Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc.
Newsletter
OUR 84TH YEAR!
Founded December 30, 1930
January, 2015
December, 2014

November Program
RILEY HOLLINGSWORTH!!

By Terry, AK4D & Don, WS4NC

We were honored to have Retired FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth visit FARC in November. He give a super speech full of anecdotes and stories, both insightful and many times humorous, on his experiences while working at the FCC. More importantly, Riley give his insights and advice on the health of amateur radio, how to make it better, things that need doing, things that should not be done and finally gave praise to those that have fostered new hams and the hobby over the years and in so many ways. Riley stated that he was pleased with the increase in the amateur radio population in the United States, with newer people coming into the hobby with many of them young and with the way that Amateur Radio is progressing in many ways. He also talked about HR4969, the Amateur Radio Parity Act and the importance of this legislation.

For several years due to budget cuts, the FCC had stopped enforcing the long standing rules that had evolved since the early days of amateur radio. Unfortunately, amateur radio does not have the market cornered on rude and stupid people, but sometimes it seemed that way since any loud-mouth could be heard across much of the planet. Something had to be done in FCC enforcement and Riley was the right man in the right place at the right time. He saw where he could make a difference in meaningful enforcement actions and making amateur radio better. He brought the lack of enforcement situation to the attentions of his supervisors at the FCC. In a speech one year at the Dayton Hamfest, Riley pointed out that you should not point out a problem at work unless you want to be the person put in charge of fixing it!!! The rest is history. He took charge in making things happen and our hobby is so much the better for his care and positive actions.

There are still some hams that have remained rude and crude on some of the bands and sometimes at certain frequencies, ie, 14.312+/-. They are being corralled. One of his important recommend-dations: Today, when you hear one of those rude and stupid people on one of the ham bands today, he said to just ignore those people, do not engage them. Period!!!

Years ago, we had conferred Life Membership on Riley, but we never had the opportunity to present a Life Membership certificate to him. Don Edwards, WS4NC, had the pleasure doing this after his presentation. In the nearly 83+ year history of the Club, only seven others had received Life Membership, an award given for service way above and beyond the call of duty to FARC and to the amateur radio community at large. Riley more than qualified!!!

Winston-Salem Hamfest – Jan. 10

Hamfest – noun. A swap meet for ham-radio enthusiasts. Word origin: from Ham+Festival. The early word is that it is will be dry and high in the low 40s.

Let's see. The FARC Hamfest is one of the first hamfests of the year. Hummn . . . how about Firstival? Or Frostival? Whatever we call it – it occurs on January 10 at Summitt School, just like previous years. And we want to see you there. A letter from David Shoaf, KC4X, our hamfest chairman:

Hello All and Happy Holidays,

Our First-Fest approaches and as always, help will be needed. Many of you helped in our 2014 effort and I hope you will be available to help this time around. We had one of our best First Fests in 2014.

Specific areas in need are:

1. Access and setup on Friday evening.

2. Parking lot....Members are reminded to park in the lot on the immediate right upon entering school property.

3. Ticket Sales.

4. Talk in.

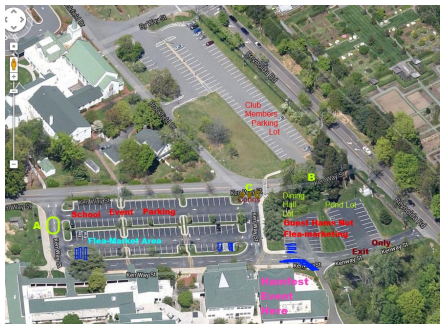
Since I am not active on 2 meters, others will have to put out the word to the Vagabond Net and the SCARS club. I am sure they will want to participate.

I am including the map plan we used last year and hope you will find it useful. It may need revision if I hear there are changes.

I would not presume to assign anyone to a task that you may have performed in the past. If you will be available to help, kindly shoot me an email and I will attempt to keep up.

I look forward to a great First Fest and hope you do as well. Please make every effort to greet every attendee and lets help each other pull this off one more time.

Happy New Year All
David, KC4X



December Meeting

Monday December 1, 2014.

Great fellowship and a good meal was enjoyed by all at the December meeting at River Ridge Tap House in Clemmons. Left John Kippe, K1PPE, was awarded Ham of the Year. John is always at every meeting and participates in almost every ARES event. For years (decades?) John has manned the ticket collection at every FARC Hamfest.

