



Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Newsletter



FARC NOW 82! Founded December 30, 1930

February, 2013

FARC Renewals

The last page of this month's newsletter is the annual membership renewals. **First note that I will be making membership badges again this year but I will only work from the returned forms.** So please return your form. Also double check to see that your email address is correct.

The cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter has just reached the point where it is too expensive and almost everyone gets their Newsletter by email. This month is by mail to get the renewal form to you. If you do not have internet access Newsletter can still be mailed upon request.

Family Memberships are now free! In the past family memberships have been offered at a reduced rate provided that only one Newsletter is mailed. In the past few years we have made family memberships for \$6 a year, prior to that it was at one-half the main members dues. It was felt that family memberships represent our licensed younger members and spouses (shouldn't that be spelled *spice*?) and we want to be as inclusive as possible, it was voted at the January Business meeting (3rd Monday) that family membership should be free. The ByLaws provide that family

FEBUARY MEETING

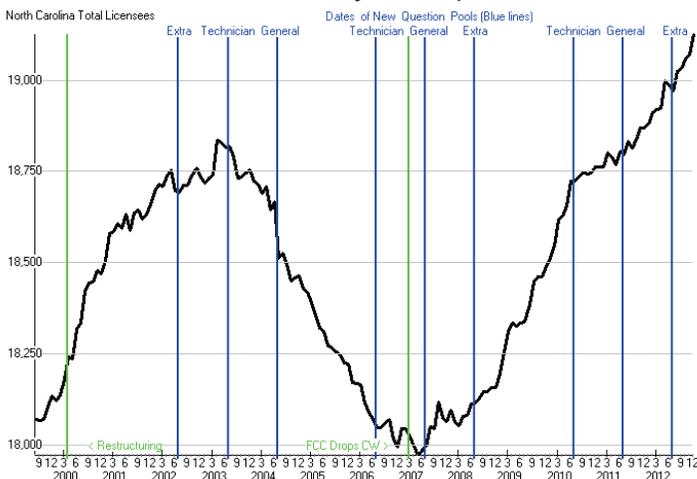
The FARC main meeting will is on the second Monday of the month, Feb 11 at 7:30 PM. Plan on arriving around 7 PM to get a good seat and to chat with fellow hams. We meet at the NWNC Red Cross center on Coliseum Drive. The program this month will be . . . good. It is about SWR and antennas: first a little introductory theory by Don WS4NC, 2) A demo of a new MFJ analyzer by Doc and then 3) a segment on using a modern Network Analyzer by Gene WB4MSG. FCC Exams will be offered by preregistration at 6:15. Contact Dale WB9SZL at 336 766-9675 for more information.

memberships are full members with voting rights but all full members must be licensed. Associate membership without voting rights is available for those who are interested in ham radio but are not yet licensed.

Please check over your membership form, make any necessary corrections and either bring to the February meeting or mail to FARC, PO Box 11361, Winston-Salem, NC 27116-1361 along with your dues.

Ham Radio is Growing!

Last month we had a big group of FCC Exam takers. It got me to thinking about how many hams are in Forsyth County. The QRZ data base will search by county and that returns 690 active





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Every 2nd Monday of each month.
7:30 PM EST

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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) & 444.275 (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 336-245-5740; or visit our web site at www.w4nc.com. Club email is to info -at w4nc.com .

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licensees. That is probably a fairly accurate number since computers are good at matching addresses to counties now. In the past I've done that by zip codes and have returned more, but zip codes aren't always limited to one county. The total number of hams in the US has crossed 700,000 in the last year.

The graph on page 1 is for the total number of North Carolina Hams. There are some vertical lines indicating the dates of several events. Note the recent trend and the fact that we are approaching 19,200 NC hams.

If you are curious (and have your reading specs on) below are the current numbers for the US:

Month	Extra	Advanced	General
02-03-2013	130,663	55,955	163,224

Technician	Novice	ARS Total
343,810	13,611	707,263

How about license expirations? More numbers in the next column for the month of March.

Future Expirations by License Class:

Month	Extra	Advanced	General
Mar-2013	467	262	682

Tech Plus	Tech	Novice	Total
0	2762	74	4247

I found all this on the FCC web site. I also spotted an interesting Club whose License Trustee's license had expired:

K4PCF E 02-13-2007 N4GY 02-13-2017
Forsyth Amateur Radio Technical Society

Just an FYI, that is Forsyth County in Georgia - not us. Interesting club initials.

