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The President's Corner: Ron K4FET

Well, it is that time again, depending on who you ask it is past that time, oh well. This has been a hectic month and we have had a lot of behind the scenes reorganizing on how we do business, most of which went on unnoticed by the average club member. New people holding new positions, and a redefinition of several positions, pesky rules seem to upset the applecart for some. At any rate, we have survived and are in a better, more organized position than we were before.

For the most part, we have many of the same problems/issues we have had for eons. Just maybe, if we could get more people to attend the monthly meetings, we could get a take on fresh ideas. We don't need to settle for the staus quo. We are better than that! Don't oh woe is me about what is happening or not happening if you don't offer up your opinions. the leadership of the club sincerely wants your input. If we don't get it, it is a lot like winking in the dark, no one knows what you're doing or thinking except you. Ponder this, we are a club that is well in excess of 125 members. We see the same 30 – 35 faces at the monthly meetings. We can do better than this people.

David KI4W is going to be heading up the nominating committee for next years slate of club officers, another good reason to be at the meeting. If you don't cast a vote...and you know the rest of it. If there are not any challenges from the floor or input from the other past presidents, life goes on as it stands now. If there are any other nominations a vote will be taken and life still goes on. That cares care of the officers side of the house. Realize we also have a lot of appointed positions that from time to time may become vacant, so if you have a special skill-set throw you name in the hat. Just realize the pay stinks.

I have some pet peeves and this is probably the best pace to air the as the audience is pretty wide. I don't eat a lot of spinach and I don't have a corn cob pipe. But like Popeye the sailor man, I yam what I yam and that's all what I yis. Realize, if you ask me for my opinion that is exactly what you will get. No fluff, ect. Good or bad you will get my clear unvarnished opinion. Been that way all my life,, it has served me well and change is out of the question. The good new is I don't have any problems looking in the mirror, other than a few wrinkles and less and grayer hair I like what I see.

Now on to a couple of my Pet Peeves. I will try to say this nice, in some cases our circuit discipline leaves a lot to be desired. The other day someone was keying the repeater and strumming a guitar and dropping off. This went on as long as I wanted to listen to it, so I went on the repeater and asked whoever was a frustrated musician to take his guitar out and play in the traffic and to leave the repeater alone. Hopefully, he/she/they didn't get run over, but it did stop. There are other similar instances of the same type of disruptive repeater use. Another Pet Peeve I have is during

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the evening net a lot of times people will check in, or occasionally call the net, with an audible TV or radio playing in the background. Not only does this annoy me and likely others, but the FCC tends to frown upon it. And lastly on this month's list, and this is a repeat, when checking in on a net, the use of universally recognized phonetic alphabet can help avoid mistakes and delays in the net. And the list goes on, but a couple of items at a time should suffice.

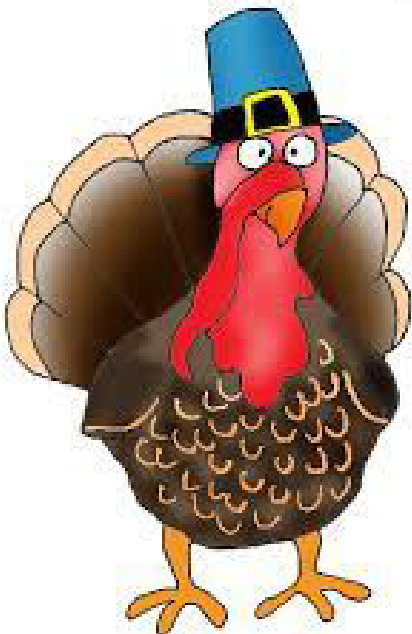
George plans to have a round table discussion on several issues, with Elmers at the head of the list. This could go on a while, as we are hoping to get a list of volunteers in various disciplines to assist others when needed. This gives us an opportunity to share the wealth and knowledge. Remember, this club is only going to be as good as we make it.

JARSFest is coming upon us on the 21st of November, the Sunday following our monthly meeting. CFARS has requested four tables. We have a lot of merchandise to move and hopefully our membership will be well represented there to assist. For the newer hams, there is a reason you will see a lot of the older hams in attendance. There are a lot of good deals to be had there. So, mark your calendar and try to attend.

Well, I believe I have said a lot in a few words. So I am going to bring this Month's President's Message to a close,

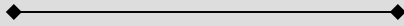
73 de Ron K4FET

*Happy
Thanksgiving*



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(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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October 2021 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly club meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at the Peace Presbyterian Church at 3208 Ramsey Street in Fayetteville, NC at 7:30 pm, October 18, 2021 with Ron K4FET as President. He opened the meeting, welcomed all for coming, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Paul K4PGM gave the invocation. Ron led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. We had 31 members and 4 guests at the evenings festivities.