A rare distinction was awarded to Dale Mierisch, WB9SZL. Dale arrives early to every FARC meeting to administer FCC exams, and has been doing that every meeting for a long time. And for more years than I can remember Dale has taken care of FARC repeaters, through wind and snow and rain and yes, dark of night. Trips up to the top of the Baptist Hospital and to the top of Sauratown Mountain can take a toll over the years. Life Membership is a distinction that is only awarded by the board for exceptional service to FARC or to the ham community. We have awarded only 8 in 84 years.

January Program

Homebrew Show-&-Tell!

Our annual homebrew Show & Tell was been moved from November to January. Please bring any goodies you have built (or you may present for someone else). It doesn't have to have been done in 2014, it can be of any year. The point is to show off what can be done and possibly inspire others. And you get to *wallow* in the admiration of your fellow hams.

FARC 85th Birthday 12/30/2015

FARC's 84th birthday was December 30, 2014. Much has changed, including the name of the club. We changed our name from the Winston-Salem Amateur Radio Club to Forsyth Amateur Radio Club. How about some ideas for some kind of celebration?

ARES SIMPLEX SPRINT: Early Results

by Jim Mansfield WA4NOT
EC, Forsyth County ARES

As of this writing – 1940 ZULU, 25NOV14 – with 5 logs submitted, W4INT Brad, and KG4JWU are tied for the highest fixed station score, and with the same scoring combination. Each had 11 QSOs in 7 different ZIP codes using 5 watts or less for a power multiple of 4. Total score for each: 308.

KK4YWI Clyde leads the mobiles and has the highest overall score so far: 20 QSOs with 9 ZIP code / station combinations and a power multiple of 2 (26 – 50 watts). Total score: 360.

The 5 logs combined showed contacts with a total of 15 different call signs. That means at least 10 participants still have logs to submit. Keep those emails coming, or

bring your logs to the FARC Christmas party on Monday, December 1. Or use snail mail; my address is good in QRZ.

A complete list of scores and lessons learned from the Sprint will follow at the January Meeting.

FLASH or "THIS JUST IN" - Final scoring:

KC8OEX Terry jumps to first place overall with a corrected score of 540: 15 QSOs, 9 ZIP code / station combinations and a power multiple of 4 (5 watts or less). Scores listed above drop 1 place each overall, but KK4YWI still holds first place - mobile.

The high scorers are:
KC8OEX Terry Hendrix: First Place Overall and First Place fixed station
KK4YWI Clyde Alexander: Second Overall and First Place mobile
Tied for 3rd Overall: W4INT Brad Trogdon
KG4JWU Steven Mierisch
Other logs received: WA4NOT Jim Mansfield
KK4MOV Geoffrey Rudy
KK4ZHL Wayne Collins
The contacts listed in the received logs showed 14 other stations who participated, but didn't submit logs. I'll write up something for February thanking all involved.

Arduino Workshop

& Future Technical Saturday Workshops

By Bob, NC4RG

The class is going to be scheduled for the 24th of January.

What we are planning on doing is building the VFO box that Gene Bowman has built using most of the parts that we ordered. We are going to be ordering the last couple of parts, a box to install everything, a knob for the VFO knob, and the membrane keyboard and a power switch. Total for the additional parts will be no more than $15. Harold has graciously offered to do all the drilling for the project boxes, and eventually we will have nicely 3d printed knobs to spin the frequency control.

If possible please reply and let us know how many people are interested in building the box, and we'll make sure to have enough parts on hand for everyone.

This class will be slightly different in that we will be basically assembling the VFO, with the software already written (thanks Gene) and we will review the code at a high level, and if anyone wants to dig deeper we can do that in a smaller group, unless everyone wants to.

We will also be documenting the assembly, and making it available for anyone who wants to build one at a later date.

