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The President's Corner: David KR4OE

The year is going by fast and it is that time again for the past presidents of CFARS to come up with a slate of officers for 2020. Dale, AK4YS will lead the group and present a slate of officers at the October meeting. In November we will take nominations from the floor and vote. If you are interested in holding a CFARS position contact Dale or one of the past presidents and let them know.

We have been invited to participate in the Education Extravaganza at Methodist University on October 19 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. This community event is sponsored by the Education Department at Methodist University. This event is for kids and we will be doing something similar to the presentation we do for the scouts.

A second event in October is the Myrtle Beach Hamfest also known as Beachfest on October 26. The amateur who organizes this event is Edward, KF4ECK. Edward and some of the group from Myrtle Beach attend our Swapfest every year. They always donate four tickets to their Hamfest for door prizes at our Swapfest. Please support their event as they support ours. I hope to see you there.

In November the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society will celebrate a 50th Anniversary. We will be celebrating with a weeklong on the air celebration using our K4MN call sign. Our Special Event is listed on the ARRL website. If I remember correctly from my conversations with Bill Finch, W4EHF(sk) there has been an amateur radio club in some form or another in Fayetteville since the late 30's. I hope you all will participate in our celebration.

Amateur radio is not a spectator sport. Don't sit in the stands and watch, get down on the field and play. Turn on your radio and push the button on your mic, work those paddles or straight keys, or type on the keyboard. Whatever your pleasure, just be active. As of last month there were 119 members in the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society and we hear from usually about 20 or so on the evening net. Let us hear from you or better yet see you at a club meeting. We are here so come see us. I look forward to seeing you at the October club meeting.

Until then 73 de kr4oe ... _._

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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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September 2019 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held Monday evening, September 16, 2019 in Room 221 of the Science Building at Methodist University at 7:30pm. President David KR4OE opened the meeting at 7:30 pm, welcomed all to the meeting, and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our county. Pete K4QFK gave the invocation, and David led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion.



A motion was made by Van N4ERM, seconded by Marty W4MLW, to approve the minutes of the August meeting

with some call sign changes.. By vote the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Chuck KJ4RV gave the Treasurer's report we made some money from the Swapfest, dues, and donations, spent a little bit, and still have money in the bank.

Repeater: Ben KM4ODT reported on the repeaters. The 6m repeater is down waiting on a crystal, the other repeaters are up and doing fine business. We are in discussion with Fort Bragg concerning a lease agreement on that location.

Net Manager: Chuck KJ4RV gave the net manager report. The numbers for time and check ins have increased since the move and are getting more use out of the repeaters. Great job folks, lets get some use out of our repeaters!

Health & Welfare: Carl K4CFB wasn't at the meeting, but it was reported by Bonne KF4LVF that Harold KF4IUV is in the hospital currently (CFVH). Marty W4MLW is at the meeting and is ambulatory.

Membership: David KR4OE introduced several new members to the club. First was Larry Bagley KG4LHN for Life Membership. A motion was made by Leland KN4AHK, seconded by Steve KA4CZL, to accept Larry as a life member. Collin Warden NR6U introduced himself. A motion was made by Mike KN4XP, seconded by Steve KA4CZL, to accept Larry as a member. Wesley Theurer KN4YAI introduced himself. A motion was made by Mike KN4XP, seconded by Steve KA4CZL, to accept Wesley as a member. Daniel Dance KN4UNU introduced himself, A motion was made by Marty W4MLW, seconded by Jim KI4YRH, to accept Daniel as a member. Marty W4MLW moved to accept his application, second by Jim KI4YRH and Daniel was accepted for membership.

VE Testing: Pat N4UGH wasn't present, the next VE Testing Session will be October 12 and it will be our last for this year. Pete K4QFK presented the club with a certificate from the US Army Intelligence and Security Command at Fort Bragg in appreciation for the CFARS VEs doing their testing last month.

Field Day: George KM4ODS said Field Day results would probably not be published until after Thanksgiving so watch QRZ for the results.

Emergency Coordinator: Mike K4JWX was not present for the Emergency Coordinator report so Carlos K4CCJ reported that he was at the Emergency Operation Center for Hurricane Dorian, and his presence there was appreciated by the county officials. He mentioned that two shelters were operational, we need trained operators, and that there were some changes that needed to be made at the EOC to make it more functional to operate. This will be addressed by our Emergency Coordinator, Mike K4JWX

Old Business: Van KG4HYJ spoke briefly about the generator situation, Fred N4ZCG was not present so the discussion is still ongoing. Van N4ERM mentioned once again about the 50th Anniversary of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society in November and that we should all take some time during the week of November 18 - 24 to operate K4MN. Chuck KJ4RV will make up some QSL cards, and George KM4ODS will keep track of contacts made and cards sent. More information will be on our web site at <https://www.cfarsnc.org>

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New Business: See Mike K4JMX for information on the purchase of the old tower. Steve KI4EZL and David KR4OE are making a list of life members and members on the web site.

