

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



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November Homebrew "Show & Tell"

November is finally here. What are you bringing to Homebrew "Show & Tell"?

It really is a contest this year. There will be quality prizes (like the door prizes) this year for the top three entries. Voting will be by the club members present at the November meeting. I'm hearing that there really is some interest "building" (pun intended). In past years we've had everything from homebrew microphones to commercial kits. The only rule is that it needs to be related to ham radio and you will need to make a short presentation about it. And, yes you can bring more than one item. As a matter of fact, it's encouraged!

October Meeting Program:

David C. Szakelyhidi Jr., a BioSystems Engineer at Triad Semiconductor put on a practical demonstration and discussion of PIC microcontrollers. Dave has done some very interesting work with a biomedical device. This device uses a PIC microcontroller.

New Ham Training Class

The Forsyth Amateur Radio Club (FARC) is pleased and proud to announce it's 2003 FALL LICENSING CLASS for people interested in obtaining their first Amateur Radio Operator's License. No morse code knowledge is required to obtain this license, and the course is open to students of any age.

The class will be held the weekend of November 22-23 at the American Red Cross Chapter House, 690 Coliseum Drive, Winston-Salem, NC. Check-in will be from 8-9 AM Saturday, with class running 9-4 and 7-9 Saturday, 1-5 Sunday. Students should plan to attend all sessions.

Registration will officially open at the regular October meeting of

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Who was that Masked Man?

I was alone, at home, quietly reading when the call came. "Are you close to a television?" An excited voice asked. "I can go to one." I answered. "Quick! Look on channel 6." So I went to the next room, turned on the TV and switched to channel 6. "Wow!" I said. "Is that who I think it is? He looks like Napoleon in that get-up."

"Yup! It's him, listen to the voice."

When he spoke it removed all doubt. It was Don-Don, our illustrious Treasurer. Unfortunately the program was ending and I didn't get any of the dialog. Looks like our Don-Don is a Grand Poo-Bah in the Knights of Columbus. I had less than a couple of minutes, but I was able to immortalize this special moment with a few photos.



Amateur Radio Licensing Class

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Club Meeting, Monday, November 10, 2003

We will meet, as usual, on the 2nd Monday of the month 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 program will be the Homebrew contest - a chance to show off all the good stuff you've built this past year. Also the election will be held for the new club officers. Nominees are: President, Tom Gallagher, N4IOZ; VP Don Edwards, WS4NC; Treasurer: Don Donadio, KT4KV; Secretary: Dan O'Leary, KG4ECI.

FARC on Monday, October 13 at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Chapter House and close at the next meeting on November 10. The registration fee for the course is \$15 and includes the textbook and the license examination fee.

For more information call (336) 416-6542 (8AM-8PM), write to HamClass, c/o Tom Gallagher, PO Box 12175, Winston-Salem, NC 27117-2175, or email hamclass@triad.rr.com by November 7.

The Newsletter Hamfest:

Tower/Antennas/Rotor for sale: Rohn 45 tower, 75 feet, with 10 meter, 15 meter, and 20 meter Telrex Beam Antenna. Tower has guy assembly and anti-torsion bars. Taittwister Model T2X Rotor. All guys and coax included. \$1800 (you take down). Bryan, WD4EQM, 336-765-0566

Hy-Gain TH6DXX "Thunderbird" 6 element beam. 4 elements on 10, 3 elements of 15 and 20. 24 foot boom. This beam has recently been refurbished and still works like a champ. With original installation and operating instructions. \$150 Dick Genaille, W4UW Tel 336 765-4697

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc is a non-profit (IRS 501(c)3) North Carolina corporation for the promotion of Amateur Radio, and for the education and training of hams and the general public primarily in Forsyth County, North Carolina.