Thanks everyone! Bob, NC4RG

We have a number of projects on the list, including sweep generators and an SWR bridge. If you are not on the email list and want to be send an email to ws4nc <at> dwepe <dot> com. List of the Arduino group is:

Andrew, NC4AG; Bob, NC4RG; Don, WS4NC; Henry, W2DZO; Jerry, K4GW; Kip, K1PPE; Dan, KG4ECI; Geoff, KK4MOV; Steve, WA3RTC; Steve, KG4JWU; Dale, WB9SZL; Harold, N4HER; Ray, K4ZGV; Van, KC4WSK; Jim, W4UX; Carl, N4PAA; Gene, WB4MSG; Charlie, W4TMR; Randy, NC4RT; Jim, KV4SJ; Terry, K4D; David, N5WNB; Randy, NC4RT , William Harmonic-W2DZO, Sam KG6OAR

FCC Exams and FARC Membership

73, Dale Mierisch, WB9SZL
VEC Session Manager

To those who took an exam before the November FARC allow me to offer all of you a hearty congratulations on your Amateur
License's and Upgrades:

WILL CLARKE KM4EZI
CAMELLE KOCH KM4FUI
JOSEPH H BAUGUESS KM4EJP
GARRETT R ZEDLAR KM4FUJ
ANDRE S MAIKOO KM4ECV

I look forward to chatting with each of you on the air.

For non-FARC members, if you took an FCC exam, either for a new license or an upgrade, you should have an attachment to your email for a free membership in FARC. Mark the form "New Ham-TestDate" Once the form is completed, please scan and email to me.

Exams are offered before the FARC and start at 6:15 PM in room 109 at the Red Cross building. Pre-registration is strongly suggested at info <at> w4nc <dot> com. We try to accommodate walk-ins if we can. Our biggest challenge continues to be convincing Upgrade candidates to bring a **copy** of their license to exam sessions. A copy of your license must accompany the application to the FCC. Any missing copy unfortunately delays the entire license process for all candidates. Pre-registration is strongly suggested at info <at> w4nc <dot> com. We try to accommodate walk-ins if we can. Bring your original license, if you have one, two forms of ID, $12.00, and for License Upgrades, please assure:

1. That you bring your original license for viewing ·AND

2. **That you provide a "Required" copy of your license and successful completion forms (CSCE's - if any) to accompany your FCC Upgrade application.** Please try to have those copies with you upon arrival.

Exams at held at the general club meeting on second Mondays

Amazon Smile Program

Do you buy stuff from Amazon? If you do there is a way for FARC to earn a little money here. Go to the Amazon Smile link below and register and select Forsyth Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases to FARC. It costs you nothing more, but it benefits the club. Any thing you order has to be ordered from the Amazon Smile link – if, after you register, you forget to order through the smile program it will usually remind you. Again it costs you nothing more. Amazon is supporting legal 501c(3) organizations through this program. Thanks to Raja, KB6MTH for pointing this out.

www.smile.amazon.com

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Meeting—10 November 2014

By Terry Brown, AK4D,
Secretary, Forsyth Amateur Radio Club

1. Call to Order and Welcome: Meeting was called to order by President Jerry Minor, K4GW, at 1918 hours and welcomed FARC members and many visitors to the meeting, approximately 50 total.

2. Announcements/Club Business:

a. Treasurers Report: Henry Heidtmann stated that the club balance was $2486.64 and all major bills had been paid.

b. Reminder of the FARC December Holiday Dinner Meeting: Henry also reminded everyone of the 1 December FARC Holiday Dinner Meeting at the River Rdige Tap House (Old Big Shotz) in Clemmons.

c. Nomination Committee Actions: David Shoaf, Chairman of the Nomination Committee for FARC officers for the 2015 calendar year, filled everyone in on actions of the committee. He opened the floor for any nominations for the office of President, Vice-President and Secretary. No floor nominations were made. David then stated that existing officers had agreed to continue for another year if needed. A motion was made, seconded and agreed, continuing the 2014 officers into 2015.

d. Repeater Status and Revised Repair Amount: Dale Mierisch stated that all three club repeaters were operational. However, Echolink was only functional on the 145.470 repeater. Efforts were continuing to get Echolink functional on the 146.640 repeater. Dale stated that the work on the Sauratown Mountain repeater will be postponed until the following spring, perhaps as early as March.

e. VE Test Session Report: Dale Mierisch thanked the VE's who helped with the test session prior to the club meeting, Jim Mansfield, John Kippee and Mike Aiken. Dale stated that five test takers had success. There were two new Technician licenses (Camelle Koch-KM4FUI, Garrett R. Zedlar-KM4FUJ), two upgrades to General (Will Clarke—KM4EZI and Joseph H. Bauguess—KM4EJP) and one upgrade to Extra (Andre S. Maikoo-KM4ECV).

