JWU, Jim Atkins-W4UX, Harold Richardson-N4HER and Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT.

**2. Call to Order:** Meeting, at Oscar's Grill, 3348 Robinhood Road, Winston-Salem, was called to order by President Jerry Minor at 1935 hours.

**3. Treasurer Report:** Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, FARC Treasurer was not able to attend, but had given President Jerry Minor the club balance of \$2958.36.

**4. Meeting Topics:**

**a. Future Meeting Topics, all tentative:**

July: Andrew Sipes from Charlotte would discuss Arduino and his weather balloon project. A club auction of donated equipment would follow.

August: Jeryl Sears on FARC history,

September: Don Edwards would do a program on surface mount technology and/or making PCB boards,

October: Don Dazo on towers,

November: Homebrew Show and tell, and

December: Holiday banquet

**b. Field Day:** Ninety percent of the meeting involved preparation discussion for Field Day at Hobby Park. Both Jerry Minor and Doc Holiday led the discussion. At the meeting, Doc reported that 24 operators had signed up, some Saturday, some Sunday and a few had indicated that they could do both days. Preparation would begin on the preceding Friday. Doc would be sending out more specific instructions and assignments. Bob Gusek reported that he and Andrew would be staying overnight Saturday on Field Day. Melissa was going to put an article on Field Day in the Winston-Salem Journal. Dignitaries Stan Bingham and Dan Besse were potential guest attendees and also possibly WXII tv coverage.

**c. Amazon Smile:** Attendees were reminded to use Amazon Smile in the purchase process at Amazon.com as 0.5 percent of sales could come to the club.

**d. Time Limit on Presentations:** A discussion was held on time limits for presentations at the monthly club meetings. It was generally agreed that presentations would typically be limited to 30-45 minutes and the presiding

FARC board member would give presenters a ten minute warning, which included five minutes to finish the presentation and five minutes to answer any questions.

e. ARES Report: Jim Mann reported on the Tour to Tanglewood event. He estimated that 19 operators would be needed on Saturday and 17 operators would be needed on Sunday.

f. Technical Committee Report: Dale talked about possibly making two trips to Sauratown Mountain in July, possibly taking interested technical folks who may be interested in going. He discussed the needed repairs to the tower, bolts were loose and discussed equipment that may either needed repairing or replacing. Jerry Minor/Don Edwards/Dale Mierisch was to check on prices to purchase replacement antennas or phasing harnesses.

g. **Grant Foundations:** Discussion was held on the Winston Salem Foundation and also the Strickland Foundation and what was effort was needed to develop a grant request.

**4. Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 2047 hours.