

## Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Meeting--14 September 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 1858 hours. He welcomed FARC members and visitors to the meeting, approximately 60 total. This meeting was held at the Summit School cafeteria due to anticipated large turnout.

**2. Announcements/Club Business:** All normal club meeting protocols were bypassed due to the special nature and length of the meeting presentation. However there were three items.

**a. Jim Marler-KM4HUZ Thank You:** Jerry Minor, K4GW thanked **Jim Marler-KM4HUZ** for bringing BBQ and fixings to the meeting. Also thanks to **Don Edwards-WS4NC** for banana pudding and other items.

**b. Newsletter Prize:** **Don Edwards-WS4NC** talked about the prize given to attendees at each months meeting who had read the monthly newsletter in detail and who had located text items surrounded by { and }. **Bruce Baliff-WB4QCM** was the winner for this month's drawing, a Baofeng UV-5R.

**c. ARES Report:** **Bob Gusek-NC4RG** acting for ARES Director, **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT**, stated there were still some slots open for help in the Tour to Tanglewood and for those interested to log into the upcoming Thursday nights ARES net.

**3. Main Presentation:** **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** and **Charlie Kluttz-W4MTR** gave a great power point presentation and talk on factors crucial to determining which antenna is the best one to use for amateur radio operators. Factors included operating interest, location and size of QTH and what bands and modes were most used. Operating interests included nets, public service and ARES, contesting-local or world-wide or both, experimenting with antennas and preferred operating mode. Most of the antenna presentation was on the proper feedlines for various antenna types and focused on dipole, vertical and loop antennas. **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** videoed the meeting and later made the content of the meeting available via Youtube at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2JtPjiJ4\\_o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2JtPjiJ4_o)

**4. Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded by many and agreed to at 2109 hours.

**5. Meeting Attendees:** Below are the names of the meeting attendees who are listed on the sign-in sheet or otherwise recognized:

**Don Edwards-WS4NC; Terry Brown-AK4D; Jim Register-KV4SJ;; Gene Bowman-WB4MSG; John Kippe-K1PPE; Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL; Tony Poindexter-KD4MMQ; Harold Richardson-N4HER; Jim Atkins-W4UX; Jerry Minor-K4GW; Van Key-KC4WSK; Andrew Gusek-NC4AG; Bob Gusek-NC4RG; Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV; Steve Patterson-WA3RTC; David Ramsey-KJ4OIL; Jeff Stafford-AC4YN; Daryl Knight-N4WK; David McDonald-N5WMB; Gary Miller-WA4VMC; Fred Overstreet-WB4QXG; David Shoaf-KC4X; Kent**

Englebert-K4HRE; Jim Marler-KM4HUZ; Chuck Small-KM4IVY; Gib Scott-W4AJI; Tim Key-W4ADC; David Fulton-WD4BYA; Brad Trogdon-W4INI; Doug Rice-KJ4IGQ; Bill Kennedy-KM4MMG; Kent Oviatt-N4KRO; willie Greene-WA4QVR; Ray Purdon-K4ZGV; Judson Davis-KG4OHQ; Steve Handly-N4YSN; John Canup-KM4HVB; Jerry Ballard-N4JB; Philip Morris; Bruce Baliff-WB4QCM; Fred Horton-NA4P; Scot Garrison-KM4LDR; Michael Thorn; Neal Pruitt-WD4LSS; Steven Iltis; Michael Pope-KM4MMH; Bruce Sanspree-N4ZDR; Rick Batte-N4MBI; Charlie Kluttz-W4MTR and Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO.