



Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Newsletter

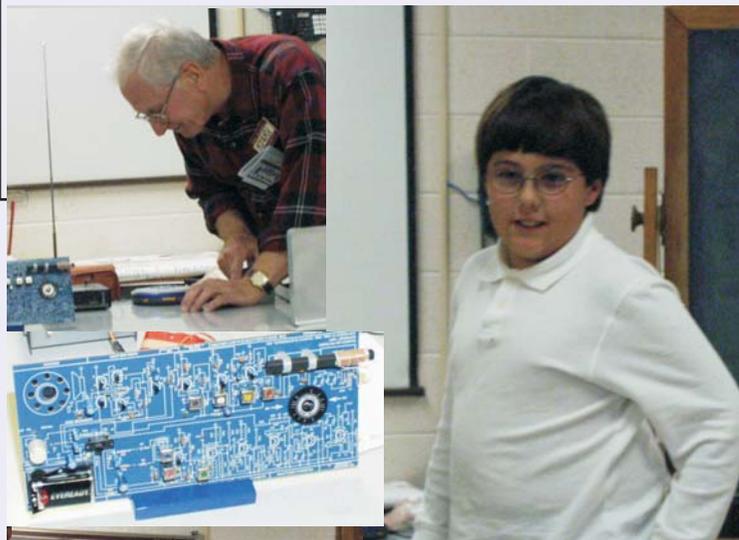


Founded December 30, 1930

December, 2005

November Meeting's Homebrew

Congratulations to Bryan Mahan for his winning entry in the annual Homebrew contest. This year Tim, AG4RZ and his 64,101 projects actually had some competition. Below clockwise from top left corner, Don-Don, KT4RV; Bryan Mahan; Tim, AG4RZ (with one of his 64,101 projects); Gene, WB4MSG; and above Gene is a closeup of Bryan's project.



W4NC 75th Anniversary

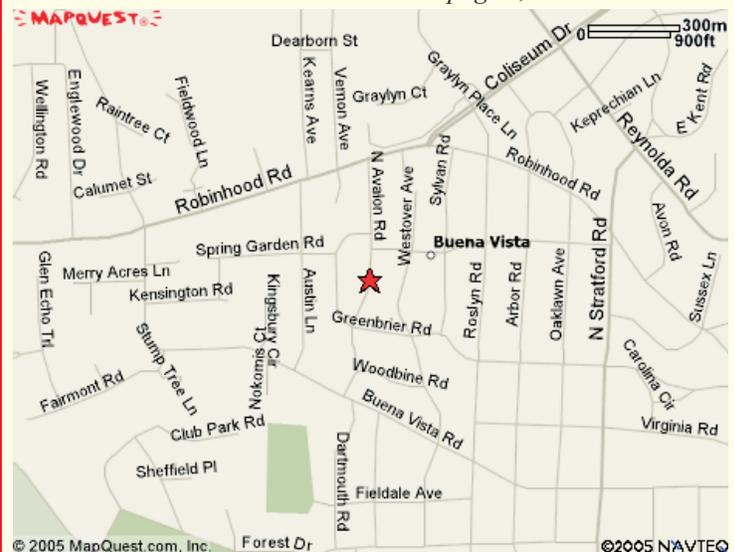
Thanks to the effort of Ed, KU4BP, Henry, W2DZO and Gary, WA4IAM we will be celebrating the 75th Birthday of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club with a Special Event Station on December 17, 2005. Time will be 1200Z to 2200Z. We will be on the following modes using vintage stations:

Mode	Frequencies (+/- 20 kHz)
SSB	21.320 14.270 7.250
CW	21.050 14.050 7.050
AM	7.285 - 7.295

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Annual Club Dinner December 12

Our December banquet will be at Diamondback Grill this year. Diamondback is located on N. Avalon Road between Robinhood and Buena Vista roads. Avalon Road is 100 yards West of the intersection of Coliseum Drive and Robinhood Road. *Continued on page 2, Diamondback Grill*



Grady White, WB4YBC-SK Memorial

Grady White's son, Mike, N4OBR has made a generous donation to FARC in memory of his father and his father's work to help others. Please see page 4.

Club Meeting, Monday, December 12, 2005

Because of the Club Dinner (see above) there will be NO meeting at Red Cross Building. There is not a scheduled board meeting on the third Monday, although that may change according to need. Regular meetings will resume Monday, January 9.

