

**Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting--15 June 2015**

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

**1. Attendees:** Twelve attendees: **Jerry Minor-K4GW, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, John Kippe-N0KTY, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, David Shoaf-KC4X, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL, Jim Atkins-W4UX and Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV.**

**2. Call to Order:** The meeting, in the glass walled side room at Ham's Restaurant, 414 South Stratford Road, Winston-Salem, was called to order by President Jerry Minor at 1935 hours.

**3. Meeting Topics:**

**a. Future Meeting Topics:** Discussion was held on future meeting topics as no definite topic was lined up for the July FARC meeting. A possibility presented was an after-action discussion of what went right, what did not go right of Field Day activities. **Jim Atkins-W4UX** was going to explore a possible presenter. **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** stated that he and **Charlie Kluttz-W4TMR** would do an antenna presentation in two to three months.

**b. June Hamfest:** **David Shoaf, KC4X,** talked about the FARC Classic Hamfest held the previous Saturday on 13 June and thanked all that helped. David also talked about the super Arduino demo by **Steve Patterson-WA3RTC.** **Don Edwards-WS4NC** gave a financial report on the hamfest. 184 tickets were sold. Income was \$1149 from tickets and tables, \$22.83 from donation bucket and the Vagabonds gave a super donation of \$200. Expenses were rent of \$100 and \$38 for coffee and nourishment items. David Shoaf also thanked **Melissa Hall-W4RXG** for doing a great job of getting club events printed in the Winston-Salem Journal.

**c. Field Day Preparation:** **Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ** led the discussion on the upcoming Field Day on 27-28 June at Hobby Park, main topics listed below.

**1. Safety Person:** **Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ** stated that the West Virginia section manager has recently been electrocuted while putting up an antenna which contacted an electrical line. He pointed out the need for a safety person at Field Day. Meeting attendees would be exploring who would fill that role.

**2. Generators:** Discussion was held on generators for Field Day, who would help load and who would transport generators to Hobby Park. **Don Edwards-WS4NC** pointed out the need to put in a ground rod for each generator.

**3. Food:** **Don Edwards-WS4NC** discussed food items for the Saturday evening meal. He would order rotisserie chickens from COSTCO.

**4. Elected Officials, Educational Items and Displays:** Elected officials, educational items, and demonstrations were discussed.

**5. Station Plaques:** **Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ** discussed the need for laminated plaques to be placed at each operating station with the station number.

**6. Solar Power Contacts:** **Harold Richardson-N4HER** stated that he would bring a radio with discharged battery, recharge it via solar panels, and use the radio to make contacts.

**7. VHF Contacts:** Discussion was held on making VHF contacts. **Jerry Minor-K4GW** stated that a simplex frequency needed to be determined for making VHF contacts and that this frequency should be announced to the Vagabond Net and other nets.

**8. Radios and Antennas:** Both **Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ** and **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** provided tables of band captains, antennas, radios to be used, laptops to be used and transmission modes for Field Day operating bands. A summary of their tables is below:

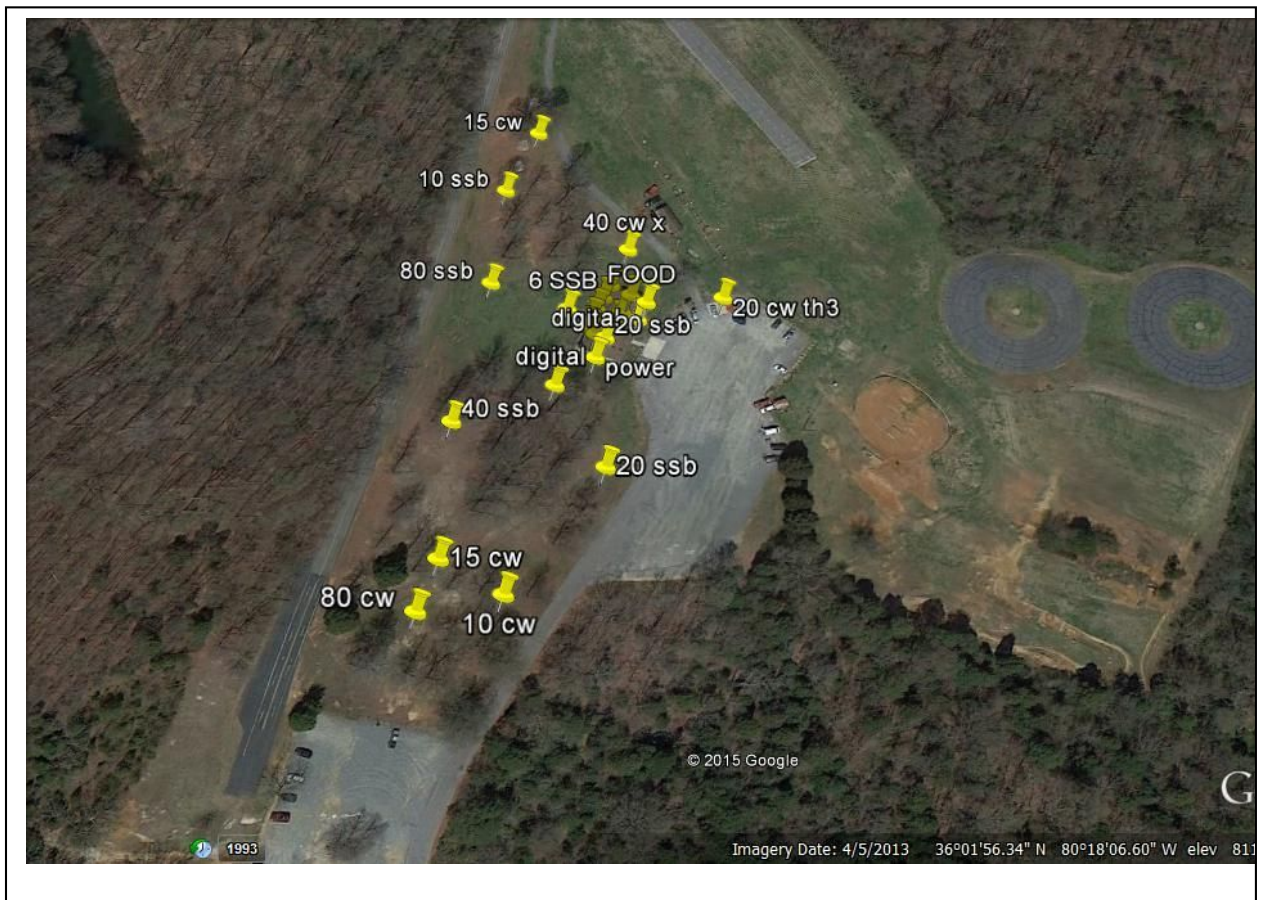
Rig #	Band	Mode	Antenna	Rig	Captain	PC
1	80	SSB	LOOP	YAESU-DOC	DOC	DOC
2	80	CW	LOOP	K3-GENE	GENE	GENE
3	40	SSB	LOOP	K3-CLUB	DALE	CLUB
4	40	CW	XLOOP	K3-GENE	DALE	GENE
5	20	SSB	LOOP	K3-CLUB	JIM	CLUB
6	20	CW	TH3	K3-JIM	JIM	JIM
7	15	SSB	INV-V	K3-GARY	GENE	GARY
2	15	CW	LOOP	K3-GENE	GENE	GENE
8	10	SSB	TH3	706-JERRY	JERRY	JERRY
2	10	CW	LOOP	K3-GENE	GENE	GENE
9	20-40	Digital	VERTICAL	YAESU	HAROLD	HAROLD
	2	FM	VERT-HAROLD	YAESU	JOHN	JOHN
	6	SSB	HALO-GENE	706-JERRY	JERRY	JERRY
	2	FM	BEAM-HAROLD			

GOTA JOHN-K1PPE/TERRY-AK4D/DAVID-KK4GAF HELP GOTA OP WITH STATION SETUP AND 40 METER SSB ANTENNA SETUP. WILL STOP THE 40 SSB STATION FOR GOTA TO MAKE REQUIRED CONTACTS. ALSO USE 40 SSB STATION FOR BOY SCOUTS.

9. **Hobby Park Pre-Work:** Gene Bowman-WB4MSG stated that he planned to be at Hobby Park at 0900 on Friday, 26 June to put antenna pull lines in trees. He stated that anyone who could help would be appreciated.

10. **Saturday Field Day Breakfast:** Plans were made to meet at Jimmy the Greek restaurant at 0800 on Saturday, then proceed to the Red Cross to get needed items out of the FARC ham shack, then on to Hobby Park for antenna erection and equipment setup.

11. **Antenna Locations:** Gene Bowman-WB4MSG had made a location map of antenna locations, item below.



12. **Station Locations:** Gene Bowman-WB4MSG had made a station location map, item below.

15 ssb	40ssb	gota 40 2/440fm	10/6/2 ssb
80/15/10 cw			
	80ssb	20 ssb	
	20cw	40cw	
	<b>Digital</b>		<b>FOOD</b>

d. **Postponement of Next Arduino Class:** Due to medical issues with **Bob Gusek-NC4RG**, the next Arduino Class scheduled for this coming Saturday will be postponed.

4. **Meeting Adjournment:** Motion was adjourned at 2035 hours.