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The President's Corner: Ron K4FET

Is it that time again? Seems like we just had a meeting, and here we are again. The holiday season is upon us in full scale. The counts on the club's two major nets, the CFARS Evening net, along with the Possum Trot net are testimony to that. The daily count on the Possum Trot net can be rather deceiving based on the mechanics of checking in. All check-ins are not equal, in that most check-ins are individual check-ins; however, several people have multiple check-ins and they can range from two people to five people. This can skew the apparent results dramatically. Several times this month we have had two check-ins which were triples, and one check-in that accounted for five individuals that failed to check-in. That resulted in an apparent loss of eleven people whereas, in reality, it was only a loss of three. That could shift the score from fifty to thirty-nine. That makes a difference in the overall perception of the performance of the net. Holiday seasons historically have had lower counts most of us realize that, and some try to make an issue out of it.

On to a different topic. Yesterday I was contacted by the Director of Communications Support for the annual CAN-AM dogsled race located in Fort Kent, Maine. Anyway, he and I were in contact two years ago about the possibility of several CFARS personnel supporting that endeavor. It never came to pass, as the race was canceled due to COVID. He asked if we still have any interest in lending support to the race. It would require a commitment of eleven to fourteen days most of which would be tied up in travel. Just mentioning it last night, I came up with three potential volunteers. Hopefully, we can come up with a couple more volunteers, and render the support needed. I am still waiting for a callback from Derrick, the POC at Fort Kent, which isn't as easy as one would expect until you realize there is very little cell phone coverage in that area, which limits contact time to when he is at home.

With luck, we will be able to send a crew there which will benefit all involved. We should know something by the Christmas dinner. Just got off a long phone call with Derrick. I will discuss the call with the other two that indicated they were interested. Basically, they, Maine, are not in a position to contribute anything to defray the expenses incurred by any volunteers. That is a decision the individual volunteers will have to make.

George posted on Facebook today the rules for the upcoming NC QSO Party. That is a decision we will have to make as a club. It is going to be held on February 27th and 28th. We need to digest the rules to see if it is something we are willing to do. Based on our treatment last year, understandably there is a wide range of emotions on this subject. The decision will have to be made at the January meeting.

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Another event we need to look at is Winter Field Day to be conducted from twenty-nine thru thirty January. Another topic for the January meeting.

Hopefully, everyone is on board for the December meeting/Christmas dinner on the 13th of December. Marty has a bumper crop of high-dollar raffle prizes. And it is a great opportunity to mingle with club members.

I talked with Marty concerning the Santa Clause Net. We are scheduling it for the evenings of the 22nd and 23rd of December. The Santa net will start immediately after the commencement of the CFARS two-meter evening net and will run until we run out of children.

And this dear hearts, about wraps the President's message up for this month. There is more that could be said but doesn't need to be said at this time.

73 de Ron K4FET

CFARS Nets

Net	Day (s)	Time Local	Band / Freq
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	Tuesday	2000	CW 28.150
PTN 10-10	Wed	2000	SSB 28.345
DMR Net	Sunday	2000	TGIF 910 Talkgroup

CFARS VE Testing

The CFARS VE team will offer VE Testing in 2022.

Testing will be held at the following location:

Cumberland County Shrine Club
7040 Ramsey Street (US Hwy 401 N)
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311

Testing Dates

January 8	August 13
March 19	October 8
August 13	

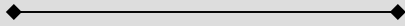
REMINDER: Exam candidates are REQUIRED to register in the FCC CORES system and receive a Federal Registration Number (FRN) before exam day. <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/user>

Upcoming Hamfests

March 12 - 13, 2022
Charlotte Hamfest
Concord, NC
charlottehamfest.org

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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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November 2021 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm Monday evening at the Peace Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC. President Ron K4FET called the meeting to order, welcomed all for coming, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Paul K4PGM gave the invocation, and Ron K4FET led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. We had 48 members and visitors present.



Ron K4FET asked if all had an opportunity to read the minutes of the last meeting, Van N4ERM and David KO4RKR moved the minutes be accepted as published and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: David KO4RKR gave the Treasurer's Report. We had money, We made money, We spent money, We have money left.