g. Arduino Class: Bob Gusek thanked everyone of attending the prior Arduino class and stated that everyone was welcome to attend the next session scheduled for 22 November. The majority of arduino parts ordered had come in.

h. Firstfest Hamfest: David Shoaf reminded everyone that the Firstfest Hamfest was coming up soon and that he would need everyone's help to make this one a success and better than last years hamfest.

i. ARES Report: Jim Mansfield informed everyone about a meeting on18 November of the County Crisis Communications Teams, including ARES. He would be attending the meeting as well as Eric Bowen. Jim will pass on information gained at this meeting to FARC. Jim also reminded everyone about the 2 meter simplex sprint contest on 22 November. Info had been emailed out on this. He encouraged everyone to participate.

j. FARC Business Meeting: Bob Gusak reminded everyone about the FARC business meeting held next Monday at Oscars BBQ.

3. Presentation By Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH: Terry Brown read a bio of Riley Hollingsworth, retired Special Counsel with the FCC's Enforcement Bureau and managed interference resolution programs in the Land Mobile and Public Safety services. Mr. Hollingsworth talked and answered questions for approximately 45 minutes. His talk covered the FCC website info, compliance issues, enforcement actions, concerns about operators on 75 meters and on the 14.313 MHz frequency, things new operators can do to make ham radio better, tech breakthroughs, public service, keeping everyone active, praised older generations for leading amateur

radio, interference from broadband over power lines (BPL) and the ARRL timeline publication. At the end of Riley Hollingsworth's talk, Don Edwards presented him with a framed FARC life membership certificate.

4. Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2035 hours.

5. Meeting Attendees: The names of the meeting attendees who signed the attendance list follow:
Don Edwards-WS4NC; David Ramsey-KJ4OIL; Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV; Steve Patterson-WA3RTC; Van Key-KC4WSK; Andrew Gusek-NC4AG; Bob Gusek-NC4RG; Jim Mansfield-WA4NOT; David Shoaf-KC4X; Terry Brown-AK4D; Steven Mierisch-KG4JWU; Randy Tompson-NC4RT; Mike Atkins; N4VE; John Kippee-K1PPE; Dale Mierisch-WB9SZL; Jerry Minor-K4GW; Phil Nunn-KD4JZZ; Raymond Taber-WX5AAA; Judson Davis-KG4OHQ; Neal Pruitt-WD4LSS; Geoff Rudy-KK4MOV; John Sherrer-KI4ARK; Raja Chatterjee-KB6MTH; Bill Starkey-N4WWS; Bruce Bailiff-WB4QCM; David Macchiarolo-AJ4TF; Troy Brown-K4OBI; Michelle McClure-K4DAM; Dennis McClure-N4DSM; Ken Wilkins-K4KWC; Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO; Mike Mahan-KB4WJA; Fred Horton-NA4P; Ed Needham-AF4XC; Jim Register-KV4SJ; Subhash Gedam-KG6OAR; and Gary Miller-WA4VMC.

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Business Meeting—17 November 2014

By Terry Brown, AK4D,
Secretary, Forsyth Amateur Radio Club

1. Attendees: Fifteen attendees: Jerry Minor-K4GW, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Bob Gusek-NC4RC, Andrew Gusek-NC4AG, John Kippee-N0KTY, Jim Atkins-W4UG, Steven Mierisch-KG4JWU, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, Raymond Taber-WX5AAA, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC and Jim Register-KV4SJ.

2. Call to Order: Meeting, at Oscar's Grill, 3348 Robinhood Road, Winston-Salem, was called to order by Vice-President Jim Atkins at 1938 hours.

3. Treasurer Report: Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, FARC Treasurer stated that a club balance of $2486.64.

4. Meeting Topics:

a. **Future Meeting Topics:**

December: FARC Annual Holiday dinner to be held on the first Monday of December in lieu of the normal second Monday due to scheduling at the restaurant. The dinner meeting reservation at the River Ridge Taphouse was confirmed, starting at 1830 and dinner at 1900 hours. Don Edwards will assemble a photo slide show. Henry Heidtmann will assemble the annual financial statement and will do a presentation of deposits and expenditures over 2014.

