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

Whew, to quote David KI4W, 2020 is in the rear view, mirror. That is the good news, the rest of the story is we have no idea of what the future has in store for us, so just buckle up, put on a smile, and take it one day at a time. The good news is we are the Captains of our own ships, our future is largely based on our attitudes and approach to whatever comes across our bow. Basically, you hear it every day, "If things go wrong, just hang in there like a hair in a biscuit." Hopefully, many of our apprehensions will prove to be unfounded, and with determination we can live life unfettered. Remember it is up to us.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for being selected and elected to serve as President of this August group of communicators. When I got elected, I went to Barnes and Noble to pick up a copy of "Being President For Dummies". Guess what, they were all sold out, Washington DC beat me to it. Oh well, I guess I am going to have to wing it. Fortunately, David KI4W, left the position in pretty darn good shape. Big boots to fill and definitely a tough act to follow to say the least. That combined with the excellent slate of Club Officers and Coordinators I have to work with will greatly ease the transition and allow me to "do my thing."

Beyond touching base with the Coordinators I haven't spoken to yet, I don't really see anything else that needs my immediate attention. That is great news, I can let my imagination run wild. I have already appointed George, KM4ODS, to the freshly mined position of "Contest Coordinator" which I am fully confident he will soar at. I have also appointed Irv, K3IRV, to another newly created position as the "ARRL Coordinator/ Liaison) for the club. ARRL can be a highly convoluted labyrinth, seemingly designed to pass us through their bureaucracy in order to accomplish anything. Irv's knowledge of the inner workings of ARRL, as well as being an ex-Navy Officer makes him an ideal candidate for this position.

And I bring a long list of positions I have held in many varied clubs and organizations from which I can draw concepts, beliefs, and experience from, that I feel will help me with my present position. One of my strong points and pitfalls, is that I pretty much call it like I see it. On that note, an observation I have made in every organization that I have served, is that no matter how large or small the organization/club is 90% of the work is generally done by 10% of the membership. Let's not fall into that rut and make it a point to become the exception.

Paul, K4PGM, broke that mold recently by starting a "DMR Group/ net". George, KM4ODS, has been working to resurrect the Possum Trot chapter of the 10-10 International net. He and Chuck, KJ4RV, are the NCS controllers for the SSB and CW nets, both of which are growing in participation. And of course, the added emphasis on participating individually, and as part of the club effort in the various contests throughout the year. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the VE testing that took place in January. All five individuals tested passed resulting in two being advanced to General, and three passing the Technicians exam. Congratulations to all involved.

And within a month or so I should be able to discuss the opportunity for a team to go on an excursion to lend

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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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**December 2020 Club Meeting Minutes**

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held on-the-air on Monday evening, December 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm. This was to be the highly anticipated Annual CFARS Eatin Meetin, however, due to the pandemic the meeting was held on the CFARS 146.910 repeater.

David KI4W opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and opened the net for check-ins.

The following stations checked into the net: AK4YS, K4DOM, K4FET, K4JWX. K4PGM, KA4CZL, KD4RYP,

KD5ICT, KE4BGW, KF4JDR, KI4DQF, KI4EZK, KI4EZL, KI4W, KJ4EMX, KJ4OFD, KJ4RV, KK4MCY, KK4TBC, KM4JJJ, KM4ODS, KM4ODT, KN4JUJ, KN4ONH, KN4OTA, KN4ZZ, N4DBK, N4ES, N4LBB, N4USB, W4AGH, W4MLW, W4RDU, W4SMD and WO4ROG. Guests: KN4MIP, KI4NBC and KO4INQ. We had 35 members and 3 visitors present.

David KI4W welcomed all for checking in. He led the Pledge of Allegiance. Perry N4LBB gave the invocation.

Reading and approval of the November minutes W4MLW KN4ZZ no objections motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Chuck KJ4RV gave the Treasurer’s Report. We had money, we spent money, we got money, we still have money

**Net Manager:** Chuck KJ4RV gave the Net Manager report.

	OCT	NOV
Check-ins	795	713
AVG CI/Net	25	24
Traffic	31	30
Time / avg	1117 / 36	1090 / 36 min

**Health & Welfare:** Carl K4CFB was not here. Elton W4VGW is doing fine may be heading to assisted living.

**Repeater:** Mike K4JWX reports is all good.

**Membership:** David KI4W will post member list on website dues can be paid thru the club’s PO Box.

**Field Day:** No report.

**Swapfest:** The flyer is posted on the club website.

**Emergency Coordinator:** No report.

**Public Relations:** Marty W4MLW said there was no activity on the Public Relations front.

**VE Testing:** Pat N4UGH was not present for VE Testing report. The next test session will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in January, Cumberland County Shrine Club .