FARC was originally incorporated as the Winston-Salem Radio Club on December 31, 1930 and has been in operation ever since. We currently maintain a state-of-the-art ham station in the basement of the Red Cross, 690 Coliseum Dr., Winston-Salem, NC and also maintain two 2-meter repeaters, 146.64 (100 Hz tone) and 145.47 (100 Hz tone).

FARC has a general membership meeting with a program on the 2nd Monday of every month at the Red Cross building, 690 Coliseum Drive in Winston-Salem. The club conducts its main business meeting (sometimes inaccurately and wrongly called the Board Meeting) on the 3rd Monday generally at the same location. This is where most of the club's business is conducted and all attending members have a vote. All club members are strongly encouraged to attend the business meeting. For more information about FARC mail us at FARC, Inc., PO Box 11361, Winston-Salem, NC, 27116; call 336-723-7388; or visit our web site at www.w4nc.com. Club email is to w4nc@triad.rr.com.

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We trade newsletters with other clubs, and many local clubs are on our mailing list. If your club has a newsletter and would like to trade please send us a copy.

IC-211 all-mode 2-meter transceiver, 10 Watts, has AC supply, runs off battery, cigarette lighter in car; mike and documentation included; 80 watt solid-state amp with built-in preamp; asking \$225.00. Icom IC-471A all-mode 25 Watt 430-450 Mhz transceiver, included mike and documentation; 100 watt solid-state amp with preamp and documentation; asking \$425.00. Ameco preamp, solid-state 1.8 - 54 Mhz; has built-in power supply, nice case; asking \$25.00. Wally Bernath, K4UAS, 158 Buckingham Rd., WS 336-725-0176

Rohn 45 Tower Section Wanted: Since I hope to get my tower up before spring it would be nice to have one additional tower section. Don Edwards, WS4NC, 336-413-3838

Towers For sale: Eighty feet in four twenty-foot sections of Rohn 6N tower. Four-foot face w/platform @ top section; step bolts on one leg! This tower is in very good condition! No rust. Used to hold up Doppler radar!!! Very strong!!! Could mount other tower such as Rohn in top section to increase height. Asking \$3,500.00, located in the W.S. Area. Selling for a friend: Eleven 10-foot sections of Rohn-25 & one eight-foot top sect. They are all nice and straight & the stubs look very good. They could use a coat of galvanizing. No heavy rust or pitting. He is asking \$40.00 per sect. or \$350.00 for all. The tower is located at my QTH and you are welcome to take a look if interested. I will deliver it within a 50 mile radius of Winston-Salem or you may P.U. Robert/KG4NEP 336-414-4864, kg4nep@earthlink.net

A Personal Thank You

I would like to take a little space and thank FARC and all of those who were so helpful to me with my recent family crisis. For those who didn't know, my mother and father, along with my mother's sister, came up from the coast to escape the hurricane. On the way my Dad, who was 78, suffered a hemorrhagic stroke and was immediately taken to the hospital. The second night he was in the hospital my 74-year old aunt became ill; we thought it was mental confusion from age, and she went into the hospital. Two weeks later, my aunt unexpectedly had cardiac and respiratory arrest and died. It seems she had cancer that had metastasized. Although liver damage might have been the immediate cause of death, the cancer was in her lungs and brain and probably elsewhere. This came as a shock to everyone as she had no pain or other complaints at anytime. About two weeks after her death, my father died without ever having regained consciousness. He had been moved to Kindred Care Hospital in Greensboro for the last few weeks. Also during this time my great aunt, of whom my mother and her sister were the last living relatives, also died.

A number of club members offered their support and I was so grateful for that. FARC sent a truly nice flower to my dad's funeral and I have it in my house as a memorial garden. To all those who sent me their support, either by prayers, phone calls, by coming to the funeral or in other ways I offer my most sincere thanks. The riches we have are not counted in dollars and cents but by those who care about us and all of you have made me feel very rich indeed.

*Don Edwards,
WS4NC*

Editor's Corner

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 ws4nc@arrl.net 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, WS4NC