SPECIAL SERVICE CLUB

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Newsletter

OUR 78TH YEAR!

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September, 2008

What Happened at Shelby Hamfest?

Wow! There are pluses and minuses to the new location but the general agreement is that the pluses more than make up for the minuses. Beautiful location, beautiful weather and the fleamarket seems to go on forever. Just as you finish one section you see another section and then another. One drawback is that there is only one building for the commercial dealers and it is about the size of the lower building at the old fairgrounds. Technically it had air conditioning but it was cooler outside. There was unused covered space outside but most people preferred to setup their own tents and tarps. I did just cover it all in one day but it was a chore. Considerable room to grow. There were shady spots to sit, but unfortunately all the comfortable ones were taken. I got a bit overheated but that is because I'm old, fat, out-of-shape and ugly. The new location is easier to get to from Winston-Salem (take I-40 to US-321 South). The only real drawback is the lack of commercial space but maybe a new building might be built. I, for one, hope that they stay here. And next year I plan to set up again.

Recent FARC Meetings

August -Take Me Out To The Ball Game! For our August meeting we had a special outing to one of the last ball games at Ernie Shore Field. Club turnout was a little light - but if you didn't come you missed a very special night. We had nice shady seats, the weather was clear and just about perfect. There was just enough of a nip in the air that made it very comfortable. It was a close game but sadly the Warthogs lost by 1.

July, Three! Programs! - Some clubs have only one program per meeting night. We had three in July (just like our Hamfests). First, COMMANDER Chatterjee KB6MTH gave a short presentation on his recent trip aboard the USNS Mercy. They traveled to Vietnam and offered free medical treatment to the citizens. The highlight of the trip was that one patient presented his war metal to Raja in gratitude for treatment for his back injury. BTW - did I mention that Raja has been promoted to **COMMANDER**? Next up Bob Gates KJ4IC presented a short overview on how to access 146.64 by Echolink. The repeater has recently had Echolink capability added so that you can contact Winston-Salem from anywhere in the world with an internet connection. Our Third! Program was presented by Dave McDonald N5WNB and was a show-and-tell about the damage done by a direct lightning strike. Dave brought an antenna from a commercial installation that had taken a direct lightning strike. At least he brought all that could be found.

Four-land's Newest Ham!

Ten-year old Dylan O'Leary passed his ham license exam the Monday prior to the Shelby and had his call in time for the Hamfest - KJ4GJD. As most of you know, Dylan is Dan O'Leary's nephew. It was hard to say which was prouder at Shelby, Dylan or Dan. Congrats to Dylan.

Monday Nights

The FARC main Club meeting is always on the second Monday of the month at the Red Cross. The FARC business meeting is open to all and is on the third Monday of the month and is held at Foothills Brewery on Fourth St. The contesting group meets on the fourth Monday of the month and that is also held at Foothills. That leaves the first Monday of the month. Several of us have started meeting again at Foothills on the first Monday allegedly to talk about QRP and maybe build up some interest in QRP projects. The real reason is to have vituals and talk ham radio. All are welcome at any of the Monday night meetings.

Club Meeting, Monday September 8, 2008

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.

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 336-245-5740; or visit out 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.

ARES Reports

By Carl, N4PAA

August 6, 2008
Net Started - 8:30 PM. Net Control - KG4ECI Dan.
Check ins - 10. Stations were KD4EQY Jason, KG4JWU Steven, KJ4DLS Eric, N0KTY John, WA8IHW Jack, WB9SZL Dale, N4PAA Carl, KC4WSK Van, KC8OEX Terry and KG4ECI Dan.
There were no announcements or traffic this evening.
N0KTY John held the ARES meeting. The main item of business was the Tour to Tanglewood coming up on Sept 6 and 7. The main ham coordinator is KF4JZD Tom from the Greensboro club. He can be contacted via e-mail at KF4JZD@bellsouth.net or by land line at 336-508-2232. Forsyth county hams should still check in with N0KTY John. Also, the upcoming FARC meeting will be at the Warthogs game at Ernie Shore Field. Try to get there before 7 PM.
Formal Session - 12 minutes. Informal Session - 9. Total time - 21 minutes.

August 13, 2008
Net Started - 8:30 PM. Net Control - N4PAA Carl.
Check ins - 7. Stations were N0KTY John, KC8OEX Terry, KC4WSK Van, KF4EOD Mike, WA4RDZ Stan, KG4JWU Steven and N4PAA Carl.
There were no announcements or traffic this evening.
N0KTY John reminded us that the Tour to Tanglewood is Sept. 6 and 7. More volunteers can be used at this event. He also reminded us to stay aware of the weather, since several tropical systems have missed us so far this year but we need to be ready for the one that doesn't miss.
Formal Session - 9 minutes. Informal Session - 8. Total time - 17 minutes.

August 20, 2008
Net Started - 8:30 PM. Net Control - KC8OEX Terry.
Check ins - 11. Stations were KG4ECI Dan, KJ4DLS Eric, WA8IHW Jack, N4PAA Carl, KD4EQY Jason, KI4TUY Chad, KC4WSK Van, KF4PLQ Woody, W4RJR Bud, KB3X Drax and KC8OEX Terry.
There were no announcements or traffic this evening.
N0KTY John was not available for the formal ARES meeting. KC8OEX Terry put in a plug for volunteers for the Tour to Tanglewood coming up on Sept. 6 and 7.
Formal Session - 17 minutes. Informal Session - 10. Total time - 27 minutes.

August 27, 2008
Net Started - 8:30 PM. Net Control - KJ4DLS Eric.
Check ins - 12. Stations were KF4HHG Tim, KD4EQY Jason, KJ4CDM Frank, N0KTY John, KF4ILN Robert, N4PAA Carl, WB4QXG Fred, KC8OEX Terry, KC4WSK Van, KG4ECI Dan, KF4EOD Mike and KJ4DLS Eric.
There were no announcements or traffic this evening.
N0KTY John was reminded us that the Tour to Tanglewood is two weekends from now - Sept 6 and 7. Volunteers can contact John or contact the main ham coordinator Tom at his e-mail address KF4JZD@bellsouth.net. John also mentioned the weather with more tropical storms active and some significant rain from the remains of Fran that passed through the area today. Keep up on the approaching storms and keep your equipment and go bag ready just in case.
Formal Session - 15 minutes. Informal Session = 15. Total time - 30 minutes.

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Bryan Jones WD4EQM has his entire station for sale including a Yaesu FT901 and Rohn 25 tower. Contact Bryan at 765-0566 for more details.

ICOM 765 - Steve K5PK has an ICOM - 765 160 thru 10 meter HF transceiver and companion ICOM SM-8 desktop microphone for sale. He can be reached T5z4@aol.com or (336)655-0118

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