

**Minutes of the Board of Directors Business Meeting, Forsyth
Amateur Radio Club—15 August 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, 15 August 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 1933 hours. He welcomed all meeting attendees.

2. Meeting Attendees: The seventeen meeting attendees were **Jim Atkins-W4UX, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, David Shoaf-KC4X, Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV, Jerry Minor-K4GW, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, John Kippe-K1PPE, Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT, Jim Register-KV4SJ, Harlan Colbert-W1HRC, Van Key-KC4WSK, Sam Poindexter-KM4LUD, Ray Purdom-K4ZGV, Jeff Stafford-AC4YN and Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ.**

3. Treasurers Report: **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO**, FARC Treasurer, was not at the meeting. However, the club balance at the main club meeting the previous Monday night was \$3849.51.

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

- a. **August**—Passive Repeaters—**Harold Richardson-N4HER**
 - b. **September**— What to Look for in Buying Radios by **Mike Atkins-N4VE.**
 - c. **October**—Possible program on operating the K3 transceivers
 - d. **November**—Modern Test Equipment—**Don Edwards-WS4NC**
- 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: **Terry Brown-AK4D** gave meeting attendees a summary of the club's successful special event station setup for Lewisville's 25th year anniversary of being an incorporated town. The special event station which used the callsign N4C was held the past Saturday, 13 August. He and **Harold Richardson-N4HER**, started setup at 8:15 that morning. Soon, **Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, Harlan Colbert-W1HRC and Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT** arrived followed by **Van Key-KC4WSK, Stan Overby, WA4RDZ, Jim Cole-KM4QPR, Ray Purdom-K4ZGV, and Steven Mierisch-KG4GWU.** There were some generator noises issues, but those were minimized with actions by **Harlan Colbert-W1HRC** and positive efforts by Lewisville emergency responders. There were a lot of visitors with **Terry Brown-AK4D and Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT** teaching the visitors about amateur radio's missions focusing on public service. The key operator was **Mason Matrazzo-KM4SII** making contacts on 20 meter USB. A special visitor was **Representative Virginia Foxx** expressing the importance of amateur radio, her support for amateur radio and the Amateur Radio Parity Act. She spoke with **Mason Matrazzo-KM4SII**, giving him her business card and requested that

he talk with his parents about making a trip to Washington, D.C. and meet with her. 86 contacts were made. **Harold Richardson-N4HER** stated that it was obvious that the main feature was the presence of a young club member-**Mason**. **Don Edwards-WS4NC** requested that **Terry Brown-AK4D** write up an article on the event for the September club newsletter.

6. ARES Discussion: **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT** stated that he will be working new maps for the upcoming Tour to Tanglewood fund raiser event for MS and the club's participation. Rest stop locations have been sequentially renamed based upon the century loop, with no more L1, L2, RS3, etc. Jim stated that he still needs volunteers.

7. Reynolda House's Samuel F.B. Morse's Gallery of the Louvre and the Art of Invention: **Ray Purdom-K4ZGV** led discussion on the clubs participation at the Samuel F. B. Morse's American masterworks exhibition scheduled for Reynolda House from 17 February to 4 June 2017. Ray stated he was meeting with key exhibition personnel the next day on possibilities and would present some of our ideas. Ideas on the clubs participation included a special event station using only CW. Another idea focused on a recycling video loop featuring CW content of Samuel F.B. Morse and FARC. **Jerry Minor-K4GW** talked about the Farnsworth method of learning Morse Code and the possibilities of using that in a display.

8. Arduino Class: **Don Edwards-WS4NC** announced that an Arduino class is planned for 1 October at the Red Cross meeting room. Further info will be forthcoming.

9. Club Project Meeting: **Steve Patterson-WA3RTC** stated that there would be meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the Miller Park Community Center for anyone to talk about, participate and make electronic projects.

10. Red Cross: **Don Edwards-WS4NC** talked about being careful when coming to the Red Cross for meetings or being there during their normal business hours. He emphasized that visitors need to sign-in and sign-out and talked about door security. Don also stated that he would do an article for the club newsletter on the do's and do-not's in the club maintaining a positive relationship with the Red Cross. He also stated that the concerns need to be posted in the club's shack.

12. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Harold Richardson-N4HER**, seconded by **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT** and meeting was adjourned at 2016 hours.