

## Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Meeting—9 March 2015

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 1915 hours, 15 minutes earlier than normal due to the length of the severe weather training. He welcomed FARC members and visitors to the meeting, approximately 60 total. Each person in the room introduced themselves stating their name and callsign.

**2. Announcements/Club Business:** Due to the anticipated length of the meeting, no business items were brought up in the main meeting.

**3. National Weather Service Severe Weather Training:** Phillip Badgett from the National Weather Service Raleigh office did severe weather training for meeting attendees. The presentation consisted of many power point slides, some text only, some with photos and some with embedded video explaining the theory of severe weather phenomena, cloud shapes, what to look for, what and when to report observed-on-the-ground conditions and how to safely seek shelter from severe weather events, whether at home or outside. Mr. Badgett answered many questions from meeting attendees. He closed out with slides that tested how much attendees learned on identification of cloud types and ground observations of what could appear to be tornados. He also passed out paperwork to attendees for registration as a trained severe weather observer.

**4. Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2145 hours.

**5. Names of Attendees:** The following is a listing of meeting participants who signed the attendance list or who were recognized and did not sign the list:

Don Edwards-WS4NC; David Ramsey-KJ4OIL; Steve Patterson-WA3RTC; Van Key-KC4WSK; Bob Gusek-NC4RG; David Shoaf-KC4X; Terry Brown-AK4D; Steven Mierisch-KG4JWU; John Kippee-K1PPE; Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL; Jerry Minor-K4GW; Gib Scott-W4AJI; Tony Poindexter-KD4MMQ; Melissa Hall-W4RXG; David McDonald-N5WNB; Daryl Knight-KK4ZCO; Dave Lambe-K4ICK; Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ; Randy Tompson-NC4RT; Ray Purdom-K4ZGV; Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT; Ken Pomeroy; Preston L. Hunt, Jr.; Christopher W. Redmond; Bo Bodenhamer-W4HTZ; Jeff Morison; Neal Pruitt-WD4LSS; Bill Plyer-W4EH; Carin DePuy; Mary DePuy; Judson Davis-KG4OHQ; Bruce Bailliff-WB4QCM; Mark Siepak-KJ4VSM; Andrew Gusek-NC4AG; Bill Kilpatrick; Fred Horton-NA4P; Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV; Bill Starkey-N4WWS; Gene Bowman-WB4MSG; Nathan Harmon; Jim Register-KV4SJ and KC LaComa.

**6. Special Board-of-Directors Meeting:** A meeting was held with attending FARC Board of Director attendees on repeater issues. Issues had been noted on repeater users not abiding by FCC regulations on required callsign identification at least every ten minutes, inappropriate language and inappropriate discussions, interference, jamming, rebroadcast of snippets of radio or television audio and other issues. A discussion was held pertaining to our tracking and identification of the offenders. It was agreed to prepare a statement listing infractions and a paragraph on proper repeater

usage and etiquette. The statement was to be furnished to the Vagabond Net control operator for reading the next day. It was also agreed to bring down the repeater following the Vagabond Net for a few days, to keep it down periodically except for the ARES net on Thursday night.