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FCC Exams in February

by Dale, WB9SZL

Louis, Roy, Anthony, John, Paul, Geoffrey, Nathanael, Jeffrey, William S, William W, Michael, Allow me to offer all of you a hearty congratulations the on your New Amateur licenses, and Amateur License upgrades:

Applicant's Name Extra	Old Call	New Call	Technician	General
Louis C. Mayer	None	KK4NUB	Technician	
Roy A. Hopgood	None	KK4NUC	Technician	
Anthony J. Castialia	None	KK4NUD	Technician	
John M. Mahan	None	KK4NUE	Technician	
Paul M. Hopgood	None	KK4NUF	Technician	
Geoffrey C. Rudy	KK4MOV			General
Nathanael J. Stephens	None	KK4NUG	Technician	
Jeffery L. McDonald	None	KK4NUH	Technician	
William W. Starkey		N4WWS		Extra
William A. Whitaker	KK4KHC			General
Michael R. Dehaan	None	KV4JU	Technician	General Extra

[Editor's note - I think we set a record for the number of examinees at one exam - and a very successful session for all!]

Please note there are still some database corrections that the FCC needs to make (below), but I wanted to get this announcement out to all of you so you know your new Call Signs.

- * Correct Michael Mahan to John Mahan
- * Correct Lois Mayer to Louis Mayer
- * Correct William Whitaker call re-issue from KK4KHC back to original call: KK4KHC

FCC database corrections should appear on your new FCC license, which you should receive in the US mail within the next 15 days. If there is still an issue with your FCC license after the FCC mailing, please let me know.

I look forward to chatting with each you on the air. Good Luck in your new Ham Career!

73,
Dale Mierisch
WB9SZL
VEC Session Manager

FCC Testing

Amateur radio testing for new applicants as well as upgrades will be given the 2nd Monday of every month, except the month of December, prior to the FARC regular meeting. The examination time is 6:30 PM and the place is the Red Cross building on Coliseum Drive in Winston-Salem. << Pre-registration is required via e-mail >>, listing the elements you wish to take, your email address and your phone number. You may pre-register or get

additional information via e-mail to info <at> w4nc.org, attention Dale Mierisch WB9SZL. Replace <at> with the usual symbol. (Please list "Ham Exam" in the email subject line of your email.) Other examination dates/times will be published in advance, as we schedule them. All test participants are also invited to attend the monthly FARC session which begins at 07:30 PM

Dale Mierisch WB9SZL
FARC VEC Session Manager
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Monday Nights

The FARC main Club meeting is always on the second Monday of the month at the Red Cross except in December. The FARC business meeting is open to all and is on the third Monday of the month and is held at Old Staley's restaurant at 2000 Reynolda Rd at 7-ish PM.

Business meeting: The business meeting is held on the third Monday night. In the past we have held the meeting at Old Staley's on Reynolda Road, but they are closed for renovations and under new management. For now we will meet at La Carettas across from the Red Cross. The meeting starts at 7-ish and usually runs about an hour and a half. We have tried holding it at the Red Cross but the overwhelming choice of those who are present is that they would prefer somewhere where we can have food and drinks. The attendance at the third Monday business meeting is anywhere from about 6 to as many 15 people. All are invited - we would love to have to move to a dedicated meeting room.

Fourth Monday

by Don WS4NC

The fourth Monday has been the contesting group but we aren't meeting as consistently as we once were. I ran a idea past Henry (our Contestor-in-Chief) and he didn't shoot me so I'm going to throw this out for discussion. There are several people who have expressed interest in QRP and building stuff. We did meet last year on first-

Mondays at my old office on Vargrave Street but that sadly is now gone to make way for a new Goodwill. I would like to get some interest back in the QRP/Builders group but the 1st Monday is not good for me (the Newsletter has to get out then). How about it? I don't know where we can meet but if you are interested let's get together and talk about it at the November meeting.

Forsyth County ARES

Ham Radio Public Service: Pilot Mountain Payback

Jim Mansfield WA4NOT

Forsyth County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) will provide radio communications support for the Pilot Mountain Payback marathon and half-marathon on Saturday, February 16, 2013 in Pilot Mountain State Park. Radio operators will be stationed with the event staff at four aid stations along the route and at the start / finish line. We'll also provide a net control station.

Most net activity will occur between 0830 and 1300 hours, but the actual closing time for the net will depend on the speed of the slowest runner. Last year we secured the net at 1500.

Two-way radio is critical for this event, because most of the park has no cell phone coverage.