Ron K4FET asked if all have had an opportunity to peruse the minutes on the club website <https://cfarsnc.org> Ed N4ESA recognizing the facetious nature of remarks in the previous minutes regarding activities at Swapfest wanted to make known that he did not *really appreciate* but *was disappointed* with those who ate at the various restaurants prior to coming to Swapfest, in order to make it known how he really felt. Ed N4ESA then moved the minutes be accepted as amended, Marty W4MLW did the second bit, and the minutes were approved.

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 Health & Welfare sent to George KM4ODS after his leg surgery, and reported he was back for round two...

Repeater: Mike K4JWX, Repeater Trustee, reported the repeaters were up and 6m repeater was still a work-in-progress.

Membership: David KI4W, Membership Chair, reported he still had packages from several of the folks recently joined. Come to the meeting to pick up your package, or give him a call to pick them up. We need new designs for certificates.

Field Day/Contesting: George KM4ODS, laid up lazy due to a recent surgery, emailed remarks for several stations: Field Day - This is an activity that CFARS continues to excel in year after year. We have had some organizational and logistical problems which we always seem to overcome. In an effort to alleviate some of these inconsistencies and obstacles, I am putting together a CFARS Field Day Operations Guide. This guide will be available for the Club to review, revise and implement if accepted for future Field Day operations. I believe that this document will greatly assist CFARS in the overall conduct of Field Day.

CFARS Equipment: George KM4ODS, laid up lazy due to a recent surgery, emailed remarks for several stations: CFARS EQUIPMENT - In an effort to get accountability and control over CFARS club equipment. Ed Allison has stepped forward to undertake the job and responsibility of CFARS Equipment and Property Manager. While this seems to be a simple task, it is going to require a lot of teamwork and assistance from club members in order to get full accountability of all the equipment that CFARS owns. CFARS actually owns a lot of equipment. Over the years equipment has been

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donated to us, loaned out and in many ways become unaccounted for. If you have any club equipment, or know of any equipment that has been loaned or just being stored by a club member please work with Ed so that we can get accountability for everything. One of the ultimate goals of this endeavor is to establish a Club "lending locker" for members to utilize as necessary for short-term station equipment requirements. Another goal is to possibly ID and set aside dedicated equipment for use during Field Day and the NC QSO Party.

Swapfest: David KI4W All activities have been completed for the year, The check for the venue rental has yet to been paid. David moved to pay \$375.00 to the Cumberland County Shrine Club, Jim KI4YRH did the second, and the motion carried. Start getting things ready for next years Swapfest, Cumberland County Shrine Club has been booked for August 13, 2022.

Emergency Coordinator: David KN4USW was not available.

VE Coordinator: Jim KO4INQ reported we had a number of new hams from our session October 9. Congratulations to our new hams.

Public Relations: Marty W4MLW said he updated the repeater announcements for the meeting. He is still trying to get us on the various Community Calendar pages and stations.

Newsletter: Editor Mike KN4XP was not present this evening. He requests that you submit articles and information for inclusion to the newsletter.

CFARS Website Steve KI4EZL was not present. He requests that you submit articles, pictures, information for inclusion on the website. The website is <https://cfarsnc.org>

Possum Trot Net: Ron K4FET reports checkins have fallen to the 45-50 area. Remember checkins are on the 2M repeater from 5:00 to 7:00 am.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The CFARS Annual Eatin' Meetin' will be held at Southern Coals Restaurant - 3319 C Raeford Road in Fayetteville, Monday night, December 13, 2021 at 7pm Menu is available on the CFARS Website. Email your selections to Marty at carolinapretzel@embargmail.com No Later Than December 05, 2021. David KI4W announced that the Past Presidents Society will be presenting a slate of officers for 2022 at the next meeting. If you would like to be a club officer, get with one of the past presidents to place your name on the ballot. There is plenty of opportunity for all!

Announcements: None.

Program: None.

Door Prize Drawing: Marty W4MLW and Linda KE4BGW held the door prize drawing for the evening.