January 2105: Homebrew

b. **Future FARC Shack and Meeting Location:** Discussion continued on possible buildings to move the FARC club shack and meeting location to IF the current Red Cross function was moved to another area and building abandoned. A committee will be formed to look at potential locations and a list of items that need addressing. It was emphasized that we are a critical communications group for emergencies and this needs to be stressed in our look for a new location. Needed is discussion and coordination with Forsyth County EMC.

c. **Recording of November Meeting:** The audio file of the November meeting presentation by Riley Hollingsworth will be put on the FARC website.

d. **Sauratown Mountain Repairs:** Discussion was held on whether to order the Sauratown Mountain repeater antenna now and store it until installation in spring 2015 or to order the antenna when we can install it. A call to the antenna vendor is needed to see if the price will increase now or will remain the same. If the antenna is ordered now, where will it be stored?

e. **Firstfest:** Firstfest will be held on 10 January 2015 before the January meeting held on the second Monday, the 12th. Organization and planning for Firstfest will be a critical item in the December Business Meeting held 15 December.

f. **Greetings Committee:** A greetings committee will be formed to greet visitors at club meetings.

g. **Club Seal:** Henry Heidtmann will get a seal for FARC documents.

h. **Field Day Standing:** FARC came in second place in the 9A category in this years Field Day.

5. Meeting Adjournment: Motion was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2022 hours.

Minutes of the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Business Meeting—15 December 2014

By Terry Brown, AK4D,
Secretary, Forsyth Amateur Radio Club

1. Attendees: Thirteen attendees: Jerry Minor-K4GW, Terry Brown-AK4D, Don Edwards-WS4NC, Henry Heidtmann-W2DZO, Bob Gusek-NC4RC, Andrew Gusek-NC4AG, John Kippee-N0KTY, Jim Atkins-W4UG, Harold Richardson-N4HER, Gene Bowman-WB4MSG, Doc Holliday-WB4QIZ, Steve Patterson-WA3RTC and Mike Atkins-N4VE.

2. Call to Order: Meeting, at Oscar's Grill, 3348 Robinhood Road, Winston-Salem, was called to order by Vice-President Jim Atkins at 1939 hours.

3. Meeting Topics:

a. **Future Meeting Topics:** The need for a trained spotter class in 2015 was expressed. Terry Brown stated that he would contact the Raleigh NWS to explore this.

January: The first club meeting of the year will be Homebrew.

February: Possibility of a Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) presentation by K4NWJ, Nathan Jackson.

b. Red Cross Restructure: Jerry Minor gave information on the Red Cross restructuring. In North Carolina, the Red Cross reportedly will be divided into an east section with 53 counties and a west section with the remaining 47 counties. Several positions within the Red Cross had been either eliminated, moved or combined. Additionally, there is a possibility that some Red Cross building locations could be moved into a single location. Jerry stated he would call Jennifer Franklin with the Red Cross to find out what this means with the building where we meet and where our shack is located. Follow-up Note: Jerry received an email from Edward Runte, Chief Administrative Officer with the NC Red Cross stating that the Red Cross has no plans to close "our" building in the immediate future.

c. FARC Firstfest Hamfest: The FARC Firstfest hamfest will be held on 10 January at Summit School. Jerry Minor stated that David Shoaf will be again be the event organizer but was sick tonight and could not attend the meeting. David will be contacting club members after Christmas Day and will get the hamfest organized and work slots filled. Although an ARRL sanctioned hamfest, John Kippee mentioned that Firstfest was not listed in QST. Jim Adkins stated that Firstfest is in the ARRL online calendar. Discussion was made on the time lead needed (about six months) needed to ensure that a hamfest will be in the published QST hamfest calendar and the need for a club member to do this. Jim Adkins had contacted ARRL and had received the ARRL sanction package. In future years, the FARC President or Vice-President will contact the ARRL in January to schedule the June (current year) and January (following year) hamfest dates to ensure that both the January and June hamfests will be published in QST. Don Edwards stated that he will send out an email possibly also with the January club newsletter reminding everyone of the Firstfest Hamfest.

d. FARC Club Seal: Discussion was held on getting a club seal. It is needed primarily for some documentation, typically presentation documents.

