

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Meeting—14 November 2016
By Terry Brown (AK4D)—Secretary, Forsyth Amateur Radio Club

1. Call to Order and Welcome: The 14 November 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 7:30 pm. He welcomed all attendees, approximately 60, who introduced themselves.

2. Treasurers Report: FARC Treasurer **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** reported the club balance to be \$3611.44. Henry also thanked SmileAmazon.com shoppers who have named the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club as their benefactor of donations to eligible charitable organizations by SmileAmazon. Henry reported that he had received a check from Amazon for \$39.66.

3. Holiday Dinner Info: A reminder was made about the 6pm Monday, 5 December FARC Holiday dinner meeting at the River Ridge Tap House. Food orders will begin about 6:30pm. The restaurant is located at 1480 River Ridge Drive in Clemmons near the intersection of US421 and Lewisville-Clemmons Road.

4. Field Day Results: **Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO** stated that the results of the 2016 Field Day had been released by the ARRL. The Forsyth Amateur Radio Club came in second place in the 9A division. First place went to a club in Georgia.

5. VEC Test Session Info: VEC Coordinator **Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL** passed on the VE test session results via email after the meeting. He congratulated the two successful candidates listed below.

- a. **Joel L. Barnes-KM4YYY**, got his Technician license
- b. **Ted N. Tankersley-KM4YYZ**, got his Technician license

6. ARES Report: ARES Coordinator **Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT** stated that he still had tee shirts for club volunteers who helped at the Tour to Tanglewood fund raiser event for MS. Jim gave a summary of ARES and reminded everyone of the weekly ARES net every Thursday night at 8:30pm on the clubs 145.47 repeater. Jim also noted that **Dan O'Leary-KG4ECI**, club member that had moved from the Winston-Salem area, was on the previous Thursday's ARES net.

7. Reynolda House Samuel FB Morse Exhibition: **Ray Purdom-K4ZGV** stated that he was still getting information on when and how the club will participate at the upcoming Samuel FB Morse Exhibition at Reynolda House. (Start of Additional Secretary Note: **Ray Purdom-K4ZGV** send out an email a day after the club meeting with additional details that he had learned. The information included a tentative schedule of when the club would be involved and other details. Ray also added that for all events, he expected a club display and video on Morse Code operation would be used. Daily schedules included:

a. Media Preview Day: A Media Preview was expected from 10am to noon on 16 February where attendees would be mainly interested in our doing a texting versus code competition. Members of the media possibly would be participants on the texting team.

b. Private Preview Party: A Private Preview Party would be held on 16 February from 5:30 to 7 PM. Details were sketchy but a Morse code demonstration may be requested.

c. Opening Day: Opening Day would be on 17 February from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM where the club would operate a Special Event Station during this time.

d. Community Day: Community Day would be held on 29 April from 11 AM to 3 PM where the club would operate a Special Event Station and also do texting/code competitions.

End of additional Secretary note)

8. 2017 Club Officer Elections: Elections for all four club officer positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) for 2017 was held. **Jim Atkins-W4UX** reminded everyone on the results of the nomination committee that had found club members who volunteered to be considered as candidates for those positions. The candidates consist of **David Shoaf-KC4X** for club **President**, **Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV** for club **Vice-President**, **Jim Register-KV4SJ** for club **Secretary** and **Kent Englebert-K4HKE** for club **Treasurer**. All four were present and were requested to stand and be recognized. The floor was opened for additional nominations to be from the floor. None were heard. A motion was made by **Harold Richardson-N4HER** along with many other meeting attendees to accept the four candidates. This motion was seconded by **Van Key-KC4WSK** and many others. Motion was passed with ayes by all, no negative votes were heard.

9. Club Project Meeting: **Steve Patterson-WA3RTC** reminded everyone about the technical workgroup meetings held each third Tuesday at 7pm at the Miller Park Community Center. Everyone was invited.

10. Building an Electronics Workbench Presentation by Don Edwards-WS4NC: **Don Edwards-WS4NC** gave a thorough presentation on thoughts to consider when building an electronics workbench. He showed photos of his workshop. Don's powerpoint presentation addressed critical issues such as the differences between accuracy and precision and equipment errors. Don talked about the need for an anti-static mat. He then talked about multimeters, power supplies, soldering irons, surface mount components and how to do and undo, techniques of soldering and desoldering, types of solders, stereo microscopes, jewelers loops, safety glasses, vises to hold circuit boards safely, calipers, small tools, watt meters, signal generators, RF generators, pulse generators, oscilloscopes, audio analyzers, antenna analyzers,

spectrum analyzers, frequency counters, communications monitors and many more pieces of equipment. For each item, Don talked about specific items and types to obtain and ones to avoid and also the price of new equipment and used.

11. Baofeng Hand Held Radio Winner: Don Edwards-WS4NC presented Ron Gregoire-W4UDB with a new Baofeng handheld radio as winner of this month's contest.

12. Prior Meeting Thank You: Jim Atkins-W4UX presented Mason Matrazzo-KM4SII with a Duncan Donuts gift card for his previous presentation on his trip to Washington, DC and his meetings with Senators Burr and Tillis and Representative Virginia Foxx. Mason's visit to Washington, DC was to educate candidates and to ask for support on the Amateur Radio Parity Act.

13. Meeting Room Streaming Camera: Jim Atkins-W4UX thanked Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO for the officer approved club acquisition and installation of a ceiling mounted camera that allowed the meeting to be easily streamed via the internet on W4NC Live!

14. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by many attendees and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 10:04 pm.

15. Meeting Attendees: Those that signed the attendance sheet or otherwise recognized were: Terry Brown-AK4D, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, Charlie Klutz-W4TMR, Bill Kennedy-WD4OTY, David Ramsey-W4OIL, Cathy Melvin-KM4OPS, Judson Davis-KG4OHQ, Ted Tankersley, Mary McClellan-KM4WPO, Dan Durham-KM4VWT, Ron Gregoire-W4UDB, Ron Adkins-KM4WPN, Michael Pope-K4OLD, Joshua Vogel-KD4PQQ, David Shoaf-KC4X, Ray Purdom-K4ZGV, Doug Rice-KJ4ICQ, John Kippe-K1PPE, Van Key-KC4WSK, Steve Patterson-WA4RTC, Neal Puritt-WD4LSS, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Les Johnberg-KD45JYZ, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Sri Sarvasri Ananda -KG7SU, Ken Melvin-KM4NFQ, Brian Kuebert-N4UEZ, Caroline Kuebert-KM4VCO, Kent Englebert-K4HKE, Frank Young-KD0ZCZ, Ellis Sanspree-N4ZDR, Jim Register-KV4SJ, Harlan Colbert-W1HRC, Bob McClennan-W3AVB, Rick Batte-N4MBI, Mike Mahan-KB4WJA, Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT, Chris Rodie-KW4VK, Gary Miller-WA4VMC, Andrew Gusek-NC4AG, Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV, Jonathan Sharp-KM4RAD, Daryl Knight-N5WK, Sharrod Patterson, Jerry Minor-K4GW, Mark Gaines-KM4TUH, Randy Tompson-KC4RT, Mason Matrazzo-KM4SII, Dale Mierisch-W2DZO, Sam Poindexter-NI4TG, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO and Jim Atkins-W4UX.