**Newsletter:** Mike KN4XP was not present to report on the newsletter. He does welcome submissions for the newsletter.

**Public Relations:** No report.



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**Website:** No report.

**Possum Trot Net:** Ron K4FET talked about the Possum Trot Net. Check ins are averaging between 43 and 47 per net session.

**10-10 Net:** George KM4ODS reported the last sideband contest CFARS did well with 7 members top 10 world nr 2 club. 30 Jan next contest will be Winter Field Day. George will put out information on website aggregated for club score.

**Old Business:** Winter Field Day was discussed.

**New Business:** NC QSO Party - Smith Lake is not renting cabins, only renting cabins to active military. The event is the last Sunday in February. Shrine Club is available for use. There was some discussion. We have funds available. Marty W4MLW moved for \$375 for club rental. Jim N4DBK second. Motion passed. Ron K4FET presented a plaque to David KI4W, picture and details on website /CFARS Facebook Page. Ron presented it to David yesterday. Made by Bob WA4WHV. David gave big thank you for those involved.

**Program:** None in particular. Repeaters move, 6m repeater still a work in progress. Plans to change antenna and cables on 33 repeater. Individual Field Day was a learning process.

**Announcements:** None.

**Door Prize Drawing:** None.

Meeting closed 7:55 pm went to comments and net. Net closed at 8:20 pm

Submitted:

Bill KJ4OFD, Recorder

## 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

January 9th	August 14th
March 20th	October 9th
June 12th	

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>**

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communications support to the annual Dog Sled races in Fort Kent Maine. You probably can't find it on a map it is so far north. I have been in contact with the local club there, who are currently tied up getting ready for this year's races. There are a lot of logistical issues to iron out, but I am sure it will be a once in a lifetime experience for the participants. Ham radio could and should be the most exciting hobby there is. Just do it!

Have an idea/concept, bring it up. If it passes the cost effectiveness and derived benefits to the club tests, who knows, you may just be put in charge of implementing it.

That guys and gals is how things happen in the real world. I guarantee every idea that comes up will be welcomed by enthusiasm by some and pessimism by others. Remember, if you don't start, you'll never win a race.

## CONTEST CORNER

Greetings from the Contest Corner. By the time you receive this, January will be half gone and our Ham radio friends across the country will be gearing up for Winter Field Day. This contest is conducted annually and not normally considered a Club event. This year however, the organizers have added a Club category. Individuals will be able to operate from home QTH or other selected location, then submit their individual scores which will be totaled with other like Club members for a Club overall aggregate score. I'd like to challenge every Club member to participate to the extent they are able and let's see what we can achieve. It will be fun and a good way to start out the contest year. Complete information can be found at the Winter Field Day website. <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>

February will offer a chance to excel again as the Possum Trot Chapter (PTC) of 10-10 International. The 10-10 Winter SSB contest will take place from 0001Z February 6 to 2359Z February 7. The PTC historically has performed well in these contests and I hope we can continue this tradition. 10-10 contests require that you are a current dues paying member of 10-10 International. If you are not a member, I encourage you to join. It is very affordable and only requires that you make contact with 10 Ten-Ten members and submit a log with their individual 10-10 numbers. If you are not a member and wish to join and participate with the Chapter, we can arrange a couple of evening 10-meter nets to enable you to collect the required member numbers. For further information regarding 10-10 International visit their website. <https://www.ten-ten.org/>

As a Club and a Chapter of 10-10 International I encourage all members to get involved with the contests. I realize everyone is not a contester. However, every log, no matter the number of QSOs or points adds up to what could be the top score. So, whether you can "play" for an entire contest or just get on the air for a few contacts, your effort can help us in our overall effort. So, let's make this a fun and productive year for the Club and the Chapter in Amateur Radio Contesting.

Another February contest that many may be interested in is the ARRL International DX contest. This is a great contest to simply get those DX entities that you may need for your DXCC award. This is not a Club participation event. Info at: <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx>

Feel free to email me with any questions or requests for assistance regarding contesting.

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