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**The President's Corner: Van N4ERM**

**Boy, did it rain!**

Looks like we dodged the bullet with Hurricane Joaquin, but it sure did rain! I hope you all had a good book or some indoor projects lined up to keep you occupied. Our friends in South Carolina did not fare as well as most of us did. The scenes of flooding and destruction are unreal. Sections of Interstate Highway 95 were closed for days. Railroad service has still not been restored. Disasters like this remind us that we need to, as the Boy Scouts say: "Be prepared!"

**Speaking of the Boy Scouts...**

The 2015 Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) is on Saturday, 17 October 2015. The CFARS folks who worked last year's JOTA did a super job. Scouts got to chat with other Scouts and other hams from all around the country. A call was put out to lead our participation in JOTA. This year **Bob WA4WHV**, volunteered to head up our CFARS efforts, but he'll have to rely on some of the JOTA "old hands" such as **Bonne KF4LVF**, **Harold KF4IUV**, **Dale AK4YS**, **Bill KJ4OFD**, **Tripp KJ4BKD**, **Bill N3GTY** or **Kelly N4EWG**. Please volunteer to lend him a hand... or your radio, antenna, power supply, etc.

**Busy Weekend**

Sharing the same weekend with the JOTA is the Ten-Ten Fall CW Contest. For the past few decades, our Possum Trot Chapter of Ten-Ten has been the First-Place Chapter ninety percent of the time. Please do yourself and our Possum Trot Chapter a favor and make some contacts during the event. Help the Possum Trotters win again. During the same weekend, the Multiple Sclerosis Society will have its Bike MS: Breakaway to the Beach event in and around Sunset Beach, NC. The Sea Trail Resort in Sunset Beach is the focal point for the event. The MS Society is looking for Hams to position at various checkpoints and to ride in their SAG wagons. If you can, please support this fine operation. Google **2015 MS Bike Breakaway to the Beach** for details.

**Net Participation**

Those of us who check into our local nets and monitor our local repeaters can tell that net participation and repeater activity is low. Maybe it's just a seasonal thing. Any ideas?

**Benson JARSFEST**

The Benson Hamfest (or JARSFest) is on Sunday, 15 November 2015. CFARS has reserved two tables inside the building. If you've got ham stuff you'd like to exchange for cash or other ham stuff, feel free to bring the stuff to our tables.

**73 de Van N4ERM**

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**Club Repeaters**

(PL 100 Hz)

**K4MN**  
 2 m 146.910/146.310  
 70 cm 444.400/449.400

**K4MN**  
 6 m 53.810/52.810

**WA4FLR**  
 2 m 147.330/147.930

**Club Membership**

**Dues**

CFARS club membership dues are due and payable in January each year. CFARS does offer you the option to pay your dues no later than March. Yearly dues are \$15.00. CFARS offers a lifetime membership option for \$150.00. If your dues are not paid by March you will not be a voting member of the club. The newsletter is part of your club membership. The right to vote on issues for the club also comes with membership.



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CFARS Club Patches are available for purchase. Contact **Chuck KJ4RV** for your patch today!



## September 2015 Club Meeting Minutes

On September 21st the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by **Van N4ERM**. The meeting was held in Room 219 of the Science Building at Methodist University. **Van N4ERM** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Gene N4ANV** led the invocation. **Van N4ERM** led the introductions in the normal CFARS style.

A motion was made by **Jim KI4YRH**, seconded by **Bonnie KF4LVF**, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. By vote the motion carried.



### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Treasurer:** **Chuck KJ4RV** gave the treasurer's report. The club is still solvent.

**Repeater:** **Bill KU4W** told the club the repeaters were operational! The next 10-10 contest will be held in November..

**Net Manager:** **Chuck KJ4RV** gave the Net Manager's report. He reminded all that these were our repeaters and everyone should use them. **Kelly N4EWG** asked that someone help out by taking the Tuesday Possum Trot net.

**Membership:** **Chuck KJ4RV** presented a lifetime membership certificate to **Steve KI4EZL**.

**Health & Welfare:** **Pat N4UGH's** house was hit by lightning and there was extensive damage to the ceiling and water damage to most of the house. She hopes to be back in the house in December.

**Swapfest:** No report.

**VE Testing:** **Pat N4UGH** spoke of the last VE testing session and that we had several new hams.

**Field Day:** **Dale AK4YS** said the Field Day scores had not yet been posted but they should be out soon.

**Old Business:** **Van N4ERM** went to the Shelby Hamfest. He sold much of the club's equipment, sold an amplifier and picked up a TS140S which went to new ham **Grason** as a loaner until he could purchase his own. **Van N4ERM** mentioned our need for someone to take the job of Emergency Coordinator.

**Bill KU4W** reminded us that the 10-10 sprint is coming October 10<sup>th</sup>. So tune up your radios and let's be #1. **Kelly N4ERM** sent a list of the usual suspects checking into our nets to all the net controls and will send a new list without non-club members removed. He also asked for volunteers to take the Tuesday Possum Trot net control. **Van N4ERM**, spoke briefly about Go Kits. They are still in the discussion phase.

**New Business:** **Van N4ERM** told us he saw copies of various Ham Radio related magazines with the members name blocked out, and a label put in its place pointing them to the club website. If you have any magazines you would like to donated, bring them. Place them in Doctors offices, Dentist Offices and other places where people have time to read. Replace the label and point them to the club website at [www.cfarsnc.org](http://www.cfarsnc.org). **Gene N4ANV** will honcho the committee and **Bill KU4W** volunteered to assist him.

**Leighton KN4ZZ** made a motion, seconded by **Dale AK4YS** to accept their service. By vote the motion carried. **Jackie KJ4XK** thanked all the members for their assistance and prayers, and their support in purchasing **Don's KI4ZL (SK)** equipment. She made a presentation to the club in the amount of \$300.00. Thanks **Jackie!** The club now has a trailer mounted antenna which was donated by **Reggie KK4NJC**. It needs some TLC, and is currently parked at the Cumberland County Shrine Club.

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There was some discussion of possibly putting a hex beam antenna in place and using it.

**PROGRAM:** Dale AK4YS introduced Jim KI4YRH who showed pictures from *Field Day* held last June. He also mentioned *Parks on the Air*. Van N4ERM told us there were 41 state parks in North Carolina. He has activated many of them and was planning to do more.

Jim KI4YRH reminded us that the December eating meeting was coming up. He asked if the Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse where we met at last year was acceptable. He would make arrangements for this year. Van N4ERM reminded us to think of running for office and that we need to get up a slate of officers for next year.

A motion was made by Jim KI4YRH, seconded by Kelly N4EWG, to adjourn the meeting. By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Our next meeting will on October 19th!

### The FCC Is Now PAPERLESS!



The ARRL VEC reminds amateur radio license applicants that the FCC no longer routinely prints or mails license documents. This was done to streamline procedures and save money. However, there are still ways that licensed Hams can obtain an Official license document from the FCC. For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-vecreminds-license-applicants-the-fcc-isnow-paperless> .

### 2015 Jamboree on the Air Boy Scouts of America

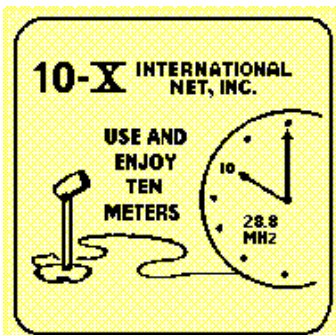


The Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA) is an annual Scouting event where amateur radio links Scouts together around the world. JOTA will be held October 16 – 18, 2015.

JOTA is open to Scouts of all ages from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. Scouts will have the opportunity to talk to other Scouts around the world and in other countries. Any mode available to amateur radio can be used during JOTA. Scouts should exchange their name, QTH, Scout Rank, age, hobbies and any other interesting

information. The World Scout Bureau reported that the 2014 JOTA had more than 1 million Scout participants from more than 11,500 stations, nearly 20,000 amateur radio operators, and reached 157 countries. Contact **Bob WA4WHV** to help out!!!!

### Ten-Ten Fall Digital Contest



The Ten Ten International Fall Digital Contest is the weekend of November 14 and 15. The contest starts at 0001utc Saturday or 7:00 pm Friday and runs through 2359 or 7:00 local time Sunday. All times must be in utc or zulu time on the logs. We are hoping for a good band for the contest and look forward to seeing a bunch of the group on Ten so we can be competitive. For further information call Bill, 875-4334.