

## Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 08 July 2019

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**1. Call to Order and Welcome:** The 08 July 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 1930 hours. Sam welcomed all attendees, approximately 37, for coming out this evening, and invited each to give their name and callsign.

**2. Announcements:** Next month's presentation is by Mike Atkins (N4VE) on Grounding and Bonding.

**3. Field Day:** Henry Heidtmann (W2DZO) gave a quick debrief of Field Day. We had approximately 81 people participate, not including those who neglected to sign in. All bonuses were achieved sans the satellite bonus which is very difficult to get. 2330 bonus points with a total 15,054 points overall. Ranking information should be available in the October or November issue of QST.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Kent Englebert (K4HKE) gave a brief treasurer's report. Our balance in the bank is \$3007.84, with no upcoming expenses.

**5. Testing and Repeater Report:** Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) presented the testing and repeater report. There were two testing sessions with a total of seven tests taken, with two passing the Technician and one passing the general. Baptist hospital 146.64 is up but has limited range, and the 444.275 repeater still needs a new antenna. 145.47 repeater is up, and internet fiber network has been installed on Sauratown mountain. Echolink server is back up, but still needs testing for iOS clients.

**6. Auxcomm/Ares:** Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. The Tour 2 Tanglewood MS bike event is coming up on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. SAGs, rest stops, net controllers and shadows are all needed, still very low on volunteers just two months out. A sign-up sheet was passed around. The new Auxcomm badges were again shown, these badges have photos, please see Stacey (W1LLO) for your badge photograph at the next club meeting if you haven't already. Training previously announced for July 20<sup>th</sup> will need to be rescheduled due to a miscommunication on room scheduling.

**7. Program:** This month's program was Remote Hams by Ken Kayser (K2KXK) on how to operate the club equipment remotely. Software is free of charge and can be found at <http://download.remotehams.com/>. The Free Android software can be found at <http://Bit.ly/2L6VFuV>. Topics included client setup, connection, operation, and sign off. SSB and CW operation (CW by Brian Kuebert (NZ4N)) was discussed, and a quick demo was conducted at the end of the presentation. Due to internet issues, a partial presentation can be found at <https://youtu.be/eb43iMzIzOA>.

**8. 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.

**9. Adjournment of Meeting:** A motion was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2129.

**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, David Shoaf KC4X, Randy Thompson NC4RT, Jim Register KV4SJ, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Terry Brown AK4D, Doug MacArthur W4STH, Steve Patterson WA3RTC, Kent Englebert K4HKE, Doc Holiday WB4QIZ, Jim Bielski KJ4FIN, Wayne Collins KK4ZHL, Sparky Ramey KE4TES, Jim Atkins W4UX, Brian Kuebert NZ4N, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Tim Yarbrough KF4HHG, Bryan Nix, Jim Sarfert NA4J, Gene Bowman WB4MSG, Bruce Thompson AD4ET, Gaff Pearce W4GYP, Ken Kayser K2KXK, Bill Kennedy WD4OTY, Doug Spriggs W4DCS.