



Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Newsletter



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Congrats to Henry IV, N4VHK! Henry Heidtmann, a seventh-grader at Meadowlark Middle, won the Winston-Salem Forsyth County School 2007 Spelling Bee by spelling the word "obfuscate" correctly. Heidtmann will compete in the regional bee at Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum on March 25. The photo at the left shows Henry enjoying a big plate of crab legs at the December 2006 Dinner.



Some other words from the spelling bee include: physiognomy, furlough, crucifixion, proscenium, lachrymose, perihelion, pandemonium, persiflage [1], lucubration, obloquy, aficionado [2], diaphanous, obsequies, contumelious. The Clemmons Courier has an article at: <http://www.clemmonscourier.com/story11.shtml>

Any spelling errors in the above are mine. I don't remember the exact words but at the beginning of the Spelling Bee they said something to the effect that "the words came from middle-school sources". If so, middle school has become more difficult than when I was there.

[1] Isn't this what we do before and after (and often during) club meetings?

[2] As in "radio aficionado" Spanish for Radio Amateur

MARCH MEETING PROGRAM DX-PEDITIONERS V26H & V26RW

Another Henry, Henry Heidtmann III W2DZO and Robert Whitaker KG4NEP will present the March program on operating V26H this past weekend from the island of Antigua in the Carribean. They were going for a win in the ARRL SSB DX Contest. Their score:

| Band | QSOs | Mults |
|------|------|-------|
| 160: | 208 | 44 |
| 80: | 798 | 58 |
| 40: | 981 | 59 |
| 20: | 2285 | 59 |
| 15: | 1869 | 57 |
| 10: | 0 | 0 |

6141 277

Total Score = 5,103,171

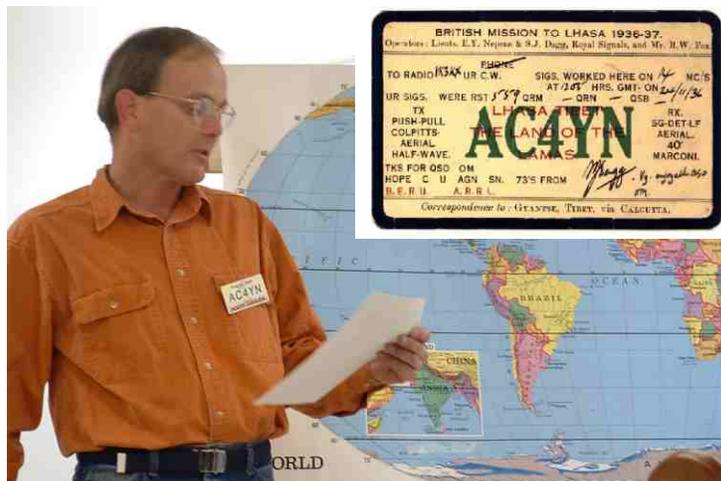


Photo by N4IOZ

Jeff Stafford AC4YN At FARC Feb meeting Jeff talks about Tibet & the original AC4YN

At the FARC February meeting Jeff Stafford presented the history of AC4YN; Jeff is the third holder of that call. Jeff received the call when he upgraded as it was assigned in order - it was not a vanity call. It's early history goes back to pre WWII Tibet.

In 1936 Colonel Sir Evan Yorke Nepean was part of the British political expedition to Tibet. While in Tibet he took the AC4 prefix (then assigned to Tibet) and YN, being two of his initials, for the suffix. After WWII the AA- AZ prefixes were transferred to the USA.

In 1936 there were few places in the world as remote as Tibet. A telegraph wire made of a single strand of galvanized iron had been ran to Lhasa, but it was undependable. Although Tibet eventually came under Chinese control in 1950, the wireless at Lhasa enabled Tibet to receive news from sources other than the Chinese wireless prior to WWII.

Later Reginald Fox used the same call AC4YN when he operated from Tibet. Fox was hired by the Tibet government as a radio monitor and trainer in 1947. Col Nepean died in 2002 at the age of 92. Recently an original QSL from AC4YN sold for \$1136 on eBay. That is the second highest recorded price for an old QSL - the record is held by a 1AW QSL at \$2125.

Club Meeting, Monday March 12, 2007

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 by V26H and V26RW about thier DX-pedition to the Island of Antigua.

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.

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Short Circuits:

FARC sponsors NCQP again: Sunday, February 25 was the 2007 North Carolina QSO Party, sponsored by our FARC. There was lots of activity again this year. A full report will be available in about a month.

Upcoming Hamfests & Other Ham Dates

March 10-11: North Carolina Section Convention/Charlotte Hamfest
March 12 - FARC General Membership Meeting
March 19 - FARC Board Meeting
March 25: Down East Hamfest, Kinston, NC
March 26 - PVRC-NC West meeting at Chrome Restaurant WS, NC

April 1: North Carolina State Convention/Raleigh Hamfest
April 15 Hamfest Chesapeake, VA

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

Editor's Corner

The Club Yaesu FT-920 is back from the hospital, it arrived just this morning as I was writing this. Probably the biggest news is that the Morse code requirement is history. There are a lot of new /AG calls on the air lately. There's been a lot going on lately in ham radio. Also the restructuring of the HF bands is a big issue. Sorry but the Newsletter is a little short this month, just 2 pages.

All for this month!

73, Don WS4NC

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