

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 12 August 2019

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1. Call to Order and Welcome: The 12 August 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 49, for coming out this evening, and invited each to give their name and callsign.

2. 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.

3. Announcements: Due to the shack radios being connected full time now because of Remote Hams, new Polyphaser lightning arresters were purchased for the antennas. Thank you to Jerry Minor for finding such a good deal for us. We are in the process of purchasing a Yaesu FTM-100DR with system fusion capability to replace the failing Radio Shack unit we currently have. Harold is updating the VHF/UHF Go Box as there have been some minor issues. Ken Kayser is working on the shack router to establish separate Wi-Fi networks based on use. There will be a public, presenter, and content streaming networks with various bandwidth priority. There was no June Ham Fest, as it has been moved to October 12th. We will have a community table at the October Ham Fest this year. Members can bring one or two items to sell at this table. Classifieds will once again be advertised in the monthly newsletter going forward for members selling equipment.

4. Auxcomm/Ares: The Tour 2 Tanglewood MS bike event is coming up on September 28th and 29th. Most positions are still needed both days. Please consider volunteering if you are able. You can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/tttham-sag>

5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kent Englebert (K4HKE) gave a brief treasurer's report. Our balance in the bank is \$2407.44, with one upcoming expense of the Yaesu radio mentioned previously.

6. Testing and Repeater Report: Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) presented the testing and repeater report. Three tests were given, with two passing the Technician and one coming back after a long hiatus. Baptist hospital 146.64 is up, but range is still limited. A reminder for analog only radios to use CTCSS tone squelch to avoid hearing digital System Fusion transmissions. The 444.275 repeater is getting bombarded with interference from a nearby RF source, 30 over S9, so the repeater has been taken temporarily offline. 145.47 repeater is up, although the internet IP has changed and is being worked on to get connectivity reestablished.

7. Program: This month's program was Grounding and Bonding by Mike Atkins (N4VE). Topics included tower grounding, bonding ground rods, antenna disconnecting, and grounding shack equipment.

8. Adjournment of Meeting: A motion was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2040.

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, 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 WB4DOC, Jim Bielski KJ4FIN, Sparky Ramey KE4TES, Jim Atkins W4UX, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Bruce Thompson AD4ET, Ken Kayser K2KXK, Bill Kennedy WD4OTY, William Fanning N3VVZ, Judson Davis KG4OHQ, Ron Gregoire W4UDB, Jeff Stafford AC4YN, Mark Gaines KM4TUK, Marcia Thompson NC4MT, Cathy Melvin KM4OCS, Ken Melvin KM4WFQ, Neal Pruitt WD4LSS, Keith Thomas KA4JAH, Mike Atkins N4VE, Nick Gibietis NG8M, Steve Weifenbach KN4LKP, David Jones, Chris Rodie KW4VK, Brice Bailiff WB4QCM, John Kippe K1PPE, Gary Miller WA4VMC, Pedro Tomas KN4GKY, Geoff Rudy KK4MOV, Terry Good W3NPS.