

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Business Meeting, Forsyth
Amateur Radio Club—18 July 2016**

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

1. Call to Order and Welcome: The monthly Board of Directors Business Meeting, Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, was held on Monday, 18 July 2016 at Ham's Restaurant, 367 Lower Mall Drive, Thruway Shopping Center, Winston-Salem. The meeting was called to order by **FARC President Jim Atkins-W4UX**, at 1940 hours. He welcomed all meeting attendees.

2. Meeting Attendees: The sixteen meeting attendees were **Jim Atkins-W4UX, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, David Shoaf-KC4X, Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV, Daryl Knight-N5WK, Jerry Minor-K4GW, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, John Kippe-K1PPE, Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT, Jim Register-KV4SJ, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Harlan Colbert-W1HRC and Kent Englebert-K4HKE.**

3. Treasurers Report: **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO**, FARC Treasurer, stated that the club balance was \$4382.73, most Field Day costs paid for as well as utility bills.

4. Future Meeting Topics: Planned future meeting topics are:

- a. **August**—Passive Repeaters—**Harold Richardson-N4HER**
- b. **September**—Modern Test Equipment—**Don Edwards-WS4NC**
- c. **October**—Possible program on operating the K3 transceivers
- d. **November**—What to Look for in Buying Radios by **Mike Atkins-N4VE**. Election of club officers will also be held this meeting.
- e. **December**—FARC Holiday Party
- f. **January**—Show and Tell

5. Lewisville 25th Year Special Event Station: General discussion was held on club attendance at Lewisville's 25th year anniversary scheduled for Saturday, 13 August, generally from 2 to 6 pm in the town square. **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT** and **Terry Brown-AK4D** will be primary contacts for this event. Setup for this event will need to be in the time window from 9 am to about noon. **Harlan Colbert-W1HRC** stated that Lewisville is expecting about 2500 attendees and that the club setup location will be near the public safety location. The club will need to provide chairs, table, and canopy with no stakes. Setup will be near a power pole. Discussion was held on bringing and hanging the club banner, radio and antennas to be used and bringing lots of copies of the new club fanfold flyer for use as handouts. Special Event callsign will be N4C or N4C/25 for this event.

6. ARES Discussion: **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT** stated that rest stop locations were finalized for both days, 17-18 September but that some club assignments were still open and needed to be filled.

7. Field Day Review Update: **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that the Field Day score mentioned at last Monday nights club meeting had gone up with additional bonus and qso info. Final numbers were possibly 11,858 points and 3,046 qso's. About 80 folks were involved and results should be out in September.

8. Reynolda House's Samuel F.B. Morse's Gallery of the Louvre and the Art of Invention: Brief discussion was held on the clubs participation at the American masterworks exhibition scheduled for Reynolda House from 17 February to 4 June 2017 featuring paintings made by Samuel F.B. Morse during 1831-1833. A special meeting will be organized for further discussion.

9. Mentorship: **Kent Englebert-K4HKE** led discussion on club mentorship and "elmering". It was agreed that "elmering" was needed to help new licensees understand how to hook-up and operate club equipment. A Saturday show and tell program will be planned.

10. Arduino Class: An Arduino class is planned for 6 August. Further info will be forthcoming from **Bob Gusek-NC4RG**.

11. Repeater Update: **Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL** updated everyone on the status of the three club repeaters. All were working ok and he was in the process of upgrading computers to Windows 10. Discussion was held on interference issues on the 145.470 repeater. **Harlan Colbert-W1HRC** reported that heavy interference was noticed during the Vagabond net that afternoon, but the interference disappeared after the net terminated. He reported there was lots of "kerchuncking". **Don Edwards-WS4NC** discussed monitoring the interference and "finger-printing" the offender equipment. **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT** reported that there was noticeable interference with the NC Traffic Net held the previous Saturday night, even after moving to an alternate repeater.

12. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **David Shoaf-KC4X**, seconded by all and meeting was adjourned at 2035 hours.