e. NC QSO Party: Henry Heidtmann read a letter he received from RARS on the 2015 NC QSO Party asking if FARC wanted to support a contest reward costing $45. Motion was made Bob Gusek to do this, seconded and passed.

f. Arduino Class: Bob Gusek stated that next Arduino class will be on 24 January, location to be announced, possibly at Don Edwards new office building. Harold Richardson mentioned the cost of parts for the class, cost reduced if a large order is made.

g. Field Day: Henry Heidtmann asked if Hobby Park will be needed for the 2015 Field Day. Answer was yes and Henry will acquire needed permits.

h. FARC Holiday Party 2015: Henry will call and reserve the River Ridge Taphouse side meeting room for the second Monday in December 2015 for the holiday party.

i. IRS Filings: Henry announced that as club treasurer, he is ready to do the 501(c)3 IRS filings.

j. Membership Renewal Notices: Terry will be sending out about 300 membership renewal notices. Estimated cost will be approximately $200 to $250. Don Edwards will help with organizational and printing efforts.

k. FARC Club Hisory: Jerry mentioned the need for a meeting on club history. This needs to be further

explored and some of the older members contacted for info.

4. Meeting Adjournment: Motion was made, seconded and meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.

Gene Bowman WB4MSG

Grand-Harmonic Joshua Zachery Knight

Joshua Zachery Knight was born 10/18/2014 around 3:30 AM, 6 pounds 13 oz (If I remember correctly). 10 toes and 10 fingers! Both Mama Genia and baby are fine, and proud! JayZ (couldn't resist) apparently can really rock a bow tie!

Contests

By Don WS4NC

Wondering about when the next Contest is happening? This is a contest list courtesy of PVRC that lists the major upcoming contests. Even if you are not "into" the contesting thing, operating during one contest is a great way to secure the 100 countries for DXCC in international contests or the 50 states for WAS in a US Contest.

Contest Name	Start Date*	End Date*	Log Due Date*
ARRL RTTY Round Up	1/3/2015	2015-01-04	2015-02-05
NA QSO Party - January CW	1/10/2015	2015-01-11	2015-01-18
NA QSO Party - January SSB	1/17/2015	2015-01-18	2015-01-25
ARRL January VHF	1/17/2015	2015-01-19	2015-02-18
CQ160 CW	1/23/2015	2015-01-25	2015-01-30
CQ WPX RTTY	2/14/2015	2015-02-15	2015-02-20
ARRL DX CW	2/21/2015	2015-02-22	2015-03-23
CQ160 SSB	2/27/2015	2015-03-01	2015-03-06
NA QSO Party - February RTTY	2/28/2015	2015-03-01	2015-03-08
ARRL DX SSB	3/7/2015	2015-03-08	2015-04-07
Russian Dx Contest	3/21/2015	2015-03-22	2015-04-06
CQ WPX SSB	3/28/2015	2015-03-29	2015-04-03
CQ WPX CW	5/30/2015	2015-05-31	2015-06-05
ARRL June VHF	6/13/2015	2015-06-15	2015-07-14

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Member Spotlight

by Terry Brown, AK4D

I would like to do a spotlight article on a Forsyth Amateur Club Member each month. Each article would focus on the members interests, knowledge and maybe a picture of his or her hamshack-fancy or simple, hamshack maybe only being a mobile installation. It is hoped that these member spotlights will provide info that may help another club member with a contact to help with a problem, info on how to do an installation or just provide some inspiration to try a new facet of amateur radio. More importantly, this is just a great opportunity to get to know each other better.

To make this effort move forward a tad easier, I need one, two or more of you to volunteer to be interviewed. Interested? I hope so!! Contact me at ak4d <at> outlook <dot> com.

2014 ARRL Field Day

Field Day results are in. FARC was second in Category 9A and the score was very close only 74 points. Way to go guys! Displaying entries for Category 9A, top five entries:

#	Call	Score	QSOs	Power Mult	GOTA Call	Section	Participants	Club
1	W4B	4,482	835	2	W4SVI	SFL	30	
2	W4NC	4,408	1,069	2	W4WS	NC	43	Forsyth ARC
3	K6MEP	3,100	716	2		SB	17	Ventura Cty ARC
4	K8BMI	2,286	323	2		MI	20	Barry Cty ARC
5	W6ERE	1,996	393	2	K6JRO	SJV	27	Stanislaus ARA

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by Bob Gates, KJ4IC
Senior NJ Newsletter Correspondent

"It's too soon." This was 11/13/2014 in NJ.