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 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.

Officers for 2005 are:

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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.

Diamondback Grill

"Although centrally located, Diamondback Grill is set back in the Buena Vista neighborhood of College Village in a renovated 1947 grocery store. Fortunately, someone from *Southern Living* did find us some years ago and was sufficiently pleased with their visit to include us in their article "Concealed Cuisine" -- a review of seven hard to find restaurants worthy of the extra search. Thank you for the effort you make to find us, and we hope our blend of neighborly fun and good food makes your journey to us a regular one."

UPCOMING HAMFESTS & OTHER HAM DATES

December 17, 2005

W4NC 75th Anniversary Special Event Station

1300z to 2100Z (8:00 AM-4:00 PM EDT)

Look for updates and more details in a future Newsletter.

January 7, 2006

Winston-Salem Firstfest

January 14, 2006

Greenwood, SC Hamfest

February 19, 2006

Richmond, VA Hamfest

February 25, 2006

Elkin Hamfest*

March 5, 2006

Downeast Hamfest, Lenoir Co. FG, Kinston, NC

March 11-12, 2006

Charlotte NC Hamfest

April 2, 2006

Kinston NC Hamfest

April 23, 2006

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Mileposts from FARC Members:

Wayne Ashworth

Ed, KU4BP, sent me a note on Wayne's web site which has QSL cards from many FARC members from the 1950's, 60's, 70's and later. See the site at:

www.w4hg.com/winston-salem.htm

Nice Job Wayne! So many of the calls I remember working from the early 1970's on two meters. A copy of one of the W4NC QSL Cards is reproduced below.



Henry, W2DZO

For contesting purposes quite a few of us are associated with the Potomac Valley Radio Club, aka PVRC. The eagle-eyed among the PVRC members may have noticed that Henry, W2DZO is to receive an award at the PVRC Awards Meeting on December 12. Henry has declined to attend the PVRC dinner because the FARC Dinner is the same night. The award is in recognition of Henry's efforts that has made Forsyth County hams and the Club calls W4WS and W4NC widely recognized in the contesting world.

And Speaking of Contesting ...

(and a motley crew ...)

Congratulations to those who helped with the CQWW effort this year. We operated under the call W4WS and at press time W4WS is sitting at either fifth or sixth - it is too close to call until the official scores come out.



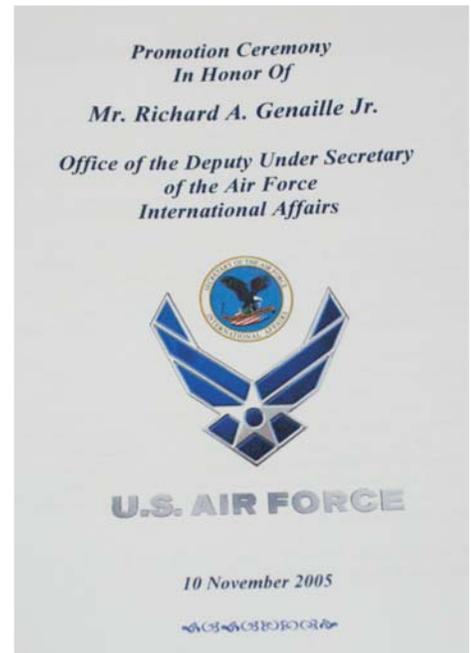
Raja, W2DZO

Raja's back! Our distinguished Dr. Raja, aka Lt. Commander Chatterjee, has returned from his one year tour of duty in Kuwait. Raja is to be commended for his service in the Navy. We have missed him for the last year and are proud to have him back. Now we'll have to see how hard we have to twist his arm to give us a program on what happened in Kuwait. In the picture below "clean-cut" Raja and Gene, WB4MSG are comparing notes on things technical.



Dick Genaille

Check this out! No, it's not *our* W4UW. It is however *our* W4UW's son. "Mr. Genaille is the Director of Policy, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force (International Affairs) Washington, DC. He develops and implements . . . programs supporting national security objectives . . ." Congratulations to Dick and his family.



