



Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Newsletter



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December Club Meeting At Bennigans!

We are booked for Monday, December 13, 6-8PM at Bennigans on North Point Blvd in Winston-Salem. Separate checks, our own section (which seats 40-50), smoking AND non-smoking section. We will start "hob-nobbing" at the bar at 5:30, and move to seats at 6:30 for ordering. This is our chance to thank those who helped during 2004 and to welcome the new officers for 2005.

January Winston-Salem Hamfest

Don't forget the new Winston-Salem First-Fest on January 8, to be held at Summit School parking lot on Reynold Road starting at 7 AM. This is a low-key affair which means brings your own chairs, tables or whatever. Free Coffee! Talk-in on 146.64 (where else?).

November Mtg Log

November is always a curious month for FARC, and an intrepid group ventured into the early darkness to witness the proceedings of the club first hand. On hand were Dale, WB9SZZ; Steven, KG4JWU; David, N5WNB; Harrison, KG4FNN; Dan, KG4ECI; Dick, W4UW; "Tink," W4DCW; Melissa, W4RXG; John, N0KTY; Tom, N4IOZ, Don, KT4KV; Woody, KF4PLQ; Van, KC4WSK; Tim, AG4RZ; Gene, WB4MSG; Ed, AF4XG; Carl, N4PAA; and Don, WS4NC. Joining us as a visitor was Stan Moss, who is interested in becoming a ham and who was shown around the W4NC shack by a throng of eager club members. On duty in a secure, undisclosed location was Earl "The Beet" Farmer (better known during the day as Dr. Arjun "Raja" Chattergee), KB6MTH, who is off in active service to our country in the Naval Reserves.

Tom, ex-WN4DVF

Simulated Emergency Test

Kudos to John, N0KTY for running a successful Simulated Emergency Test Saturday, November 13, 2004. With little more than an hour's notice, 19 operators checked in to the ARES net, most on emergency power. Net Control, Dan, KG4ECI called the net in session on the 145.47 repeater at 10:00 AM and garnered check-ins

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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, CSCES, 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!

from KE4JHJ, W2DZO, WB4ZWS, W4IRE, N4IOZ, KF4PLQ, N0KTY, AF4XC, NA4P, KI4DDC, KD4GCF, KB4WJA, N4VHK, KC4WSK, N4MBI, N4QOV, and KF4EOD. Over on the 146.64 repeater, W4UW was standing by with relays over to the other repeater handled mainly by W4IRE. Special thanks to Melissa, W4RXG for handling a lioness' share of the telephone call-up in the last hour before the net was called.

Also of note is that check-ins by relative newcomers KI4DDC and N4VHK counted for extra credit!

Forsyth county ARES has a longstanding reputation for conducting SET exercises, and John, N0KTY is to be congratulated on his first since assuming the mantle of Emergency Coordinator for Forsyth County.

Tom, N4IOZ

News from Raja in Kuwait!

Greetings all! I am here in Kuwait, specific location not to be disclosed. I'm waiting on my more long-term housing before I unpack my HF rig. I'm also trying to figure out who the Army guy is that has to approve my radioactivity. I've got the Kuwaiti Amateur Radio Service reciprocal application ready to go, it apparently only takes a few days.

Let's see, I'm currently in a bunk with about 500 other guys in a warehouse. Chemical toilets, memories of CQWW 2002 come to mind! Anyway, I'll get on the air as soon as possible. It might mean creating a MARS station.

It's cold (yes, cold!) and mighty dusty in the desert in the winter, who knew! The air quality out here is what surprised me the most, it's remarkably polluted! Anyway, I'm in a Navy group fulfilling an Army mission, so the joint task force environment is interesting to say the least.

We also have Air Force and Marine Corps personnell on board. Lot's of saluting to do!

I call home about 1x/week and talk to Aimee and Alice, they're doing great. Alice is turning 2 yrs old on 7Dec04! I hope I'm back before she turns 3!

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Club Meeting, Monday, December 13, 2004

This month is our annual Holiday meeting, which is at Bennigans on North Point Blvd. We will start around 5:30 for the early arrivals, with dinner seating at 6:30 PM.

I miss my family and friends quite a bit, but the duty here really isn't all that bad (except for the lingering fear that someone is going to mortar us or something). I email periodically, my access is a little variable at the moment. We'll see how things shape up in the next few weeks.

73's Raja, KB6MTH
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CQWW Phone Contest

The Contest Group in FARC has proven to be a contender at the national level in contests. These are the current claimed scores for High Power, Multi radio, Single transmitter. We are sixth this year.

Call	QSOs	Zones	Cntry	hr	Score	Club
KT1V	4501	160	638	48	10,352,454	YCCC
K1KI	4276	168	671	48	10,235,800	YCCC
K1IR	3538	163	641	48	8,191,152	YCCC
K8AZ	3360	175	644	48	7,750,197	NCC
K5NA	2712	170	604	47	5,231,466	CTDXCC
W4WS(@KG4NEP)	2479	149	572	48	4,976,342	PVRC
KQ3F	2288	145	520	48	4,341,785	FRC
NN2W(@WB2WHP)	1977	147	541	48	3,858,304	FRC
K5PTC(@N1LN)	2021	156	553	48	3,750,610	PTC
N1MM	2149	137	478	48	3,704,760	YCCC

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.

The Newsletter Hamfest:

House for Sale (with towers!):

934 Franklin Street 3br/2ba, with wired shop outside, patio, hot tub, remodeled kitchen & both baths 50' and 60' towers negotiable. \$149,500. Convenient downtown location in historic West Salem.

Henry, W2DZO 336-761-8223

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! Heres 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 Tylon 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.

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 you're interested you can reach me by e-mail or or call!! Delivery can be arranged within 50 miles or so. But pick-up is desired!

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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 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.

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Upcoming Hamfests

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

73 & Happy Holidays!
Don, WS4NC