

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc.



Newsletter



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October Club Meeting

Part of the romance about ham radio is talking to far away places and wondering what it would be like to be there. Dick Genaille, W4UW magically transported us back in time and across the Pacific to tell us about his time in the Marshall Islands, specifically Kwajalein Island. He began shortly before the end of World War II and then returned there in the 1950's while working for Western Electric. Apparently black electrical tape makes good trading material! All eyes and ears were on Dick as he told about his various adventures. This was the longest this rowdy group had been quiet - ever. Thanks Dick. This was the best program we've had all year.

October found an outstanding group gathered for our monthly meeting. Among the glitterati assembled for the event were John, N0KTY; Don, WS4NC; Don, KT4KV; Gene, WB4MSG; Henry, KE4CSO; Carl, N4PAA; Benny, REACT; Paul, KG4LDB; Jeff, AC4YN; Dick, W4UW; John, WB4OFT; David, N5WNB; Ed, AF4XC; Dan, KG4ECI; Melissa, W4RXG; Robert, KG4NEP; ALEX!, KG4NEP/Harmonic; Steven, KG4JWU; and Earl "the Beet" Farmer, KB6MTH; and Tom, N4IOZ. We were happy to welcome for the evening newcomer Stuart Liss, WA2PQE, and an old friend Stephen Thompson, K5PK. Much missed was Van Key, KC4WSK, who was down in Florida tending to the nutrition needs of up to 4,200 people per day who were affected by the recent spate of hurricanes that passed through the region.

Tom, N4IOZ

News from around the FARC

WX1NCC

Raymond Taber, WX1NCC has a new job and is on the road traveling there as you read this. His new job makes him a KL7 - yes, he's moving to Alaska. And driving there from North Carolina towing a trailer! His temporary address is

Alaska Datatronics Inc, Raymond Taber, 4831 Old Seward Hwy, Ste 109, Anchorage, AK 99503-7450

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License Exams

The Forsyth Amateur Radio Club continues to offer license exam sessions on the FIRST Saturday of EVERY month (includes holidays!) at the American Red Cross Chapter House, 690 Coliseum Drive, in Winston Salem. This is across the parking lot from the Arts Council Theater ("Little Theater"). Examinees need: Photo ID, ORIGINAL and COPY of all documents (License, CSCS, anything else submitted for exam credit), Social Security Number, and fee of \$12. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Exams begin at 9:00. Please arrive before 9:00 because if you aren't there we might leave!

KB6MTH

Navy Lt. Commander Raja Chatterjee, KB6MTH is being called to active duty - **in Kuwait!** He will be leaving November 8 for an undisclosed location in the US. Shortly thereafter he will make his way to Kuwait. Yes, he is taking a radio along. I'll pass on more details when I get them.

KD4JZZ

It is with great sadness that we note that Phill Nunn's father passed away back in September. Memorials may be made to Duke University Eye Center, Planning and Development Office, Box 3802, Durham, NC 27710.

N4VHK

After a 2 year sabbatical, N4VHK is back on the air effective October 13. Congratulations to both Henrys, III and IV.

The Newsletter Hamfest:

TOWERS & HARDLINE

I have come into several towers over the last couple of weeks and as much as I would like to erect them at my QTH I really need to move them! Here's a list of some of the towers and hardline.

Fifteen sections, total 150 feet with 12 inch face looks like Rohn BDX but is guyed tower. Very good shape no rust. Base section has flanges with 7/16-inch holes for J-bolts to mount. Top section has nice heavy plate with hole thru middle. Guy points are made into appropriate sections. I think it is a Trylon tower but I am not sure. Asking \$650.00.

Rohn 25G: Four 10-foot sections. Good and straight. No rust. Seven 10-foot sections, good, straight, very lite surface rust. Two 10-foot sections damaged. Would make fine base section. One 8-foot top section, good condition Asking \$500.00.

Rohn 6N, three 20' sections 4-foot face. Very good condition. One 18-foot section. Had to be cut off for removal! Otherwise in excellent shape. Top section has a platform. You could mount other tower like 25-45G in top to extend height. This is a very strong (BIG!) tower. It was used for small doppler radar. Perfect for large array like 80m beam. Asking \$1,500.00.

I also have several pieces of hard line I have taken down. 7/8-inch, 1-1/4-inch and 1-5/8-inch diameter. It is in lengths over 200' some 275'. I also have the connectors. Every piece will be checked with the TDR before I sale it. Im looking to sell it, not get rich off of it. \$0.75-1.50 per foot by size.

