

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



Newsletter



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DOOR PRIZES!

John Kippe, N0KTY won last months door prize. It was an 8 connector Rigrunner from West Mountain Radio with retail cost about \$100 with shipping. West Mountain Radio graciously contributed some toward the expense. The Rigrunners are super nice and we hope to be installing some in the club shack very soon. Check them out at

<http://www.westmountainradio.com/>

I have door prizes already set up for 2 more club meetings and should pick up the third today or tomorrow. Then I think I'll take a breather for a while. They are all very nice items and I think you want to get a ticket. Tickets are \$1 each and yes, you have to be present to win. Drawings will be held just before we break before the business meeting. Last month ticket sales offset about 2/3 of the cost of the prize, which means your odds of winning are excellent.



RIGrunners

A Visit from Riley!

The FCC's Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH was in Winston-Salem Thursday, March 6 to make a presentation at Wake Forest University and to receive a plaque from the Wake Forest Amateur Radio Club honoring him as Alumni Member #1. In addition to being the enforcement head of the Amateur Division of the FCC, Riley Hollingsworth is an alumnus of the Wake Forest University School of Law. He called Amateur Radio the only failsafe method of communication and called on all amateurs to be focused on bringing new hams into the service. About the future of Ham Radio, Mr. Hollingsworth called digital technology and the internet a great asset to Ham Radio. He particularly praised such innovations as internet linking of repeaters. While refusing to speculate on where the next big digital innovation may be, he said that digital voice communication is particularly exciting. On enforcement issues he said that the Amateur Service has the highest compliance rate of all the services.

Referring to the ARRL, Mr. Hollingsworth highly praised the new video produced by David Bell and narrated by Walter Cronkite. The new League President, Jim Haynie, W5JBP, and "The Big Project" to spread the enthusiasm of Amateur Radio to every school in the country were given very high marks.

He toured the FARC shack before the presentation and called W4NC "the nicest club station I've ever seen, . . . a particularly valuable asset with its location inside the Red Cross." He was so impressed that he has requested pictures of W4NC to show to others!



Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH (left) and FARC President Raja Chatterjee, KB6MTH at Forsyth Amateur Radio Club's station W4NC.

Amateur Radio Exams

Amateur Radio exams will be given at the American Red Cross, 690 Coliseum Drive, Winston-Salem, NC (Beside WXII-TV), Saturday, April 5th at 9:00 AM by the W4VEC VEC Group. The March 1 session has been canceled. Exams will be given the the Elkin Hamfest, March, 23. For more information see the W4VEC VEC website at: www.w4vec.com or contact Dan Yemiola', AI8O atai8o@yahoo.com. Be sure to bring two forms of ID, one being a photo ID, your SSN, original license, photo copy of your present amateur license, and any CSCE's. Also you need to bring your FRN which is required by the FCC. This can be obtained from the CORES database, or you can refer to the letter that you received or will receive from the FCC.

Club Meeting, Monday, March 10, 2003

We will meet, as usual, on the 2nd Monday of the month, March 10, at 690 Coliseum Drive in the Red Cross Building at 7:30 PM sharp in Room 09, but come early, say, 7:00-ish, to 'hob-nob' with your fellow hams. The door prize last month was a copy of the beam-design software which was demonstrated by Henry Heidtmann. There will be a great door prize with tickets only \$1.00 each. Don't miss it!

NC QSO Party

The best NC QSO party ever! Logs are still coming in but it looks like ever country was represented. Full details next month!

The Newsletter Hamfest:

For sale by Wally Bernath, K4UAS:

ICOM 471 A Transceiver, all mode, 25 watts, 430-450 MHz; Linear amplifier, 100 Watts 430-450 MHz, includes rec preamp; ICOM 211 transceiver, all mode, 10 Watts, 144-148 MHz; Linear amplifier, 80 Watts, 144-148 MHz, includes rec preamp; AMECO RF preamplifier 1.8 - 30 MHz, self powered; MFJ Packet Radio, TNC2 unit; MFJ receive signal enhancer; Homemade KW transmatch, 1.8 - 30 MHz vernier dials and variable L; 1296 beam antenna, 28 element loop yagi N connector, 50 Ohm; Documentation for all units is included. Call Wally, K4UAS, 336-725-0176

FCC Exam Report

The next Test Session at Winston-Salem will be on Saturday, April 5th. The March 5 session was canceled due to the unavailability of the Red Cross Building on that day. For more information see the W4VEC VEC website at: www.w4vec.com or contact Dan Yamiola, AI8O at ai8o@yahoo.com. Be sure to bring two forms of ID, one being a photo ID, your SSN, original license, photo copy of your present amateur license, and any CSCE's. Also you need to bring your FRN which is required by the FCC. This can be obtained from the CORES database, or you can refer to the letter that you received or will receive from the FCC.

73, Dan, AI8O

Hamfests

Charlotte Hamfest - March 8 & 9, one of the largest in the state. A must-go. Info is at www.w4bfb/Hamfest.html or call 704-948-7373.

Raleigh Hamfest - Sunday, April 13, Jim Graham Building, NC State Fairgrounds. Another must-go!

Editor's Corner -or- "Whur's mai Nuslettur?"

OK, I admit I've been a little pre-occupied lately. I didn't get out a January Newsletter. But February wasn't exactly my fault. I was to pick up them up from the printer on Wednesday about 1:00 PM. They were finally ready at 4:00 PM on Friday, too late for me to get them in the mail. Since it was going to be a \$0.55 postage mailing I held them over 'till this month. Of course, I haven't been overwhelmed with article contributions either, lately. Next month, being April, ah-hem, is going to be a Biggie, though.

For information to make it into the Newsletter, I need it a few days before the end of the month. Sometimes I can squeeze it in on the last day, *depending on when the 2nd Monday falls*. Email me at wb4kqn@triad.rr.com with any submissions. Just plain text is all that's required, most formatting will be redone to match the Newsletter's form anyway. Pictures can be most any form, but jpg's are probably best. Pictures need to be of the highest resolution possible.

73, Don, WB4KQN



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