We'll use 2-meter FM through the 145.47 repeater on Sauratown Mountain. To insure solid coverage, operators will need a minimum of a physical quarter-wave antenna, such as a mobile mag-mount, with their 5-watt HTs; a mobile unit with at least 10 watts output would be better. All radio positions are reachable by car.

Please volunteer for, or get more information about, the activity by contacting Jim Mansfield, WA4NOT, by email at wa4not@arrl.net, or in person at the February 11 FARC club meeting.

If you're interested in ARES, but not yet ready for a field activity, monitor the event between 0900 and 1200 on 145.47 to get a feel for directed nets used in public service and emergencies.

ARES Net Reports

*by Dan O'Leary KG4ECI
AEC/Net Manager*

ARES Net Report for 06Dec2012

Net Control Station: WS4FC (op KG4ECI)

Check-ins: WA4NOT, KJ4ENM, KG4FGC, WA8IHW, WD4LSS, NA4P, WF4DD, WB9SZL.

Topics: Amateur radio's response to Hurricane Sandy Part one: Staffing and deploying.

Training: None.

Traffic: None.

Net time: 20:30-21:02.

ARES Net Report for 13DEC2012

Net Control Station: WS4FC (op WK4CW)

Check-ins: KG4ECI, WA4NOT, KG4FGC, AK4D, KF4EOD, WB9SZL, NA4P, N4EY, WF4DD, WA4ZKI, KC4WSK, KJ4ENN, KJ4ENM, KK4NDK, WB4QIZ, KJ4SEN, KE4ZFN, WB4QCM, KA4JRL

Announcements: One stating that the WF4DD net will follow this net.

Topics: WA4NOT talked about digital modes used for ARES and SKYWARN communications during Hurricane Sandy response.

Training: None.

Net time: 20:30-21:09.

ARES Net Report for 20Dec2012

Net Control Station: WS4FC (op KG4ECI)

Check-ins: WA4NOT, KJ4ENM, KG4FGC, WD4LSS, WB9SZL, NA4P, WF4DD, AK4D, WA4ZKI, KC4WSK, WK4CW, KF4EOD, WB4QXG.

Topics: WA4NOT discussed VE6FMP's Powerpoint presentation for ARES.

Training: None.

Traffic: None.
Net time: 20:30-21:04.

ARES Net Report for 27Dec2012

Net Control Station: WS4FC (op KG4ECI)

Check-ins: WA4NOT, KF4EOD, WD4LSS, WB9SZL, WA4ZKI, KC4WSK, KG4PNA.

Topics: Hurricane Sandy response Part three: Advanced planning and preparation.

Training: None.

Traffic: None.

Net time: 20:30-20:51.

ARES Net Report for 03Jan2013

Net Control Station: WS4FC (op KG4ECI)

Check-ins: WA4NOT, KG4FGC, AK4D, WA8IHW, KG4JWU, WD4LSS, WB9SZL, WB4QXG, KC4WSK, WA4ZKI, NA4P, WF4DD, KF4EOD.

Topics: WA4NOT requested volunteers for net control duty at our weekly nets; discussed tentative plan for a written emergency plan for Forsyth County ARES.

Training: None.

Traffic: None.

Net time: 20:30-20:50.

ARES Net Report for 10Jan2013

Net Control Station: WS4FC (op KG4ECI)

Check-ins: WA4NOT, N4ABA, KB6MTH, WX5AAA, WB4QCM, KG4FGC, WF4DD, WD4LSS, NA4P, WB4QXG, WA4ZKI, KC4WSK, WK4CW, KG4JWU.

Topics: WA4NOT announced FCARES' first Public Service event for 2013, the Pilot Mt. Payback, is scheduled for Feb 16 and we are seeking volunteers.

Training: None.

Traffic: None.

Net time: 20:30-21:02.

SHELBY HAMFEST TO RETURN TO SHELBY

*by Bill Moraine
NC ARRL Newsletter*

The "Granddaddy" of hamfests is returning to its roots. The Shelby Amateur Radio Club (SARC) announced that the Shelby Hamfest is coming back to its former home at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds in Shelby. The move was covered in the town's daily newspaper, The Shelby Star, at <http://www.shelbystar.com/news/hamfest-comes-home-1.76544> The Shelby Hamfest this year will be August 31st and September 1st.

North Carolina QSO Party

February 24, 2013 (10 am - 8 pm)
www.ncqsoparty.org

by Marty Young, W4MY, Chairman

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society has assumed leadership of the North Carolina QSO Party as of its 2013 running. Check out the website, the new rules are posted. We made some changes for 2013.