Linda KE4BGW donated a Christmas Gift which went home with Rick N1GNF, Bill KJ4OFD donated 3 Ammo Cans which went home with Paul K4PGM, Billie KF4IKS and David KO4RKR, Bill KJ4OFD donated a pound of Boiled Peanuts which went home with Hector KB4LOA, Bill KJ4OFD donated a Black & Decker screwdriver which went home with Jeff Brooks, Bill KJ4OFD donated 2 small flashlights which went home with Bobby KI5RWS, Fred N4ZCG donated an FM Radio which went home with Ron K4FET, Jim KO4INQ donated an MFJ 24 hour LCD Clock which went home

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with Ed N4ESA, Larry N4USB donated a pint of honey which went home with Bob WA4WHV, Hector KB4LOA donated 2 gel cell batteries which went home with Berry W4IKS and Bobby KI5RWS, David KI4W donated an external speaker which went home with Don KO4RKP, David KI4W donated a multimeter which went home with Will KN4OTA, David KI4W donated a bag of various connectors and patch cords which went home with Don KO4RKP and Carl K4CFB donated an Emergency Jump Pack which went home with Hector KB4LOA.

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

Upcoming Hamfests

November 21, 2021
 Jarsfest
 Benson, NC
Jars.net/jarsfest-2021/

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

CFARS VE Testing

The CFARS VE team will offer VE Testing in 2022.

Testing will be held at the following location:

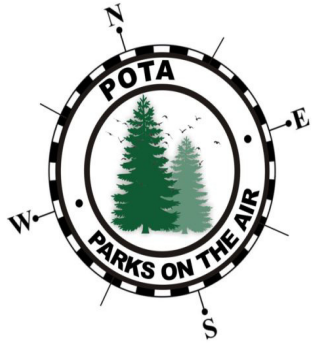
Cumberland County Shrine Club
 7040 Ramsey Street (US Hwy 401 N)
 Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311

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>

Parks on the Air



Parks on the Air is about enjoying ham radio and having fun! You can participate in POTA from the shack, while out mobile, portable or by activating a park near you. The only limit to your enjoyment from POTA is what you set upon yourself.

Most hams who participate in POTA start off as a hunter. This is a good point to start because the hunter doesn't have to submit a log. You can keep a log on your own but you obtain credit for working a park based on the activator. If the activator doesn't send in their log then the contact isn't credited for you. I personally keep a log of both hunting and activating parks.

You will find as you work more in POTA you will work the operators multiple times. They enjoy getting out and activating parks. You will begin to know people by their call signs, even sometimes remember their names, the way they operate and where they operate from.

You can contact the same station multiple times per day but only once in each park. If the activator changes bands or modes you can work them again and it isn't considered a dupe. You can work single side band, cw, fm and many data modes. So the number of contacts you might make in a single day can really be a lot. Some stations only operate one mode or the other.

When a station is activating there is a spotting page to help all parties out. By using the spotting page, a hunter can see who is operating, what parks are active at any given time, bands and modes. A spotter is important so that the activator can work as many people as possible. Sometimes there is no cell service in parks so it really helps out to spot another station. Only activators get spotted. As a spotter, I normally will include a signal report and my state. This helps out other stations to quickly determine if the station is strong enough for them to work a new one. Not all activators use the same antennas. So you may have two people spotted in the same state but one station is real loud and the other is marginally weak.

POTA has a page for scheduled activations. Activators will post where they plan to activate, what bands they will be active on, times they may be on the air and which modes they plan to activate on. There is even a facebook page for POTA and NC POTA. If you use apps on your phone or tablet go look at SLACK. There are several different areas covered on SLACK. You will find antenna information, spots information, a POTA swapmeet among other things.

There is no reason for anyone who is interested in hunting parks on the air not to have a good time doing it. Requirements are a valid exchange. Then move on to the next station.

Dom NC4XL and myself have had great success in operating POTA. We set a goal for our activations. If we make the goal great! If not we try to figure out why we didn't make it. It could be propagation, activation time of day where maybe the bands were not open yet or did we pick a day with a major solar flare. As you operate you will figure out things that make it easier and more fun. If you have a question call Dom NC4XL or myself...we will be glad to help out if possible.

30 Years Ago in CFARS David KI4W

I wrote a newsletter article as others did to honor our good friend Chuck KJ4RV who became a silent key in August of this year. I sure miss my friend as I am sure a lot of you do as well. I titled the article 30 but after submitting it the title was not published at the top of it. Throughout the article I used the number 30 numerous times. I now have over 30 years of being an active member of CFARS. The key word in that sentence is active. I hope most of you can add that descriptor as it applies to you. We need you to be an active member, not just a member. However me encouraging you to be active is not the focus of this article so on to the subject at hand. If you are a member of the ARRL you receive QST every month. QST has a monthly column titled "100, 50, and 25 Years Ago." That article highlights the content of QST 100, 50, and 25 years ago. I thought I would tell you about what was going on in CFARS 30 years ago. I hope you will enjoy this walk down memory lane and those of you who were there 30 years ago will have fond memories as I do of those who are no longer with us and all the good times we shared then and now.

