

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 14 October 2019

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1. Call to Order and Welcome: The 14 October 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 1925 hours. Sam welcomed all attendees, approximately 40, for coming out this evening, and invited each to give their name and callsign.

2. Announcements: Suggestions via write in were requested for ideas for the 90th anniversary; index cards and a submission box were provided. The December meeting is the annual Christmas party at Mi Pueblo on Dec 9th; 6pm at 644 S. Stratford Road in Winston-Salem. CQWW contest is coming up and W4NC will be running a station. Contact Don Edwards (WS4NC) for more information.

3. Treasurer's Report: Our balance in the bank is \$2747.20. Ham Fest brought in \$940.00. \$715.00 in admission, tables and tailgate fees of \$180.00, and \$45.00 in food donations. With \$150.00 for the church donation, and a food cost of \$51.31 we have a net takeaway of \$738.69.

4. Auxcomm/Ares: Thank you for all who came out for Tour to Tanglewood. There were 37 amateurs who volunteered for the event from across the state. 1200 bike riders for the weekend. \$802,000 in donations for MS thus far with an anticipated \$810,000 by the end of the collection process. Good feedback from all involved. October 26th Basic Communications class, November 16th EOC Net Controller class. Both from 8am – 5pm at the Red Cross building. DOD amateur operators to work with MARS operators on a trial basis. More information to come.

5. Club Dues: The bylaws state the club dues are to be reviewed by the board of directors yearly and adjusted based on the upcoming year's budget. Thus far, the dues have not been changed since 2005. Based on this, a small dues increase was discussed to reflect the current needs of the club. The proposed \$15-Senior, \$30-regular member increase will go into effect January 1st, 2020. Members electing to pay their dues prior to January 1st may pay the old rate of \$12 and \$24. No objection heard from attending club members. Dues may now be paid online via the PayPal link on W4NC.com.

6. Program: This month's program was Soldering Basics by Harold Richardson (N4HER). The entire presentation can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/wCdUuZjXavs>.

7. Testing and Repeater Report: Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) presented the testing and repeater report. Nine tests were given with two passing the General, and four passing the Technician. Baptist hospital 146.64 is up, but range is still limited. The 444.275 repeater is still bombarded with interference from a nearby RF source, S9+30, so the repeater has been taken temporarily offline. 145.47 repeater is up, and EchoLink is working properly on both the .47 and .315 repeaters. Link receiver is being worked on, and the internet router has been replaced.

8. 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.

9. Adjournment of Meeting: A motion was made and seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 2057.

10. 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, Jim Register KV4SJ, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Doug MacArthur W4STH, Steve Patterson WA3RTC, Doc Holiday WB4DOC, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Jeff Stafford AC4YN, Mark Gaines KM4TUK, Steve Weifenbach KN4LKP, Terry Good W3NPS, Robert Meier AA9AU, Henry Smith W4HHS, Mary McClellan KM4WPO, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Bruce Thompson AD4ET, Doug Rice KJ4IGQ, William Breaker KN4WTB, Wayne Collins KK4ZHL, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, Ron Gregoire W4UDB, Kent Englebert K4HKE, Jim Bielski KJ4FIN, David McDonald N5WNB, Jerry Minor K4GW, Phil Simmons KU4GP, George Lamb N4ROT, Ken Kayser K2KXK, Marcus Johnson N4MFJ, Davis Nicholson N2AWE, Dan Scott W0RO, Boyce Rogers WB4WOM, Gerald Jacobs, Steve Green.