We moved the time up two hours to go from 10am to 8pm. We kept the duration of 10 hours, but felt this gives us more daylight to work the upper bands. Also, by ending earlier folks have more time to get ready for work Monday. Activity always slowed down past 8pm in our experience, possibly for that reason.

Added 6 and 2 meters. Now the small signal VHF guys can participate using their native mode if they wish. So, welcome small signal VHFers!

No specific categories exist for VHF yet, you'll compete with everyone else. If participation is strong on these new bands a new category may be considered in the future. W4DW will be operating 6, but its up to you small signal VHFers to get the propagation gods to cooperate.

We have "normalized" the point structure for all participants. 2 points for all phone QSOs and 3 points for each CW QSO. It doesn't matter who your QSO is with. This greatly simplifies our job to score your log. Everyone sounds the same on the air, so you don't need to keep track of it either!

Added a QRP Expedition Class. With the success of expeditions we're giving the QRPers a chance to compete for an award. And speaking of expeditions, we cleaned up most of the early problems with managing this class by making the points the same as everyone else. We didn't want the expeditions to become a "super mobile" and attempted at first to write restrictive rules to prevent someone from creating efficient ways at blowing through counties like a mobile. We'd like expeditions to consider going to rarer counties and putting up an antenna that works pretty well and stay a while to really activate that county. But in the end, we decided to keep the restrictions out and allow each one to decide what strategy is best for their situation and fun factor. A competitor will have to determine the trade off of getting their QSOs by working fewer per county with a small antenna but moving to new counties to work 'em again, vs. putting up a more substantial temporary antenna and moving less, staying a while in the county to really activate it.

For mobiles, and expeditions also, the rules were left to enable county sitting. So, be careful with safety being the top priority, if you want to do it, remember that you can only have one QTH per QSO. So, you will have to manage your pile up in a way to have multiple QSOs with callers if you are doing this. We provided the link in the rules to the MARC county hunter site to help you with determining the county line and how to sit on it.

We added DC as a multiplier and clarified the 14 Canadian provinces.

We will be awarding new plaques for the winners. They are really neat transparent monoliths that refract a cool Carolina Blue hue. Marc, W4MPS, did a great job securing them. Marc has also revamped the certificates with a new battleship NC header.

We really want to get logs electronically. But, we realize that there are still folks logging manually and we don't want to dissuade them from participating and sending in their log. So, continue to send in your log however you have it! We're going to have some really cool tools on the new website to enter your log, and I suppose the day is coming sometime that all logs will have to be submitted electronically. We on the committee want to be ready for it.

We are keeping the established map to track activations that are announced. This surprised me how popular this was, so we are giving it high priority. If you don't see it quite yet, Andy, AA9P, our IT guy will have it up shortly.

The things that have made NCQP unique and great are staying. NI4BK aboard the battleship USS North Carolina will be one of the bonus stations, and they tell me they will again be using the original WW2 era radio equipment during the event. The other bonus station, W4DW, will be activated at the super station of N1LN and staffed by seasoned operators to give out as many QSOs as humanly possible. And if you've seen the N1LN station, you know they can do it!

We kept the CHE/DAR bonus as is, a very cool way to get another bonus and an incentive to expeditions and mobiles top go to these rare ones.

Lastly, I'd like to put a word in for one style of operating that is quite effective in QSO parties. That is calling CQ. In regular contests, searching and pouncing can be just as fruitful as calling CQ, especially in the early going. But QSO parties are different. In ours, everyone out there is looking for you! They won't know you're there if you're not calling! Ninety six percent of those outside NC are searching and pouncing, so it's best if you are calling CQ. Think about it. Why should someone out there call CQ when only 1 out of 50 states count for credit? (Some do it, yes, but not many) Believe me, if you're calling CQ you'll get answers back from more than you thought!

