

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Meeting—14 July 2014

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

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Minor, K4GW, at 1937 hours with approximately 40 members attending. Attendees were welcomed and introduced themselves. Jerry delayed normal club business until after the main presentation.

2. Meeting Presentation: The meeting presentation was on balloon launching equipped with data gathering and video equipment by Andrew Sipes from Mooresville. Some equipment included was the GoPro camera as well as GPS trackers. Balloons were inflated with helium. The presentation focused on successful launches and data gathering as well as launches that had issues. Interaction was common between Andrew and meeting attendees, with meeting attendees giving Andrew ideas on methods or equipment modifications to improve future launches. Part of the presentation was how Andrew built equipment to produce circuit boards and the use of Arduino in developing electronics used in the launches.

3. Announcements/Club Business:

a. Field Day Logs: Henry Heidtmann asked for needed info on total Field Day contacts by band and mode by FD operators. Bob Gusek has already summarized much of the data.

b. Riley Hollingsworth Letter: Don Edwards read a letter to the club from Riley Hollingsworth, FARC life member and former FCC employee.

c. Field Day Discussion: Doc Holliday thanked everyone for the successful Field Day event. There were other comments as well on how well the event went and Don Edwards was thanked for the great Saturday evening meal that he made for everyone in attendance at Hobby Park at that time.

d. Club Balance: Henry Heidtmann stated that the club balance was \$2536.62. He also was looking at the club equipment insurance policy and stated that he needed to request a listing of equipment that the policy covered to make sure the list was current.

e. VE Test Session Report: Dale Mierisch thanked the VE's who helped with the test session prior to the club meeting. There was an update from Tech to General and a family of four got their Tech ticked.

f. Repeater Status: Dale Mierisch stated that all three club repeaters were operational. However, Echolink was only functional on the 145.470 repeater. Efforts were continuing to get Echolink functional on the 146.640 repeater.

g. ARES Report: Jim Mann, WA4NOT, gave the ARES report.

1. Jim reminded everyone of the ARES net held on Thursday evenings at 2030 hours. He also stated the need for additional ARES net operators. He would help anyone interested and would provide a script for being net operator.

2. Tour to Tanglewood: The Tour to Tanglewood is scheduled for 27-28 September with an estimated 1600 riders. The Saturday route is eastern and the Sunday route is on the western side. Amateur radio operators needed for this event are 19 hams on Saturday and 18 on Sunday. Operator coverage would cease at 1500 on Saturday and 1300 hours on Sunday. Plans are to use the 145.47 repeater. He also discussed about 200 other riders riding from Concord.

h. Stokes County Radio Club: Dennis McClure, N4DSM thanked everyone for help in getting the Stokes County Radio Club up and running. Their plans are to use Hanging Rock for Field Day next year.

4. Adjournment: Jerry Minor adjourned the meeting at 2045 hours.

5. Club Auction: Henry Heidtmann was auctioneer of equipment that had been donated to FARC. Approximately \$600 was made from the auction with those funds going into the club treasury.

6. Attendance Sheet: Meeting attendance sheet follows. Not all signed.

FARC MONTHLY MEETING ATTENDANCE SHEET FOR

July 2014

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 Heidmann 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
Don Edwards	WS4NC	DENNIS MCCURE	N4DSM
Van Key	KC4WSK	Michelle McClure	KM4AFZ
EO Nathan	AF410	Paul Kelley	
Jim REGISTER	KV4SJ	Wilson "	
TERRY BROWN	AK4D	Emory "	
Andre Siper		Avery "	
Les Jongberg	KJ4JYZ	Christopher "	
BRUCE Sansprick	N4ZDR	Tiffany "	
Nate Pruitt	KK4OXZ	Tyler Eller	KJ4ENN
Steve Patterson	WA3RTE	Neal Pruitt	WD4LSS
Matt Byrd		Geoff Rudy	KK4MOV
Harold Richardson	N4HER	Jerry Minor	K4GW
Bill Starkey	N4WWS	DALE MIERUSH	WB9SZL
Peter Bergus			
RADDY TAMPSON	NC4RT		
Jim Atkins	W4UX		
GARY Miller	WA4VMC		
DAVID McDONALD	N5WNB		
John Kippe	KIPPE		
Doc Williams	WB4RIZ		
Ryan Rogers			