

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 13 February 2017

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1. Call to Order and Welcome: The 13 February 2017 meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club at the Red Cross Building, 690 Coliseum Drive, was called to order by President David Shoaf, KC4X, at 1901 hours. David welcomed all attendees, approximately 41, for coming out this evening, and invited each to introduce themselves.

2. Treasurers Report: Kent Englebert, K4HKE, gave the current treasurer's report.

First fest results: 180 paid attendees with a \$965.52 net profit after expenses.

Current Bank Balance: \$ 5572.63 with no outstanding bills

2016 IRS filing has been completed

3. EOC Antennas: Geoff Rudy, KK4MOV, reported that Forsyth County approached FARC and the ARRL EC about the Emergency Operations Center. The operations center is moving from the Police Department to the Sheriff's Department, and responsibility is being transferred from the city to the county. The county is providing coax from the EOC to the roof; they are asking the club to provide some 2M/70cm antennas and an 80M/40M dipole for the EOC. Cost is estimated to be less than \$ 450. Motion was made to proceed, seconded, all voted Aye.

4. Reynolda House Samuel FB Morse Exhibition: Ray Purdom, K4ZGV gave an update on the club participation at the upcoming Samuel FB Morse Exhibition at Reynolda House. The event is this Thursday and Friday, from 10-3. They are anticipating having an operator, a logger, and an MC for the ten hours we will be on the air. He requested those not participating at Reynolda House to give them a call on the air.

For the few specific times checked, adult admission to the exhibit itself was \$14.00, children under 18 were free, and free admission was available for students, veterans and active duty military, museum members, and Wake Forest University faculty and staff. Check the museum website to verify admission prices for your desired time and date.

A second special event session will be on Community Day, April 29, in the gazebo out front. Access to that will be free, but exhibit itself will still be subject to the regular fee schedule.

5. Support for a Blind Ham antenna installation: Don Edwards, W4NC, reported a phone call from a Chuck Leanza, N8MBM. Chuck is a blind ham on Fourth Street in Winston Salem, and a group had offered to help him get an antenna up. Chuck needed to get back in touch with the volunteers, and Don asked if it was a Vagabond effort, as FARC was unaware. Mason Matrazzo, KM4SII, admitted awareness and became the responsible person...

6. Iceland DXpedition: Mason Matrazzo, KM4SII, announced a vacation DXpedition to Iceland March 13-19, when he will be active on the HF bands from Iceland using the call sign TF/KM4SII. He expects to be active local afternoons to evenings which will be nighttime in Iceland. Frequencies will probably be the SSB portion of the 40M band, but will be able to work 20 and 17 if they are open. Information is

available at the new events page at W4NC.com. Mason asked for spotting support and to watch the TF/KM4SII page at QRZ.com for updates.

7. New W4NC website: Terry Brown, AK4D, reports the new website will be up in the next couple of days. He will be posting info about Mason's DXpedition there.

8. Skywarn Program: Brandon Dunstan, KI4VCX, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Raleigh, gave a program on recognizing the characteristics of severe weather for the purposes of storm spotting and weather safety.

9. VEC Info: Dale Mierisch, WB9SZL, reported that we had 5 VEs and ran two sessions. A total of three candidates were successful - Brent Kleinheksel, KN4AZI, got his Tech, Donald Durham, KM4VWT, got his General, and Ted Tankersley, KM4YYZ, got his Extra.

10. Repeater report: All three repeaters are up. The 145.470 MHz repeater up at Sauratown Mountain has about an 80 mile radius for all directions except North, where it is blocked by the Blue Ridge. The 146.640 MHz Fusion system at Baptist is in analog-only mode until a firmware update is completed. The 444.275 MHz machine at Baptist is fully operational.

11. Next Month's Meeting Topic: Jim Marler, KM4HUZ, will be talking about EMP.

12. Adjournment of Meeting: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Harlan Cobert, W1HRC and seconded by several other attendees. Meeting was adjourned at 2111 hours.

13. Partial List of Meeting Attendees: Below are the names of FARC member attendees. David Shoaf-KC4X, Jim Register-KV4SJ, Kent Englebert-K4HKE, Harlan Cobert-W1HRC, Mason Matrazzo-KM4SII, Judson Davis-KG4OHQ, Terry Brown-AK4D, Ed Eller-KJ4ENM, Fred Horton-NA4P, David Ramsey-W4OIL, Les Jongberg-KJ4JYZ, Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV, Bill Kennedy-WD4OTY, Bob McClellan-W3AVB, Mary McClellan-KM4WPO, Mike Brown-W4LKN, Ron Gregoire-W4UDB, Chris Rodie-KW4VK, Steven Chambers-K4RCI, Joe Holder-KN4AWU, Tim Key-W4ADC, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Ron Adkins-KM4WPN, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC, Dave Larson-KM4RAB, John Canup-KM4HVB, Jim Marler-KM4HUZ, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, Bruce Bailiff-WB4QCM, Randy Tompson-NC4RT, Michael Pope-K4OLD, Daryl Knight-N5WK, Jonathan Sharp-KM4RAD, Ben Burton-KM4RAC, Brent Goodwin-KN4ACN, Ray Purdom-K4ZGV, Cheryl Matrazzo, Stabler Matrazzo, Gustav Jamison, Andrew Gusek-NC4AG, Sam Poindexter-NI4TG, Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT, Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL, Michael Crepeau-N3MDC, Don Edwards-WS4NC.