So that's it. Mark your calendar, and get on the air! It's lots of fun! 73 de Marty, W4MY

HAMFESTS – Charlotte Hamfest (NOTE: now Friday, March 8th 4:00 PM to 8 PM, and Saturday, March 9th 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM. No Sunday), Cabarrus Arena, Rte. 49, Concord. Talk-In: 146.655 (-), No Tone. For more info go to: www.charlottehamfest.org

Minutes FARC Board Meeting January 21, 2013

Held at Red Cross

Called to (dis)order at 7:12 PM

Adjourned: 9:03 PM

Motion: To pay \$90.00 to reserve Hobby Park. Dan 1st, Jerry 2nd. Discussion: We have a special arrangement to reserve a city park over night. Henry reserves the park as soon as the calendar is available. There are many organizations that use this park and we are concerned that we may lose Field Day weekend if we don't reserve early and every year. Although we are going to bring a motion before the Club at the next meeting to do FD from the Red Cross location (see below) there was much concern that if we don't reserve the park another group (race groups are very keen to use Hobby Park) may claim FD weekend. There were several proposals about how to use the park this year even though we may hold FD at the Red Cross. The unanimous decision was to spend \$90 to reserve the park for this year.

Motion: To have a vote at the next FARC meeting to hold FD at the Red Cross. 1st W2DZO 2nd WS4NC. Discussion: There is now a FD option that allows operation from Emergency Centers. The positives: We get the RC Shack in top condition, 2nd possible inclusion of Red Cross in our FD operation. 3rd Air Conditioning! Negatives: 1st How to hold the dinner (we would have use of kitchen, room 09 and 010 and possibly room 110. 2nd Is the Red Cross available and agreeable? Other concerns: security, how to set up five rigs, tent usage and city regulations, several ways to use HP and RC. Action: W2DZO will check with Red Cross. A vote to be held at the February meeting.

Motion: To change charge for family membership. 1st WS4NC 2nd N0KTY. Discussion: In the past the largest cost has been publication of the Newsletter. The By-Laws allow family membership at a discounted rate provided that only one Newsletter is mailed. We have a fairly large number of family members, some of whom are active, many of whom are not. We want to be maximally inclusive of everyone, family membership is full membership except for the Newsletter. The Newsletter is mostly an online publication now. Agreement: There will be no charge for family membership for 2013. The membership charge will be for the highest rate

member; other LICENSED family memberships will be listed at the time of the senior membership renewal and will have full membership rights (as per the By-Laws). FYI: The By-Laws require that full membership is only to those who have a ham radio license. Renewal forms also need to be filled out for the family members.

Motion: Purchase Array Solutions Antenna Switch for Red Cross. 1st WB4MEG 2nd N0KTY Discussion: This switch allows two radios to use all the available antennas but prevents both radios from using the same antenna. It is pricy, less than \$500, but is less expensive than blowing up a radio. We've been lucky for a number of years but 2 years ago we lost a Yaesu FT-920 because of this issue. Decision: To purchase the switch – we will wait a few months however to allow the treasury to recover.

Motion: Hold all three hamfests in the Dining Hall at Summit School. 1st W2DZO 2nd N0KTY. Discussion: Many attendees have complained about the distance between the Flea Market and the Gym. Many dealers have expressed a preference for the Dining hall. There is much less space in the Dining hall and not everyone can be accommodated. The Gym costs more to rent. Some tailgaters have complained about using the lower parking lot for flea market space because it is not level. Decision: We will hold all future hamfests in the Dining Hall. The lower parking lot will be used for parking, the upper lot for fleamarket.

Other discussion: Treasurer's Report: Balance \$\$2944.98; includes \$50 donation from W8TM Paul Kirley for our past support of NC QSO Party. We boo-bood and did not have ARRL sanction for January Hamfest. W2DZO will fill out sanction forms for through next January. Our annual IRS filing was done by treasurer. WK4CW (not present) and W2DZO have been in contact with Cedrick's family. Discussions were held about what to have for future programs; some suggestions: How to make PCBs, WX training (AK4D will check with NWS), ARES for new members, WXII (especially on WX). February Program will be by Gene WB4MSG, WB4QIZ Doc, and Don WS4NC and be about VNA and SWR meters that are on the market and how to use them. January Hamfest proceeds \$770.93. W2DZO made all 2013 meeting reservations with RC. Charlotte Hamfest is holding a table for us (we provided them a table at our January Hamfest.) One special request was made

for a Newsletter by USMail because the member has no connection to the internet – it will be sent by mail to that member. Jerry will check with Mike about holding a training class after FD (when there may be a lot of interest).

January Hamfest

This is where I would put the photos from last month's hamfest. Yes, I brought my camera. No I didn't pick it up. I checked with the other camera aficionados (I think that is Spanish for *nuts*) in the club and they said the same thing.

So close your eyes and imagine the last hamfest. Except here the weather people had forecast that the rain would end on Friday noon and Saturday would be nearly 70 and clear. They lied. The rain continued all Friday night. Never hard, though.

