

## Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 10 June 2019

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**1. Call to Order and Welcome:** The 10 June 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 45, for coming out this evening, and invited each to give their name and callsign.

**2. Announcements:** Next month's presentation is by Ken Kayser (K2KXK) on Remote Hams, on using the club equipment remotely. Thank you to Jerry Minor (K4GW) and David Shoaf (KC4X) who has obtained a new tower contract for the 145.470 repeater which is good until 2023. Jerry Minor has also completed setup of the club telephone number with Magic Jack. The number will be posted on the website. (336) 930-W4NC.

**3. 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.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kent Englebert (K4HKE) gave a brief treasurer's report. Our balance in the bank is \$3870.06. Major upcoming expenses include \$800 for insurance, and expenses relating to field day.

**5. Auxcomm/Ares:** Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. Patches and stickers are in and they came out looking great. The patches are \$4.00, and the stickers are \$1.50; exact change is appreciated. The first round of photos for the Auxcomm IDs were taken before and after this month's meeting. The Tour 2 Tanglewood MS bike event is coming up on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. SAG's, rest stops, net controllers and shadows are all needed. All operations this year are south of Pilot Mountain. A big even this year, expecting up to 1300 cyclists. A sign-up sheet for the event was passed around. Auxcomm net the previous Thursday; thank you for people picking up when needed. A lot of training opportunities coming up. Dates to follow.

**6. Testing and Repeater Report:** Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) presented the testing and repeater report. Five people took and passed their tests. With three passing the Technician. All repeaters are up and operating well. The range can be improved on 146.64 and the 444.275 on Baptist Hospital with a new antenna to be installed. Echolink is up and running on 145.47 although there are reports of iPhone users having trouble, which is being investigated. Reminder if you can connect on Echolink, but cannot transmit, open ports 5198, 5199, 5200 to prevent issues from home.

**7. Program:** This month's program was Field Day discussion. As Henry Heidtmann (W2DZO) was not in attendance, a prerecorded video presentation by Henry was played by David Shoaf.

Highlights from the presentation:

Setup for Field Day will begin on Friday Morning at 8:00am. N1MM logging software will be used to aggregate and display all contacts at a central location. Gene Bowman (WB4MSG) and Harold

Richardson (K4HER) presented the antenna setup locations. Harold will also be handling the educational activity. Field day operation begins on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm and ends on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm. Steve Patterson (WA3RTC) will be handling the food. Dinner is at 6pm on Saturday. The menu consists of hotdogs, hamburgers, corn, baked beans, macaroni salad, potato salad, and cake. Safety officer will be Harlan Cobert (W1HRC). Bonus Coordinator will be Stacey MacArthur (W1LLO).

Band Captains this year will be:

80m SSB Doc (WB4QIZ)  
80m CW Don (WS4NC)  
40m SSB (still needed)  
40m CW Brian (NZ4N)  
20m SSB Mason (KM4SII)  
20m CW Jim (W4UX)  
15m SSB/CW Gene (WB4MSG)  
10m SSB/CW Don (WS4NC)  
6m SSB/CW Gene (WB4MSG)  
2/440/SAT Steven (KG4JWU)  
DIGI Harold (N4HER)  
GOTA Henry (W2DZO) and Bobby (AA9AU)

The full presentation can be found here: <https://youtu.be/fx6P9FeipRw>.

**8. Adjournment of Meeting:** A motion was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2100.

**9. 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, David Shoaf KC4X, Randy Thompson NC4RT, Jim Register KV4SJ, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Terry Brown AK4D, Pedro Tomas KN4GKY, Doug MacArthur W4STH, Steve Patterson WA3RTC, Kent Englebert K4HKE, Doc Holiday WB4QIZ, Mark Gaines KM4TUK, Jim Bielski KJ4FIN, Wayne Collins KK4ZHL, Neal Pruitt WD4LSS, Richard Talbert W4IHC, Judson Davis KG4OHQ, Sparky Ramey KE4TES, Luke Yarbrough K5LCY, Roger MacLean, Woody Kinney K4PLQ, Don Tedder, Jim Mansfield WA4NOT, John Kippe K1PPE, Terry Good W3NPS, Jim Atkins W4UX, Brian Kuebert NZ4N, Jeff Stafford AC4YN, Bruce Bailiff WB4QGM, Derek Godfrey KN4OCW, Henry Smith W4HHS, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Steve Weifenbach KN4LKP.