In November of 1991 the President of CFARS was Perry N4LBB and the Vice President was Fred New KN4SS. Fred is no longer with us but he was a great friend who was the first to be to head up our Volunteer Examiner team. Fred also served on the Spring Lake Board of Alderman for one term. Fred would also invite you to come over and hang out on his back porch. The ones of us who are still around will remember this and get a chuckle out of it. The recorder in 1991 was Fred N4ZCG and the Newsletter Editor was Pat N4UGH who has served us for years as our leader of CFARS VE Team. Fred N4ZCG served as the Sunday night net control for our Evening Net in those days. Our Secretary/Treasurer was Bill KD4XC who like Fred KN4SS is no longer with us.

In November of 1991 CFARS had 164 members according to the Membership Chairman, Sandy KC4TBQ. Bill KU4W(sk) who was our long time Repeater Trustee reported that our repeaters were fine but there had been some illegal bootleggers on our repeaters. Dorothy KC4NJA(sk) who was our Health and Welfare person reported Sarge N4DDV was under the weather and she had sent him a card. Sarge N4DDV is no longer with us but one thing you could count on Monday through Friday mornings was that Sarge would open up the early session of the Possum Trot around 4:00am. Bill KU4W reported that 20 members had turned in logs for the October Ten Ten CW Contest. Unfortunately we will never see those numbers again but we can always hope. In those days we would not get the results of the contest until just before the ssb contest in February when the Ten Ten News arrived by mail, yes by mail just like the CFARS Newsletter did in those days. While on that subject the newsletter was done on a typewriter and then taken to somewhere like Office Depot where copies were made. The pages of the newsletter were then put together and stapled and then taken to the post office for mailing. There was a lot of work put into getting the newsletter out and still is but in those days if you want a firsthand account of the effort involved ask Mike KN4XP as he has been there and done that.

At the November meeting of CFARS the election of officers to serve in 1992 was held. Mike KN4XP, our current Newsletter Editor, was elected President. Kelly N4EWG(sk) was elected Vice President. We sure do miss Kelly our long time Possum Trot Net Manager. Bill KD4XC was elected to continue serving as Secretary/Treasurer. Jim KC4JAN(sk) was elected to serve as Recorder. Jim KC4JAN was always referred to as January Jim. Bill and Jim were great guys and we sure miss them.

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On a personal note in November of 1991 I had been licensed three months as a no code Technician. I was working hard on my cw so I could pass the 5 word per minute code test so I could sit for the code test and earn the Technician Plus license. I had an old Hammarland receiver I had borrowed from my brother and I spent quite a bit of time in front of it copying code after I got all the characters down. My shack was an Icom IC-3220h powered by a Astron RS-35m power supply with a Diamond antenna. I also had an Icom D130J discone antenna up for my scanner. My handheld was alcom IC-24AT dual band which doubled as a mobile with a speaker mic, cigarette lighter power cord, and a Larsen dual band mag mount antenna. I still have the Astron power supply which is now over 30 years old and it is still going even after a power surge took it out briefly some years ago but thanks to Leighton KN4ZZ who brought it back to life.

Good times, good memories. Ya'll get busy making memories.

Until the next installment of 30
73 de KD4DSJ(call sign in 1991)

CFARS EATIN MEETIN GOODIES

The EATIN MEETIN is a go this year. Monday night December 13 at 7 PM. If you ever bought a ticket for our monthly meetings door prizes, then you contributed to the CANDY that is pictured here. ICOM ID-4100 A \$329.00. ICOM IC-2730A \$289.95. YAESU FTM-7250 D \$239.95. TYT TH-8600 \$129.95. YAESU FT-65R \$99.95. TECPOWER P30 30 AMP PS (TWO) \$197.98.

Yes I have spent A GRAND on door prizes for you to win. BUT you can't win unless you come to Southern Coals on Raeford Road and purchase (wait for it) More tickets. And to give you an incentive to buy more, this year if you buy five, you will receive 6. If you buy ten you will receive 12. If you buy twenty you will receive 24. You don't want to miss this meeting.

Remember go to our web site, print the menu, make your selection and bring to meeting 11/15 or email (carolinapretzel@embarqmail.com) to me NLT 12/5. Need a selection for each person attending. Mark your calendars for December 13 at 7 PM. At Southern Coals on Raeford Road, for the CFARS EATIN MEETIN!

73 W4MLW

