

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Meeting—14 March 2016

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

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome:** The 14 March 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 1931 hours. He welcomed all attendees, approximately 40, who introduced themselves.
- 2. Treasurers Report:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** reported that the club balance was \$5331.96.
- 3. Secretary Report:** **Terry Brown-AK4D** thanked all that had renewed club dues for 2016 and beyond.
- 4. VE Test Report:** **Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL** thanked many VE's for their help in the VE test session held prior to the club meeting. VE's were **Mike Atkins-N4VE**, **Sam Poindexter-KM4LUD**, **Kent Englebert-K4HKE** and **Henry Smith-W4HHS**. Dale and meeting attendees congratulated the three successes in tonight's test session:
 - a. Ronald J. Gregoire**, passed both the Technician and General tests. Note: He was given the callsign **KM4SIH** the next day.
 - b. Mason W. Matrazzo**, age 13, got his Technician license. Note: Mason was given the callsign **KM4SII** the next day.
 - c. Jonathan E. Sharp-KM4RAD** upgraded from Technician to General license.
- 5. Repeater Report:** **Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL** updated everyone on repeater status. **David Shoaf-KC4X** and **Dale** chatted about frequency drift issues with the 440 repeater on Baptist Hospital. **Harold Richardson-N4HER** and **Dale** updated everyone on the paperwork submission to Yaesu for another System Fusion repeater to replace the current 440 MHz repeater. Dale had not received acknowledgement from Yaesu on the submission, but that was expected soon. The System Fusion repeater would be obtained for \$700 instead of the normal \$1700 normal price as part of a temporary Yaesu program.
- 6. Baofeng Hand Held Radio Winner:** **Don Edwards-WS4NC** presented **Ken Melvin-KM4NFQ** with a new Baofeng handheld radio as winner of this months contest.
- 7. Antenna Donation:** **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** thanked **Don Edwards WS4NC**, **Dave Ramsey-W4OIL**, **Harold Richardson-N4HER** and **Jeff Stafford-AC4YN** for assisting him on Saturday, 27 February in taking down antennas from the roof of Gary Carter who was moving to Seattle, Washington. A hex beam, a 6 meter beam and a 2 meter/440 Mhz antenna taken down will become club property and used in club events.
- 8. Ham of the Month:** **President Jim Atkins-W4UX** presented **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** with a FARC Ham of the Month Starbucks card for

leading the effort in removing the very useful antennas from the home of Gary Carter.

9. Field Day: Darryl Knight-N5WK, coordinator for this year's 25-26 June Field Day, reminded everyone about the need for antenna captains. **Gene Bowman-WB4MSG** gave an antenna status and the need for antenna captains to come by his home to help with a temporary launch and testing of antennas. Emphasized was the need for operators from 8pm Saturday night to 8am Sunday morning. Discussion was also held on the number of stations to be setup this year, no firm decision being made.

10. ARES Presentation: Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT gave a power point presentation on Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES). Key elements from the power point presentation are listed slide by slide as a separate article in the current FARC Newsletter. The FSD-98 form shown in Jim's presentation allows anyone wishing to be a significant volunteer for ARES can be obtained from Jim via an email request or from the FARC website at:

<http://w4nc.com/FSD-98.pdf>

The FSD-98 form has volunteers detailing their personal contact information, their capabilities both in equipment, bands and operating modes and whether their home equipment can be operated without commercial power. Jim can be contacted at wa4not <at> arrl.net.

11. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by many attendees and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2037 hours.

12. 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, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL, Catherine Melvin-KM4OCS, Kenneth Melvin-KM4NFQ, Daryl Knight-N5WK, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, Terry Brown-AK4D, Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT, Les Jongberg-KJ4JYZ, Chuck Small-KM4IVY, Jim Marlet-KM4HUZ, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, Bill Kennedy-WD4OTY, Jerry Minor-K4GW, John Kipee-K1PPE, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Judson Davis-KG4OHQ, David Shoaf-KC4X, John Canup-KM4HVB, Jonathan Sharp-KM4RAD, Woody Kinney-KF4PLQ, Bruce Sanspree-N4ZDR, Bruce Bailiff-WB4QCM, Steven Blackford_KR7SQI, Fred Overstreet-WB4QXG, David Peterson-KK4GAF, Dave Ramsey-W4OIL, Steve Iltis-KM4OCR, Riley Baugus-KK4RDMR, Ron Gregoire, Mason Matrazzo, Henry Smith-W4HHS, and Brian Kuebert-N4UEZ.**