Club Meeting, Monday, November 8, 2004

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 is Homebrew Show-n-Tell..

I also have hardline connectors from \$20.00 - \$75.00 by size. If you should wonder why you should use hardline - just checkout the db loss per 100' compared to RG-213.

If your interested you can reach me by e-mail or call!!

Delivery can be arranged within 50 miles or so. But pick-up is desired!

P.S. A friend of mine also has a Triax 51'crank up tower in very good condition he would like to sell. Includes the base section! (mount) \$450.00

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Hi, I am looking for a used hand held transceiver that works good. There may be someone in the club that is selling one.

Gail, 725-3499

Equipment for Sale: Ten-Tec 227 antenna tuner; Bird Wattmeter; MFJ 949C antenna tuner; Swan WM-1500 wattmeter; Ten-Tec keyer paddle; A&A Engineering 20-meter QRP transceiver; B&W 550A coax switch, Small Wonder Labs 40-meter QRP transceiver w/ audio amp; Vibroplex Bug No. 168864; Heil Operator headset; Astron RS-35M Power Supply; The Morse Machine MM-3 w/book and pwr supply; QRP or FD padded carrying case; Mirage B1016 2-meter amplifier (10 in - 160 out); Micronta multimeter; various coax cables w/ connectors installed; Vibroplex Bug no 171146; MFJ paddle and keyer model 422B-X; MFJ Versa Tuner III model 962B w/ manual; Micronta battery tester; the Power Station (portable 12-V gel cell); Ten-Tec model PM1 transceiver; Hobbico expanded-scale voltmeter for batteries; Lafayette Dyna-Com 23 handheld CB; CW audio filter; Heathkit VTVM; AEA PK-88 Packet controller; Zenith video cassette recorder; JVC Phono turntable; Brother electronic typewriter; 3-element Hygain 10, 15 and 20-meter Beam; 4-element 10-meter beam, 8 or 10-element longjohn
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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.

wide-spaced 2-meter beam; 435-mHz beam; Butternut 4BTV 10, 15, 20 and 40-meter vertical; Ten-Tec Omni 6 HF rig; Icom IC251A all-mode 2-meter transceiver; Ten-Tec Scout with plugins for 160, 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10 meter bands; and 2 TV antennas.

*Val Valentine, K4JO, Heritage Woods, 3812 Forestgate Dr., Winston-Salem, NC
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1. Kenwood TS-520S with manual, in great condition (my back-up rig for Africana Net control while overseas); 2. Swan 500C with manual and mike. Operational, but could use a new pair of finals (6LQ6's or 6MJ6's or ^6JE6's); 3. Swan 350 with manual and mike, also operational, but could use a new pair of finals (6HF5's). I need a 2 meter handheld and will consider an arrangement on a trade or purchase. Contact AI, KI4FJS 940-2147 day or night.

For Sale: 1. Icom 207H dual-bander, \$200. 2. Motorola Ht600 plus convertacom with new battery, new antenna, programed for 4 local ham repeaters, 145.58 simplex and National Wx Service. \$100.00 each. 3. TriEx tower 51 foot crank-up with base, \$400.00. 4. GE TMX 900 Mhz \$150 each. 5. Icom V8000 \$160.00 6. Icom T7H battery drop-in charger, case, 1400 mah battery, \$180.00.

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Upcoming Hamfests

Nov. 21	JARSfest at American Legion, Benson, NC
Dec. 4	GAARC Swapfest, Gastonia, NC (NEW!)
Jan. 8	Winston-Salem Firsfest swapmeet
Feb. 5	CharlestonARS
Feb TBD	Richmond, VA
March 6	Kinston, NC
March 12-13	Charlotte, NC
April 17	Raleigh
May 20-22	Dayton, Ohio
May 21	Williamston,
May 28*	Durham, NC
June 11	Winston-Salem, the BIG June Hamfest
June 25-26	Field Day

* Date is not confirmed. List is courtesy of the SERA Repeater Journal.

Really Bad Humor

Didja hear about the two antennas that decide to get married? The wedding was a disaster but the reception was great...

And if you thought that one was bad:

"I am Ohm of Borg... resistance is futile"

Editor's Corner

Don't forget that November is Homebrew Show-&-Tell.



**FCC Chairman Powell
and his BPL Advisor**

73, Don, WS4NC

Moment of Zen