

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club - 13 January 2020

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- 1. Call to Order and Welcome:** The 13 January 2020 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 38, for coming out this evening, and invited each to give their name and callsign.
- 2. Announcements:** This year marks our 90th anniversary as a club, lots of events this year. The February Presentation will be by Stuart Smolkin, WA5EYI from the Ashville Radio museum, as well as Brian Harrison, KN4R. Club dues were due the 1st of the year at the new rate. If you have not done so yet, you can pay in person or online via PayPal. See website for details.
- 3. Hamfest:** Light mist which drove the few tailgaters inside didn't have an adverse effect. Still a good turnout. Grossed about \$800. After expenses we should net around \$600. We'll have the exact amounts forthcoming.
- 4. Awards:** Ken Kayser, K2KXK was presented with the W4NC MVP award for his work on the Remote Hams project. Mason Matrazzo, KM4SII was presented with the W4NC Ironman award for his contribution to last year's Field Day in which he worked 24 hours straight scoring 25% of all contacts for the event. For those who missed the December meeting, awards presented were for Harold Richardson, N4HER with the W4NC Life-Time Achievement award, and Stacey MacArthur, W1LLO with the W4NC Ham of the Year.
- 5. Auxcomm/Ares:** Harlan Cobert (W1HRC) presented the Auxcomm report. Over 3000 man-hours on Auxcomm events and training/nets last year, as well as many opportunities again this year. April 4th is once again the Hanging Rock event; 12-15 volunteers will be needed this year. April 18th, the MS society will be holding a 10k walk at Veterans Park; 6 or so volunteers are needed. City of Kernersville has completed the installation of Auxcomm antennas at their EOC which will provide us a location to operate and assist. MS Tour 2 Tanglewood is September 12th and 13th this year. The MS Society gave Forsyth County Auxcomm-ARES the "Outstanding Group of the Year" Award for past and continuing efforts with communications during MS events. Tour 2 Tanglewood raised \$810,000 for MS last year alone.
- 6. Testing and Repeater Report:** Dale Mierisch (WB9SZL) presented the testing and repeater report. Two tests were given of which six were registered. Low attendance attributed to the bad weather. The 145.47 repeater is up and running well, although with the wind there has been some mild crackle. 146.64 is up but still has mild interference which should be taken care of early this year. 444.275 is not currently up as it is still suffering from wide band interference. EchoLink is running well on .315 (Jerry Minor K4GW). 146.64 EchoLink server is down but being worked on.
- 7. Program:** This month's program was our annual show and tell. There were quite a few interesting projects this year. The complete presentation can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/4E--7UG1C0k>.

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 2039.

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

Don Edwards WS4NC, Stacey MacArthur W1LLO, Sam Poindexter NI4TG, Mike Vernon W4MAV, Harold Richardson N4HER, Jim Register KV4SJ, Dale Mierisch WB9SZL, Steve Patterson WA3RTC, Doc Holiday WB4DOC, Jeff Stafford AC4YN, Mark Gaines KM4TUK, Steve Weifenbach W3SAW, Henry Smith W4HHS, Mary McClellan KM4WPO, Bob McClellan W3AVB, Jim Bielski KJ4FIN, Pedro Tomas KN4GKY, David Ramsey W4OIL, Neal Pruitt WD4LSS, Joe Craver KN4YCI, Keith Thomas KA4JAH, Van Key KC4WSK, Douglas MacArthur W4STH, Harlan Cobert W1HRC, Steven Mierisch KG4JWU, Ron Gregoire W4UDB, George Lamb N4ROT, Mike Atkins N4VE, Jerry Minor K4GW, Ken Kayser K2KXK, Jim Mansfield WA4NOT, Jim Meek KN4UOP, Bill Seward W4EXT, David Griffith WA4MKK, Robert Meier AA9AU, Steve Mellen K2MLN, Marcus Johnson N4MFJ, and Shelia Reynolds.