Saturday was a comfortable day except for the lightest little drizzle that ended just as the hamfest did. Saturday afternoon was nice, clear and nearly 70.

The weather didn't affect the hamfest though. We had a great turnout, the dining hall was packed and even the fleamarket was fairly packed.

At the business meeting this month (see minutes) there was much discussion about the hamfest. First should we go back to the gym for June and/or October? A lot of people have voiced their opinion that they prefer the indoor event in the dining hall. That the gym is too far to walk.

Also there have been some grumbling that the fleamarket area that we have been using is too unlevel. OK - we heard you. We are moving the June hamfest to the Dining Hall. The School limits us to use only their round tables to protect the floor. And when the space is gone - the space is gone. Usually by the week before the indoor space is all reserved.

Also we will move the fleamarket to the upper packing lots and use the lower lot for parking. We fairly well have the hamfest down to a good system but next year we are going to be looking for people to man the ticket areas for an hour at a time. NOKTY has manned that spot for years but he needs some help and he needs some time to see the hamfest too.

There is also a question as to whether we should try to continue to hold three hamfests a year. We started with our big hamfest in June. Then High Point and Greensboro dropped their hamfests. So we added October to offer a spot for local hams to gather to sell/trade their junk and stories. We started the January "Firstfest" when Elkin dropped theirs for the same reason.

Hamfests are a lot of work. Attendance has fallen for many reasons but the internet is the prime reason. We still draw enough attendance to hold all three events but there is the possibility that they cannibalize a little attendance from each other. In other words, maybe two events would work better.

There is no decision about this yet. For 2013 we are still holding all three events. But the question will come up this year - in 2014 should we drop one, and if so, which one? This will be brought before the entire club at a meeting this year, maybe not February, but another month. Please be thinking about the alternatives and if we should commit to all three events for 2014.

Editor's Corner

I wish had more photos this month. Maybe the one below will catch your attention. See you at the February meeting.

73, Don WS4NC

Monthly Moment of Zen

Ha' Mule! Git'e yup! (Copyright 1958 by Yosemite Sam, "Dragon's is So Stupid".)



CALLSIGN	BIRTHDAY (MMDDYY)	FIRST NAME & MI	LAST NAME

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	3. FAMILY MEMBERS FREE! <small>Now FREE!</small>
	4. DONATION _____
	TOTAL _____

Family members must be licensed hams.

FCC exam takers get their first year free (next year if exam taken in Sept or later). I will use the **returned** membership forms to make new membership cards in March. Want to join for free? Register and take an FCC Exam at the Red Cross. Works for upgrades too. For those who test in September or later membership will be for following year.

1st line is CALLSIGN – **BIRTHDAY** – FIRSTNAME - LASTNAME.

2nd line is STREET ADDRESS then **EMAILADDRESS**. **Please make sure your email address is correct.** The Newsletter is sent to email addresses only because of cost (now about \$0.70 with printing and postage) and almost everyone has an email address. We still send some US Mail several times a year and for those without internet access.

3rd line is CITY, STATE, ZIP, ARRL MEMBER (Y or N) ARES (Y or N). We track ARRL membership because we are required to maintain a certain percentage to keep our ARRL certifications. ARES membership info is required so that the back of your membership card will show ARES for ARES identification. If you are not ARES, and want to be, just check the box and you will get a form from Jim WA4NOT. There are no ARES dues or particular membership requirements – there is training that you should complete to participate in big emergencies. There is a net on 145.47 on Thursday evenings (open to all) and many fun ARES events during the year, often with FREE T-shirts.

4th line is for phone numbers. Because we deal with emergencies at times we need contact numbers. We haven't published a public directory since someone abused the listings with spam – that wasn't cool. Publication may change this year. If you do not wish for your number to be published in a general directory then mark (no) and it will be accessible only to FARC and ARES officers. Automatic Renewals will not show numbers if you have asked for no publication.

5th and 6th lines. If there is more one licensed ham in the family all may be members for FREE after one paid membership. Full membership is limited to Licensed Amateurs.

Right bottom – dues are \$24 for regular members, \$12 for those over 65, handicapped or students. Family membership is free for all licensed family members at one address with one paying member. If this card is for a family member then in renewals the total will say SEE [main members call]

Please complete the above and return this sheet along with your dues to address below or give to **Henry W2DZO** at the next Club meeting. Even if your dues are paid please return the sheet so I can keep records up to date. **The RETURNED sheets will be used to make new membership cards, no form no membership card!** 73, Don WS4NC FARC Secretary

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