September "Scene & Herd"

September was another great month! Showing up for the regular meeting were Tom, N4IOZ; John, N0KTY; Arthur, KK4JI; James, KI4JML; Austin, KI4KNS; Carl, N4PAA; Tink, W4DCW; Dick, W4UW; David, N5WNB; John, W4IRE; Jack, NW4O; Ric, KE4ERK; Gene, WB4MSG; Tim, AG4RZ; Steven, KG4JWU; and Dale, WB9SZL. Checking in as a visitor was Ernie Herr, K4FKF. Just back from deployment in the wake of hurricane Katrina were Van, KC4WSK (NC Baptist Men's Association) and Megan, KI4KNM (SORT). Most importantly, the slate of officers for next year: Henry, W2DZO; Melissa, W4RXG; Megan, KI4KNM; and Don, WS4NC!

October "Scene & Herd"

The following appeared on the check-in list for October: Riley, K4ZDH (OK, who's the wise guy!?!); Dick, W4UW; Don, WS4NC; Benny, REACT; John, N0KTY; Melissa, W4RXG; Tom, N4IOZ; Henry, W2DZO; Ed, KU4BP; Don, KT4KV; Austin, KI4KNS; Megan, KI4KNM; Van, KC4WSK; Gene, WB4MSG; Tim, AG4RZ; Dale, WB9SZL; Steven, KG4JWU; David, N5WNB; Carl, N4PAA; and Dan, KG4ECI. Visiting with N5WNB was Holly McDonald. Great to see everyone!

November "Scene & Herd"

The final "usual" meeting for 2005 (and N4IOZ's term as president) had the following turn out: Tom, N4IOZ; Melissa, W4RXG; John, N0KTY; Don, WS4NC; Henry, W2DZO; Steven, KG4JWU; Mike, KB4WJA with harmonic Brian; Arthur, KK4JI; Dan, KG4ECI; David, N5WNB; Austin, KI4KNS; Megan, KI4KNM; Nan, KC4WSK; Raja, KB6MTH; Gene, WB4MSG; Tim, AG4RZ; Robert, KG4NEP with harmonics Alex and Alexis; Wally, K4UAS; Jeff, AC4YN; Don, KT4KV and XYL Pat; Fred, WB4QXG; "Tink," W4DCW; and Dale, WB9SZL. Good deal!

License Exams

It is with regret that we announce that the Amateur Radio License Exam Sessions scheduled for the first Saturday of each month in Winston-Salem, NC have been suspended until further notice.

For other exam opportunities in the area, please consult the Volunteer Examiner Club of America web site at

<http://www.w4vec.com>.

Tom, N4IOZ



Grady White, WB4YBC-SK

Mike White, N4OBR, Grady White's, WB4YBC, son has made an wonderful donation to FARC in honor of his father who passed away in the last year. Grady was ceaseless in the donation of his time and resources to help others. Even though his wife was very sick for the last few years of his life he never left her side and he always seemed to have some more time to offer to FARC and/or the Red Cross. In his honor Mike has donated a restored 1960 Collins KWM-2 transceiver, an SM-3 desk microphone and Collins 516-F2 power supply.

This radio has ties to FARC and to members of FARC. It was the RACES radio for Forsyth County and when Mike acquired it still had the CD stickers on it. He has had it professionally restored to original condition - it looks absolutely as new. The cabinet was stripped and repainted by a professional, the chassis was stripped and cleaned and all Collins service bulletins have been done. Everything is as shiny as a new penny. This is a NEW radio! It is beautiful! The Collins microphone and power supply also have had the star treatment and look like new.

It will be "christened" at the 75 Anniversary special event. Unfortunately I don't have a photograph of the radio yet but you can see it by showing up at the 75th Anniversary event December 17 at the Red Cross.

There are few words to describe our thanks to Mike for his wonderful gift. At the January board meeting we will make plans to ensure that Mike's generous donation will be a continuing memorial to Grady and his work.

FARC 75th Anniversary

KU4BP will be handling QSLing for the event. QSL requests should be mailed to W4NC, PO Box 11361, Winston-Salem, NC 27116-1361.

If you are interested in operating on the air or otherwise helping with this event please contact Ed, KU4BP. Plans are to be on the air from 6:30 AM December 17.

There are a variety of vintage radios that are planned to be available for operation. The Collins KWM-2 will be used on the air along with radios provided by W2DZO, KA4IAM, KU4BP and others. To the left are some pictures of the radios that are planned to be used.