Amateur Radio Parity Act - End of Year Status

by Terry Brown, AK4D

The 113th Congress adjourned in December and HR4969--The Amateur Radio Parity Act had gained momentum, but was not across the finish line. The good news is that before the final gavel sounded, more members of the House of Representatives were stepping up to sign-on as co-sponsors. As of December 11, 70 Representatives had signed on in support of the bill, representing bipartisan support, 44 Republicans and 26 Democrats. Of these original 70 signers, seven retired and two lost in reelection. But a large majority of the 70 supporters return in January giving a good base on which to grow.

According to ARRL Chief Executive Officer Dave Sumner, K1ZZ, HR4969 is expected to be reintroduced with a new bill number when the 114th Congress convenes in January. He also added that the ARRL had hoped to gain in 2014 a total of 30 co-sponsors for the bill but ultimately ended up with 69, plus the sponsor.

The ARRL reports that the objective in 2015 is to continue the momentum for the Amateur Radio Parity Act, getting enough support to move the bill through the Energy & Commerce Committee. From a grassroots level, this means that the efforts and the thousands of letters and phone calls made to elected representatives in support of HR4969 in 2014 need to start again in 2015 to ensure the success of the Amateur Radio Parity Act. In the words of ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, in an ARRL press release, "The success of this crucial issue relies on the efforts of *all* radio amateurs and ARRL members,".

Reportedly, interest has also been expressed from the Senate side and there are hopes of having the bill introduced there as well.

Diddle-De-Dah-De-Don

By Don WS4NC
Newsletter Editor

OK – just couldn't get the December issue out in time so all the articles were moved over into the January, 2015 edition. Hope to see everyone at the Hamfest January 10 and at the January 12 meeting. Due to Oscar's Grill closing on Monday we will no longer have *business* meetings there on Mondays. Exactly where (or when) we will do our business meetings has not been settled yet. It seems ridiculously hard to find a restaurant with a quiet room for meetings. Two options are being considered, we may move 3rd Mondays business meetings to another night or we may move to another location. The main meeting will always be 2nd Mondays at the Red Cross. See you at the Hamfest! Then again Jan 12!

73, Don WS4NC

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club Membership/Renewal Form 2015

CALLSIGN | **BIRTHDAY** (MMDDYY) | FIRST NAME & MI | LAST NAME

ADDRESS

********* EMAIL ADDRESS*************

CITY | STATE | ZIP | +4 | (YES) (NO) ARRL MEMBER? | (YES) (NO) ARES MEMBER? | (EMAIL ONLY **) **NEWSLETTER BY**

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WE NEED PHONE NUMBERS FOR EMERGENCIES AND MEMBER DIRECTORY

HAM FAMILY MEMBER 1 (OR ADDRESS LINE 2) | CALLSIGN

HAM FAMILY MEMBER 2 (OR ADDRESS LINE 3) | CALLSIGN

Family members must be licensed hams.

CHECK THE INTEREST GROUPS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE. SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME.

DUES EXPIRE IN DECEMBER

1. FULL TIME STUDENT OR OVER 65 $12.00 SKIP TO #3 _____
2. REGULAR DUES $24.00 _____
3. FAMILY MEMBERS Now FREE! ____FREE___
4. DONATION _____

TOTAL _____

1st line is CALLSIGN **– BIRTHDAY** – FIRSTNAME - LAST NAME.

2nd line is STREET ADDRESS then **EMAIL ADDRESS**. **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 digital 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.

73, Don WS4NC and Terry, AK4D--FARC Secretary

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We are trying to set up interest groups for FARC. This is in early stages but we plan to have email lists and possibly meeting groups like the Arduino class. Check off any that interest you - and please offer suggestions if you see something missing.

( ) CW	( ) FARC Board/Business	( ) SWL
( ) Digital	( ) microwaves	( ) Microwaves
( ) Foxhunts	( ) Science discussion Group	( ) Test Equipment
( ) Arduino	( ) EME	( ) QRP
( ) HF Contests	( ) Satellite	( ) Building (other than QRP)
( ) VHF Contests	( ) Emergency Comm.	( ) _____
( ) ARES	( ) Public Service	( ) _____