

## Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 09 September 2019

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**1. Call to Order and Welcome:** The 09 September 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 30, for coming out this evening, and invited each to give their name and callsign.

**2. Announcements:** The project group will not be meeting this month, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Terry Brown brought CQ and other magazines for members to take.

**3. Officers:** The committee to choose officers for 2020 met last month. Sam (NI4TG), Doug (W4STH), Stacey (W1LLO), and Kent (K4HKE) have volunteered to continue for another year, but other nominations for positions are open.

**4. Internet:** Issues with the internet at the club shack have been remedied. The problem was caused by a squirrel that had eaten through the coax leaving only the center conductor and a partial section of shielding. The chewed cable was passed around.

**5. Anniversary:** Next year is the club's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ideas for events, on and off the air, are requested. Please bring any ideas to the next meeting.

**6. Show and Tell:** John Kippe (K1PPE) displayed his inexpensive HF station made from Hamfest finds, showing technicians that upgrading and getting on HF doesn't necessarily mean a high price tag.

**7. Treasurer's Report:** Our balance in the bank is \$2343.94.

**8. Auxcomm/Ares:** The Tour 2 Tanglewood MS bike event is coming up on September 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Staffing is good to go on Saturday but is still light on Sunday. Please consider volunteering if you are able. You can sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/tttham-sag>. To all those participating, there will be a GoToMeeting held prior to the event. See email for details.

**9. Testing and Repeater Report:** Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) presented the testing and repeater report. Six tests were given with one passing the Extra, two passing the General, and three passing the Technician. Baptist hospital 146.64 is up, but range is still limited. 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, and EchoLink is working properly. Still working on port issues for the internet on the mountain.

**10. Ham Fest:** The fall ham fest is coming up on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:30am to 11:30am. It will be held at Robinhood Road Baptist Church at 5422 Robinhood Road, Winston-Salem, NC. There will be a test table equipped with a 12v power supply for those wishing to test any potential purchases, as well as a table for club members wishing to sell one or two items. Items must be labeled with price, name, and mobile phone number. The Vagabond Ragchew Net will once again have a table. People are encouraged to

bring any projects they have been working on for display and to show off. Hamfest entry will once again be \$5.

**11. Program:** This month's program was Apollo Science, by Dr. Robert Meier (AA9AU). The entire presentation can be viewed at [https://youtu.be/vK\\_SWbCOkJY](https://youtu.be/vK_SWbCOkJY).

**12. Business Meeting:** Sam (NI4TG) 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.

**13. Adjournment of Meeting:** A motion was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2110.

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

Don Edwards WS4NC, Stacey MacArthur W1LLO, Sam Poindexter NI4TG, Michael Pope K4OLD, Mike Vernon W4MAV, Harold Richardson N4HER, David Shoaf KC4X, Randy Tompson NC4RT, Jim Register KV4SJ, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Terry Brown AK4D, Doug MacArthur W4STH, Steve Patterson WA3RTC, Doc Holiday WB4DOC, Jim Atkins W4UX, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Bill Kennedy WD4OTY, Jeff Stafford AC4YN, Mark Gaines KM4TUK, Steve Weifenbach KN4LKP, David Jones KN4VBT, John Kippe K1PPE, Terry Good W3NPS, Davis Ramsey W4OIL, Robert Meier AA9AU, Dick Moss KF4ML, Gaff Pearce W4GYP, Henry Smith W4HHS, Henry Heidtmann W2DZO, Steve Mellen K2MLN.