ARES

Please join us on the Forsyth County Ares Net Thursday evenings at 8:30 p.m. on the W4NC repeater, frequency 145.47 MHZ.

*73, John, N0KTY
Forsyth Emergency Coordinator*

FCAN Report December 1, 2005

Net started at 8:30 PM. Net Control station - N4PAA.

Check-ins: 8. Stations were KF4EOD Mike, KG4DKN Buddy, KG4JWU Steven, KE4JHJ Dave, NA4P Fred, KI4CKR Grey, WB4QXG Fred and N4PAA Carl.

There was no traffic or announcements.

KE4JHJ Dave held the ARES meeting. The hurricane season was discussed, which although officially over still had the 26th named storm of the season churning up the Atlantic Ocean. We were reminded that we are now in the winter storm season, and to keep our equipment in good order for any type of event.

Formal session - 16 minutes. Informal session - 7 minutes. Total time - 23 minutes.

N4PAA Carl

FCAN Report, November 24, 2005

Net started at 8:30 PM. Net Control station - N4PAA.

Check-ins: 4. Stations were WB4NUK Max, KC4WSK Van, KG4ECI Dan and N4PAA Carl.

There was no traffic or announcements.

No EC was available for the ARES meeting. Holiday greetings were exchanged and the net was concluded.

Formal session - 7 minutes. Informal session - 3 minutes. Total time - 10 minutes.

N4PAA Carl

FARC's 75th Anniversary noted in the ARRL NC Section News Summary

John Covington, W4CC, always does a great job staying on top of things for the ARRL NC Section. It was nice to see a mention of the FARC 75th Anniversary Special Event in the ARRL NC Section Monthly News Bulletin.

“The Forsyth Amateur Radio Club is celebrating their 75th anniversary with a special event station on December 17th. This is a remarkable achievement; it's great to see a club that has a history going back to early days of Amateur Radio. For more information about the special event station, visit the following web page:

<http://home.triad.rr.com/ku4bp/main.html> ”

Field Day Results

Thanks to Ed, KU4BP for checking the results and posting them on the W4NC reflector.

W4NC 1072 Q's 4914 NTS.

2A category placement:

4th in NC(just ahead of Guilford)

8th in Roanoke Division

86th overall

Ed Swiderski KU4BP

January 20th is missing . . .

KU4BP reports that he has a 2005-2006 CQ Radio Classic calendar with January 20 *missing*. Hey, I could have sworn that I had it when I came in. I'd like to see a scan of that. This is the kind of mistake that your úmble (?) Newsletter editor generally does.

Officers for 2006

The end must be near. It's official, Newsletter editor Don, WS4NC is the unfortunate soul for President this year. It's all Melissa's fault. I said I would be Pres. only if she would continue as VP. I knew she wouldn't let me down. Well Melissa, W4RXG is VP, again. Henry, W2DZO is continuing as Treasurer. Megan, KI4KNM has agreed to take on the Secretary's job. These were announced at the October meeting, the September meeting was open to nominations from the floor, and November was the final vote.

Newsletter Hamfest

I was unable to get the Newsletter out for the last several months. The work that came in for me during that time kept me so busy that there was almost no time left over for other things. I don't expect another situation like that again in the near future. Since most all the items I have for this space are so old I am restarting the For Sale list with the latest item received. If you would like to have something listed just email me at w4ws@arrl.net. Email is best since I can just cut and paste it in. Also please let me know if something is no longer available. I will usually run the same item for 2-3 months unless I hear otherwise.

For Sale by Wally Bernath, 336-725-0176. Located at 158 Buckinham Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27104-4118:

Crank-up, tilt-over 40-60 foot tower with three element beam for 20-15-10 plus rotor and cable.

Thirty-foot Rohn tower with four-element 50 Mhz beam, pair 144 Mhz circular-polarized beams stacked. Also 430-450 Mhz circular-polarized antenna. Mounted on Yaesu Az-El rotor plus coax and control cables.

Home-brew linear Amplifier. 80-40-20-15-10 meters, 500 Watts. Includes power supply.

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Monthly Moment of Zen

A funny thing happened on the way to
November's Club meeting . . .

Am I the only person who thought that
this scene outside of the Red Cross was
ironic?

For information to make it into the
Newsletter, I need submissions no later
than the morning of the 4th Monday of
the month. 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.

See you next month!

73, Don WS4NC

