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### **The President's Corner: Ron K4FET**

Another one bites the dust. Seems like it has been a long month. A lot of activity, we wrapped up the NCQSO Party, mixed reviews on the scoring, and I guess the bottom line is that it is what it was. Nuff said, I have a suspicion that CFARS will be a formidable opponent for next years NCQSO Party.

We just wrapped up the SP DX CONTEST 2021 where the DX QSO's with Poland were off the charts. Between George, KM4ODS on SSB and me on CW we logged in a decent percentage of the Polish HAM community. Well, not really, but we both did very well. Hopefully other CFARS members jumped on the band wagon and added to their DX QSO count. Just maybe we need a way to track results on such events just to keep us informed on what we are doing as a club, realizing it was an individual effort it would still be good to track.

We are all looking forward to an in person CFARS club meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, at the Cumberland County Shrine Club. We finally get to see each other. Seems like it has been forever since that happened. I want to encourage maximum attendance at the meeting, as I am sure all will have a lot of input. And that brings me to our next issue. For a multitude of reasons our Coordinators have a low attendance at the monthly meetings, be it in person or on the air. Being a realist I understand that it is not always feasible or possible to lock into a specific date in the future for whatever reason. To fill in the holes, I would appreciate it if you are a Coordinator and you foresee a situation where you can't make the meeting I would appreciate it if you would email me at [r.dahle@yahoo.com](mailto:r.dahle@yahoo.com) with a brief synopsis of what is going on in your area of interest, enabling me to cover it at the meeting. That should cover all bases.

It is time to start planning for this year's Field Day which will be upon us on the last full weekend in June. It is pretty much a cut and dry operation, as each discipline is relatively independent and staffed with competent operators. The major issue is a site to set up. A couple of sites are being considered. As soon as we narrow it down a bit we will assemble the mission functionaries to make the final selection. I am sure George, KM4ODS, will be addressing it soon.

I currently have one of those situations where I have an extremely close friend who is going through the process of dying and because I am who I am, a lot of my time is being diverted to caring for him. His mobility is very compromised, to the point his wife cannot help him ambulate. I am rapidly becoming his secondary caretaker to assist both of them.

And that just about wraps up my comments for the newsletter. Hoping to see all at the monthly meeting.

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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 right to vote on issues for the club comes with club membership. PO Box 36106, Fayetteville, NC 28303



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### March 2021 Club Meeting Minutes

The March monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held on the air on the 2m repeater Monday Evening, February 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm. President Ron K4FET took check-ins and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Paul K4PGM gave the invocation.

Corrections to the minutes of last month's meeting: Doug AI4EW won the DMR radio for the Winter Field Day contest. Chuck KJ4RV moved to accept the

minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marty W4MLW and the minutes were accepted as corrected.



#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Chuck KJ4RV gave the Treasurer's report. We had money, we made money, we didn't spend no money, we got more money left. He reported we had 3 new life members: Steve W4SMD, Jeremy KN4JUY and Tim K4SHF.

**Net Manager:** Chuck KJ4RV gave the Net Manager. Jan - 924 check-ins 29.9/net. Traffic 32. Time 1272 min (41 min/net). Feb - 814 check-ins 29.0/net. Traffic 29. Time 1154 min (41.6 min/net). Let's keep the repeaters busy, thanks all for the effort and time to keep them that way. Paul K4PGM reported on the DMR nets: Jan - 29 check-ins 102 minutes (5.8 min/net). Feb - 31 check-ins 92 minutes (6.3 min/net)

**Health & Welfare:** No report.

**Repeater:** Repeater trustees were notably unavailable, the repeaters are up, the 6m repeater is still a work-in-progress.

**Membership:** David KI4W reported on membership. Keep your contact information current. Dues are payable now, get them in before March 31 or you will be dropped. Currently we have 125 members.

**10-10 Nets:** George KM4ODS reported on the 10-10 activities. The 10-10 nets are on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and need participation. 8:00 pm. Winter Field Day results should be reported by end of March or early April. NC QSO party results are being appealed to the Board of Directors or RARS Wednesday evening. Inter-Club results: David KI4W for CW; Fred K4ZCG for Digital; Dom K4DOM for Mobile; Chuck KJ4RV for Most States. Next Contest: 10-10 Digital end of April

**Field Day:** George KM4ODS reminded all that Winter Field Day logs are to be in by March 1. Send them to George. There were 12 logs turned in, a drawing was held for those who qualified. Doug AI4FW won a new in the box DMR radio, and Steve KI4EZL won a \$50.00 ARRL gift certificate.

**Swapfest:** David KI4W reminded all that our Swapfest will be August 14, 2021 at the Cumberland County Shrine Club, contact him for table reservations. The Shelby Hamfest is on for the Labor Day weekend.

**Emergency Coordinator:** No report.

**Public Relations:** Marty W4MLW reported not much happening in the Public Relations arena.

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**CFARS Reoccurring Nets**

Net	Day (s)	Time Local	Band / Frequency
Evening Net	Daily	1900	146.910 Repeater
Possum Trot	M-F	0500-0700	146.910 Repeater
ADY Net	M-F	0810	SSB 3.852
CW Fix Net	Tues/Thurs	0730	CW 3.555
PTN 10-10	Tues	2000	CW 28.150
PTN 10-10	Wed	2000	SSB 28.345
DMR Net	Sunday	2000	TGIF 910 Talk-group

**CFARS VE Testing**

The CFARS VE team will offer VE Testing in 2021.

Testing will be held at the following location:

Cumberland County Shrine Club  
 7040 Ramsey Street (US Hwy 401 N)  
 Fayetteville, NC 28311-9322

Testing Dates

June 12th                      August 14th  
 October 9th

Please note that if anyone wants to test, they will need to get a FRN number first.

**REMINDER: Exam Candidates are REQUIRED to register in the FCC CORES system and receive a Federal Registration Number (FRN) before exam day. Direct candidates to the FCC CORES User Account and Registration page: <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/user>**

**CONTEST CORNER**

10-10 Spring Digital  
 0001Z April 24 to 2359Z April 25

Get ready for some PSK31 and FT8. 10 meters has been opening especially in the latter part of the afternoon over the past few weeks. So there's a good possibility we can do better than just local contacts during this contest. So refresh up on those digital settings and let's keep the PT Chapter number 1.



**CFARS April Meeting**

Don't forget to come out to the April CFARS meeting in person. It will be held at the Shrine Club on Ramsey Street. If you need help locating it just hop on the repeater and help should be available.

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**VE Testing:** Pat N4UGH was not present for the VE report. A VE Test session will be held at the Cumberland County Shrine Club on March 20, 2021 at 9:00.

**Newsletter:** Mike KN4XP was not present to report on the newsletter, he would appreciate any information/articles/tidbits/input/comments/criticism/repartee/kudos

**Website:** Steve KI4EZL reports good traffic on the website. Like Mike, Steve would appreciate things to post: pictures/photographs/slides/information/articles/items/tidbits/ BLT sandwiches...

**Possum Trot Net:** Ron K4FET reports that the Possum Trot Net is alive and well and averaging 42 - 53 check-ins per net. We can get them numbers up if all the Possums would roll out, get their radio and check-in and go back to sleep for a morning nap...

**Contesting:** No report.

**ARRL:** No report.

**Old Business:** Ryan KN4WNH not present to report on generator repairs. Van KG4HYJ not present to report on tower/hex beam.

**New Business:** Chuck KJ4RV reported new members Jeff Clark KO4NON and Logan Wyler KO4HRE. Ron K4FET said the next meeting would be in person at the Cumberland County Shrine Club next month (April 19). One topic will be a change of venue from Methodist University to the Cumberland County Shrine Club. A question came up as to "Why are the meetings at the end of the month?" Perry N4LBB pointed out that Mondays are typical National Holidays (observed) for time off...

**Program:** Nothing this evening. Hard to do PowerPoint presentation via radio...

**Announcements:** There was one announcement, a mea culpa by our fearless president Ron K4FET regarding complaints about the 10-10 net.

**Door Prize Drawing:** No drawing. Marty W4MLW is accepting items to be donated as door prizes.

Jim KJ4EMX moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul K4PGM and Ron K4FET closed the meeting at 7:43 pm and continued with the net – already in progress. The Net closed at 8:20 pm. We had 44 check-ins, 42 members and 2 guests.

Submitted:

Bill KJ4OFD

CFARS Recorder