

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Meeting—8 June 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 1935 hours. He welcomed FARC members and visitors to the meeting, approximately 40 total. Each person in the room introduced themselves stating their name and callsign.

2. Announcements/Club Business:

a. Treasurers Report: **Terry Brown-AK4D**, gave the treasurer report total of \$2496.46 reported to him by treasurer **Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO** who could not attend the meeting.

b. Repeater Status: **Dale Mierisch, WB9SZL**, stated that all three club repeaters were operational and that the echolink nodes were operational on the 146.640 and the 145.470 repeaters. Dale reported that the 146.64 repeater at the top of Baptist Hospital should be upgraded to the new Yaesu repeater by Field Day (27-28 June). Dale also answered questions about the Yaesu repeater capabilities and stated he was looking into an interface to shut down the repeater if necessary. Info on the Yaesu repeater capabilities will be put in the club newsletter.

c. VE Test Session Report: There were three Exam candidates at the pre-meeting test session with positive results and congratulations to the following:

Stephan P. Christoph—Extra License—N4NPN
Kenneth M. Barnes—Technician License—KM4LDQ
Scot R. Garrison—General License—KM4LDR

d. Old CB QSL Cards: **Don Edwards-WS4NC** showed some of the old CB QSL cards that he had come into possession of.

e. Boy Scouts Camp-o-Rama: **Neal Pruitt-WD4LSS** informed everyone about the upcoming Boy Scouts Camp-o-Rama scheduled for 14-18 July, consisting of 500 boys and leaders. Neal stated that they would operate Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as a Special Event station, **K4R** on three stations, and that QSL cards would be sent out.

f. Classic Hamfest: **David Shoaf, KC4X**, discussed the upcoming FARC Classic Hamfest scheduled for Saturday, 13 June at Summit School, 0700-1100. He talked about the help that would be needed, door prizes, the Arduino, digital transmissions demos, and a Raspberry Pi setup. **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT** would do talk-in. Discussion from the group included the Friday night load-in and the help needed at the end of the hamfest. **Don Edwards-WS4NC** stated that he would run off new tickets for the hamfest.

g. Field Day: **Doc Holliday, WB4QIZ**, and **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** talked about the upcoming Field Day at Hobby Park 1400 on Saturday, 27 June thru Sunday-28 June at 1400. Items presented and discussed were the nine station and antenna locations and expected signal pattern and gain. Doc discussed

the items needed to get additional scoring points such as making lots of contacts, media publicity, emergency power, GOTA station and solar power contacts. Club callsign of W4NC will be used for all stations except W4WS will be used for the GOTA station. The Saturday dinner will be planned and executed by **Don Edwards-WS4NC**. **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** stated that he would be a Hobby Park on Friday the 26th at 0900 to get lines into the trees in preparation for efficient antenna erection the next morning. He asked all that could help to be there. Saturday plans are to meet for breakfast at 0800 at Jimmy the Greek restaurant near the Red Cross, afterwards proceed to the Red Cross to gather equipment from the club station, and then proceed to Hobby Park for antenna and equipment setup.

3. Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by several attendees, seconded by **John Kippe-K1PPE**, and agreed to approximately 2103 hours.

4. Meeting Attendees: Names of the meeting attendees who are listed on the sign-in sheet or otherwise recognized follow:

Don Edwards-WS4NC; Bill Starkey-N4WWS; David Shoaf-KC4X; Terry Brown-AK4D; Kent Englebert-K4HKE; Daryl Knight-N5WK; , Jim Register-KV4SJ;; Bruce Sanspree-N4ZRR; Gary Miller-WA4VMC; Gene Bowman-WB4MSG; Jeff Stafford-AC4YN; John Kippe-K1PPE; Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL; Tony Poindexter-KD4MMQ; Harold Richardson-N4HER; David McDonald-N5WNB; Jim Atkins-W4UX; David Peterson-KK4GAF; Dave Lambe-K4ICK; Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ; Les Jongberg-KJ4JYZ; Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT; Jerry Minor-K4GW; Stephan Christoph-N4NPN; Wayne Collins-KK4ZHL; Dave Griffith-WA4MKK; Van Key-KC4WSK; Raja Chatterjee-KB6MTH; Scott Garrison; Tag Bowers-K4TAG; Neal Pruitt-WD4LSS; John Sherrer-KI4ARK; Vanglee Jones Sr.; Carroll Sasser-W4TNE and Phil Nunn-KD4JZZ.