



Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Newsletter



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FARC Holiday Dinner Diamondback Grill 751 N. Avalon Dr. Winston-Salem, NC



This month our FARC meeting will be at Diamondback Grill rather than at the Red Cross. To get to Diamondback follow Coliseum Drive going west past the Red Cross until Coliseum comes to a dead end at Robinhood Rd. Turn right go about 100 feet and then turn left on Avalon. Diamondback will be about one-to-two blocks on your left. We will start with socializing around 5:15 PM. Seating for dinner will be at 6-ish. Checks will be individual. Diamondback has an excellent selection from inexpensive but expertly prepared sandwiches/burgers to exceptional higher-priced entrees. Please don't miss out on this chance for some wonderful fellowship.

November's Homebrew Contest

A nice surprise was a new member and a winning homebrew contest in one. James L. Kretzschmat N4HCJ won the contest hands down with two impressive pieces of craftsmanship. The large project is a beautiful Stereo Amp using 1625 tubes. That warmed the hearts of some of the old-timers in the club. The 1625 is essentially an 807 but with a 12-volt filament. Gazillions of 1625s were on the surplus market in the 1950s and 1960s. A smaller project by James was an expertly constructed 6-meter transceiver. Two other very nice entries were Tink W4DCW's shiny carrier-null meter and Tim AG4RZ's regenerative receiver.



Clockwise from upper left: W4DCW's carrier-null meter made from aluminum rescued from old transcription disk. James H4HCJ's winning tube amplifier; a very nice regenerative receiver from Tim, AG4RZ; lower right, James' tube amp & 6-meter transceiver.

January Hamfest

Don't forget our January Hamfest held in the Summit School parking lot on January 6. Bring some warm clothes and some tailgating goodies and join us for a fun time. No tables or chairs are supplied so bring your own. We will have nice hot coffee. Summit School is located on Reynold Road about a mile east from the entrance to Wake Forest University.

FCC's Revised Band Plan

Just in case you've haven't heard, the changes created by the FCC's recent report and order take effect on December 15. Among other changes, the FCC has expanded the U.S. voice sub-band on 80 meters down to 3.6 MHz. While this is certainly a useful addition for phone spectrum, it is not what ARRL would have preferred. It means some CW nets will need to move and all of us who enjoy CW will have less dedicated spectrum.

FARC Repeaters

At the November FARC board meeting we worked out a plan to transition to new equipment for all of our repeaters. The old Motorola units have served us well but it is time to move on. The plan at this point is to test the usability of new Yaesu transceivers. If the tests go well 145.47 will be shifted to new equipment first, probably sometime in February.

Lost and Found

John Kippe N0KTY is missing two headsets from field day. One is a Radio Shack pair and the other is a new Heil headset bought at this year's Dayton. It was a sad Kippe at CQWW this year without his headset. The thinking was that they had been packed away with the club gear from Field Day. All of that has been gone through and they didn't turn up. Please check your field day stuff and see if John's headsets were accidentally packed away with your stuff.

Small Rotor Wanted

Looking for a small rotor for 2 VHF/UHF beams. (11.3 ft and 28 ft. in length) Total weight of the two without the mast is 15 pounds. Combined windload is 2.63 sq. feet. Mast size will be 1.250"

Ed KU4BP

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Cushcraft ARX-270 Ringo Ranger

Dick Genaille W4UW has a dual band 70cm/2M Ringo Ranger for sale. \$25.00 Call Dick at 765-4697.

Upcoming Hamfests & Other Ham Dates

December 2 - Farmers Market GAARC Swapfest, Gastonia, NC

December 11 - FARC Annual Dinner at Diamondback Grill, Winston-Salem - All Welcome

December 13 - FARC Business Meeting at Chrome Restaurant, Deacon Blvd

December 20 - PVRC Contesters' Meeting Chrome Restaurant, Deacon Blvd.

January 6 - Winston-Salem Firstfest, Winston-Salem, NC

January 13 - Greenwood ARS Hamfest, Greenwood, SC

June 9 - Winston-Salem Classic Hamfest, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds, Winston-Salem, NC

ARES NET

Just a reminder, 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 EC

Due to space limitations this month the Forsyth County Ares Net reports will run next month.

Roger G. Fleming

Died Thursday, November 30, 2006

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Dave Fleming's (KE4JHJ) father. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dave and his family.

Roger Guilford Fleming, 79, of 1030 Mountain Road, Martinsville, died Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006, at Memorial Hospital in Martinsville.

He was born Feb. 23, 1927, in Martinsville to Paul W. Fleming and Lillie Wade Fleming. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Iris Rose Fleming and Magdalene Grogan; and a brother, Paul W. Fleming Jr.

He served as a seaman first class in the Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II and retired from W.M. Bassett plant of Bassett Furniture Industries after more than 30 years of service.

Surviving are his wife, Aileen Franklin Fleming of the home; a daughter, Dianne Fleming of Greensboro, N.C.; two sons, David O. Fleming of Winston-Salem, N.C. and George Douglas "Doug" Fleming of Mebane, N.C.; a sister, Lorene Adams of Martinsville; a brother, Wade Fleming of Lancaster; and eight grandchildren.

The graveside funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Roselawn Burial Park with Pastor Larry Redding officiating.

The family will receive friends from 7:30 until 9 p.m. today at McKee-Stone Funeral Services and other times at the home.

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Editor's Corner

OK, so I'm taking a sabbatical this month on the Newsletter, so shoot me. I'll be back next month with a biggie.

73, Don, WS4NC