

## Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Meeting—8 February 2016

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

1. **Call to Order and Welcome:** The 8 February 2016 meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club at the Red Cross Building, 690 Coliseum Drive, was called to order by **President Jim Atkins-W4UX**, at 1932 hours. He welcomed all attendees, approximately 40 plus, who introduced themselves.
2. **Treasurers Report:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** reported that the club balance was \$4579.03 and stated many thanks to all that had renewed club dues for 2016.
3. **New Member Director Report:** **Kent Englebert-K4HKE** updated attendees on efforts to make a membership packet to be given to new club members. One part of the packet will be club board of directors names and contact information. Also, subject matter experts will be identified with their contact information as well. Kent requested that club members that wish to be identified as volunteers to help to provide their name and contact information at: [K4HKE@arrl.net](mailto:K4HKE@arrl.net).
4. **Ham of the Month:** **President Jim Atkins-W4UX** presented **David Shoaf-KC4X** with a Starbucks card for being FARC Ham of the Month.
5. **ARES Report:** **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT** talked about the foul weather reporting drill and exercise held during 3pm-4pm on 23-24 January (Saturday and Sunday) on the Sauratown Mountain repeater (145.47, 100 Mhz PL tone). This drill had been scheduled for many weeks and just happened to coincide with actual bad winter weather conditions. Jim reported many reports on both days, including malfunctioning traffic lights which were called in to 311. Jim stated that similar drills will be held quarterly.
6. **Repeater and VE Test Report:** **Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL** updated everyone on repeater status. He thanked many VE's for their help in the VE test session prior to the club meeting. VE's were **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT**, **Mike Atkins-N4VE**, **Sam Poindexter-KM4LUD**, **Kent Englebert-K4HKE**, **John Kippe-K1PPE**, **Jeff Stafford-AC4YN** and **Ed Eller-KJ4ENM**. Dale stated that there were three successes in tonight's test session:
  - a. **David P. Larson**, got his Technician license then upgraded to General license, new callsign **KM4RAB**.
  - b. **Benjamin W. Burton** got his Technician license, new callsign **KM4RAC**.
  - c. **Jonathan E. Sharp** got his Technician license, new callsign **KM4RAD**.
7. **Baofeng Hand Held Radio Winner:** **Don Edwards-WS4NC** presented **Terry Brown-AK4D** with a new Baofeng handheld radio as winner of this months contest.

**8. Antenna Donation: Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** updated attendees about an antenna donation from Gary Carter who was moving to Seattle, Washington. Henry stated that he needed 6-7 volunteers to help with taking down a roof mounted antenna on Saturday, 27 February.

**9. NC QSO Party: Jim Atkins-W4UX** reminded everyone about the NC QSO Party scheduled for Sunday, 28 February.

**10. Meeting Refreshments: Jim Atkins-W4UX** thanked **Jim Marler-KM4HUZ** for bringing in Krispy Kream donuts to the meeting.

**11. Cell Phone Tower Presentation: Matt Jordan of Duke Power** gave a brief presentation followed by an informative question and answer session concerning telecommunications, data networking, the use of 800 MHz radio communications, cell phone tower sharing, signal encryption, broadband on power lines and other topics. and Motion to adjourn

**12. Adjournment of Meeting:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by many attendees and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2018 hours.

**13. Partial List of Meeting Attendees:** Below are the names of FARC member attendees. **Jim Atkins-W4UX, Van Key-KC4WSK, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, Kent Englebert-K4HKE, Tony Poindexter-KW4OQ, Gary Miller-WA4VMC, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Jeff Stafford-AC4YN, Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL, Catherine Melvin-KM4OCS, Kenneth Melvin-KM4NFQ, Daryl Knight-N5WK, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, Terry Brown-AK4D, Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT, Ed Eller-KJ4ENM, David McDonald-N5WNB, Andrew Gusek-NC3AG, Bob Gusek-NC4RG, Mike Atkins-N4VE, Les Jongberg-KJ4JYZ, Chuck Small-KM4IVY, Jim Marlet-KM4HUZ, Sam Poindexter-KM4LUD, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, Dave Larson-KM4RAB, Jim Register-KV4SJ, Bill Kennedy-WD4OTY, Jerry Minor-K4GW, John Kipee-K1PPE, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Michael Pope-KM4MMH, Judson Davis-KG4OHQ, David Shoaf-KC4X, Ben Burton-KM4RAC, John Canup-KM4HVB, Chris Corcia, Jonathan Sharp-KM4RAD, Mason Matrazzo, George Lamb-N4ROT, and Brian Kuebert-N4UEZ.**