Net Manager: Larry N4USB gave the Net Manager Report.

Health & Welfare: Carl K4CFB reported no request for the Health & Welfare committee.

Repeater: Mike K4JWX reported the repeaters were all working, and is in process of scheduling cable installation for the repeaters and once these are done, connecting with the Carolina 440 net.

Membership: David KI4W reported we have no new members, the current member list is published on the CFARSSnc.org website, and the next year's dues of \$15.00 are due by the end of March.

Field Day/Contesting: George KM4ODS reported the Field Day results have been published at <https://contests.arrl.org/ContestResults/2021/Field-Day-2021-FinalLineScores.pdf> K4MN was 10th nationally and 1st in North Carolina. Great job folks!

Emergency Coordinator: David KN4USW was not present as the Emergency Coordinator and did not file a report.

Swapfest: David KI4W reminded all that our Swapfest would be on August 13, 2022 at the Cumberland County Shrine Club. He also reminded us that the annual JARSFEST is this weekend in Benson. We have four tables reserved and a lot of stuff to put on them for sale. See Marty W4MLW to bear a hand.

VE Coordinator: Jim KO4INQ reported the next VE Test Session would be January 8th at the Cumberland County Shrine Club.

Public Relations: Marty W4MLW had nothing to report on Public Relations, but did remind all that the annual Eatin' Meetin' will be Monday, December 13th and he needs your menu preference asap so he can put our orders in.

Newsletter: Mike KN4XP was not present to report on the newsletter. It is available on the cfarsnc.org website. Mike would appreciate any articles, information, pictures, input, etc. for publication in the newsletter.

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CFARS Website: Steve KI4EZL was not present to report on the website. It is available online at cfarsnc.org

Possum Trot Net: Ron K4FET reported that checkins for the Possum Trot net have fallen from 50+ checkins to mid 40's. The net is on the 2m repeater from 0500 to 0700 daily Monday thru Friday. George KM4ODS reported Possum Trot Chapter of the 10-10 Net came in 1st in the last CW contest and many of our members were among the top participants worldwide.

Old Business: Marty W4MLW Eatin' Meetin' next month Southern Coals Restaurant 3319 Raeford Rd, Suite C, Fayetteville, NC 28303-5390. Need to get your menu preferences to him by Wednesday to get the order in for the meeting.

New Business: David KI4W presented slate of officers for 2022. Recorder Bill KJ4OFD no more nominations, elected by acclamation. Secretary / Treasurer David KO4RKR no more nominations, elected by acclamation. Vice President George KM4ODS no more nominations, elected by acclamation. President Ron K4FET no more nominations, elected by acclamation.

Announcements: None.

Program: Ron K4FET and George KM4ODS talked about the Elmer program. A couple of prospective places for new members are Boy Scouts, POTA and SOTA. George KM4ODS has posted a list of CFARS equipment for sale. Get your selection to him by Wednesday with an offer if you want to purchase something from the list. It will be packed up Thursday to be offered for sale at the JARSFest in Benson on Saturday.

Door Prize Drawing: Marty W4MLW held the door prize drawing. They went as follows: Honey donated by Larry N4USB went to Greg K4TBC. Digital Alarm Clock donated by Jim KO4INQ went to Paul K4PGM. Wool Commando Sweater donated by Jim KO4INQ went to Nina KN4KUL. T-Shirt donated by Main Trading Co. went to Jeremy KN4JUY. Yaesu Hat donated by Main Trading Co. went to Jeff KO4NON. Solar powered AM/FM radio donated by Main Trading Co. went to Mitch KN4ONH. LCD Clock donated by Ed N4ESA went to KR4UIC. 3in1 LED Stem Lamp donated by Main Trading Co. went to Bob KK4TBD.

Fred N4ZCG and George KM4ODS moved to adjourn and Ron K4FET adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

There were 45 members present for the meeting.

Submitted: Bill Ivey, KJ4OFD, Recorder/Secretary

Eatin' Meeting Door Prizes

