

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 13 May 2019

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- 1. Call to Order and Welcome:** The 13 May 2019 meeting of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club at the Red Cross Building, 690 Coliseum Drive, was called to order by President Sam Poindexter (NI4TG) at 1928 hours. Sam welcomed all attendees, approximately 35, for coming out this evening, and invited each to give their name and callsign.
- 2. Announcements:** W4NC won the club, in state, mixed mode, high power award for the North Carolina QSO party for 2019. Kent (K4HKE) presented the wall plaque.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kent Englebert (K4HKE) gave a brief treasurer's report. Our balance in the bank is \$4070.62. Major upcoming expenses include \$800 for insurance, repeater site renewal fee, and expenses relating to field day.
- 4. Auxcomm/Ares:** Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. Forsyth county is rewriting the emergency operations plan, and by doing so Amateur radio is expected to play a larger roll. We can hope to see expanded volunteer opportunities such as communications support for events like the Dixie Classic Fair, etc. A reminder for upcoming training, the Em-Comm 101 course on May 25th from 8am – 4pm. The new Auxcomm emblem was presented as well as the Auxcomm updated ID badge proofs, and patches, decals, and clothing options will be available for purchase soon. A \$200 donation from the Hanging Rock group for our assistance was presented to the Treasurer. A law is being passed restricting handheld mic use titled the "Carolina hands free bill". It was requested for members to write their state representatives asking for an exemption for amateur radio operators.
- 5. Field Day:** Henry Heidtmann (W2DZO) spoke about the upcoming Field Day in June. Kent has secured the lease for Hobby park. An Email group signup sheet was passed around for those interested in staying informed on field day preparation. Food is still being organized but is mostly in place.
- 6. Testing and Repeater Report:** Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) presented the testing and repeater report. Five people took and passed their tests. All repeaters are up and operating well. Reiterated that the Baptist hospital repeaters are Fusion capable, and Internet is up on the mountain for remote command and control. New internet has been installed at the club location to facilitate Remote hams. Dale gave a brief explanation on Remote Hams. Plans may be to move one fusion repeater to the wide area repeater on Sauratown mountain after the setup and bugs have been worked out.
- 7. Business Meeting:** Sam (NI4TG), along with the announcements reminded everyone about our upcoming business meeting next Monday at Sixty-Six Pizzeria on Frontis Plaza Street, right near Academy Sports. The meeting starts at 7:30; we get there between 6:00 and 7:30 to eat and hang around until 9 or so.
- 8. Program:** This month's program was by Gaff Pearce (W4GYP) entitled "Work the world on half a watt and a hot spot." Topics included D-Star, DMR, and system fusion and operating via the Pi-Star hotspot kit. The full presentation is available at <https://youtu.be/YXUKbyOnphU>

9. Adjournment of Meeting: A motion was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2031.

10. Partial List of Meeting Attendees: Below is a partial list of FARC meeting attendees.

Don Edwards WS4NC, Stacey MacArthur W1LLO, Sam Poindexter NI4TG, Ken Worland KW4UC, Linda Worland KW4UD, Michael Pope K4OLD, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, Jerry Minor K4GW, Mary McClellan KM4WPO, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Van Key KC4WSK, Mike Vernon W4MAV, Harold Richardson N4HER, Gaff Pearce W4GYP, David Shoaf KC4X, Mary DePuy KN4LKO, Randy Thompson NC4RT, Jim Register KV4SJ, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Terry Brown AK4D, Pedro Tomas KN4GKY, Doug MacArthur W4STH, David Fulton WD4BYA, Steve Patterson WA3RTC, Judson Davis KG4OHQ, Kent Englebert K4HKE, Ron Gregoire W4UDB, Doc Holiday WB4QIZ, Bill Kennedy WD4OTY, Jim Moek, Mark Gaines KM4TUK, Henry Heidtmann W2DZO, Jim Sarfert NA4J, Jim Atkins W4UX, Mike Atkins N4VE.