Program: Larry N4USB gave a brief and interesting program on reasons for having an Amateur Radio license.

Door Prize Drawing: Marty W4MLW presented the following door prizes: an N4EWG mystery gift to Jeff KN4UNV. N4USB honey to Ben KM4ODT CFARS stickers from George KM4ODS to Collin NR6U and finally, the ubiquitous multimeter went to Ron K4FET.

A motion was made by Mike KN4XP, seconded by Dale AK4YS , to adjourn the meeting, By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next club meeting will be October 21, 2019. We had 31 members and 3 guests present.

Submitted by **Bill KJ4OFD**
CFARS Recorder

CFARS Tower For Sale

As many of you know, the clubs tower was removed from Methodist back in July. Since its removal it has been stored at the Shrine Club on Ramsey St. The time has come for the tower to find a new home, i'm happy to inform all of you that the tower will be sold on Saturday October 26th 2019. Bill (KJ4OFD) has been nice enough to allow us to conduct the sale at the Shrine Club (7040 Ramsey St Fayetteville NC 28311). We will meet at the Shrine Club after breakfast and the sale will begin at 0930.

There have been a number of members that have expressed interest in purchasing the tower or a few sections. With this in mind, the sale will be conducted in an auction format and will be sold by the section to the highest bidder. There are 10 sections total (Rohn 25G) including the top section, guy wires and hardware are present however, not recommended for reuse. For example, David (KR4OE) is the highest "bidder" on the initial bid. If he agrees to a price of \$50, he can now purchase as many sections as he wants for \$50 each. This will continue until the tower is sold. At this time a reserve on section prices have not been set but may be added, any changes in pricing will be announced on the nightly net and via email.

In order to participate in the sale, you **MUST** be a CFARS member in good standing. This means your dues **MUST** be paid and up to date. If you have not paid your dues this year, please contact Chuck (KJ4RV) to do so.

73's

Mike K4JWX

Upcoming Hamfests

October 12, 2019
W4NC Fallfest
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
W4NC.com

October 26 2019
Beachfest
Conway, South Carolina
w4gs.org

November 30, 2019
Jarsfest
Benson, North Carolina
jars.net

January 11, 2020
W4NC First-Fest
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
w4nc.com

Our Trip to the Huntsville Hamfest

By

Ed N4ESA and Van N4ERM

We had heard that if you are an Amateur Radio operator living on the East Coast that there were at least three hamfests that you should have on your "bucket list." They are the Dayton Hamvention (now held in the Greene County Fairgrounds in Xenia, Ohio); Orlando Hamcation (in the Central Florida Fairgrounds in Orlando, Florida) and the Huntsville in Alabama. As of this writing, Ed has done 2 of the 3, Van has done all three.

We decided shortly after the Charlotte Hamfest to visit the Huntsville operation. Huntsville is a two-day affair running Saturday and Sunday. Later we added a day in order to visit the U.S Space & Rocket Center, also in Huntsville. We committed to make the ~9-hour trip to Huntsville in one day. We made "comfort breaks" along the way to get out and stretch our legs and admire the surroundings. On our first stop in Alabama we ran into Dick WB7OND and Sandy KC4TBQ also on their way to Huntsville. What a treat! Then on Friday night Carl K4CFB let us know that he was in town as well.

Our visit to the US Space and Rocket Center on Friday was great. It is amazing what NASA was able to accomplish using emerging technology. I can't imagine the effort to hand weave ferrite memory cores. Each of these planes held 1K Bytes of memory. To think that your phone is smaller than one plane and it has more memory and computing power than all the computers that put man on the moon!



The 36-story tall Saturn 5 moon rocket lying on its side is also at the Center!

We will most likely put some time aside to visit the Wright Paterson Air Force Museum the next time we go to the Dayton Hamvention. Perhaps they will put on display the artifacts from the Roswell UFO incident.

We did spot a familiar looking astronaut. We will most likely put some time aside to visit the Wright Paterson Air Force Museum the next time we go to

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the Dayton Hamvention. Perhaps they will put on display the artifacts from the Roswell UFO incident. We had been advised earlier (probably by Dick and Sandy) to make reservations at the Embassy Suites hotel adjacent to the Hamfest site at the Von Braun Center in downtown Huntsville. It's well worth it. There's a Manager's Reception nightly from 1730 to 1930 with complementary finger food, wine, beer and mixed drinks. The breakfast including made-to-order eggs and omelets is also complementary. And did I mention the Hamfest Hospitality Suite? We invited Carl to join us for the evening reception and Hospitality suite. There's also an enclosed "skywalk" from the hotel to the Hamfest site, so it's a short walk and the weather doesn't matter.



All of the big manufacturers were represented at the fest; Alinco, Elecraft, Icom, Kenwood and Yaesu. MFJ had a big display, along with Tower Electronics and Quicksilver and the Wireman. Huntsville advertises themselves as "Friendliest Hamfest in the World" and that may be the truth! Everyone we met and everywhere we went we ran into friendly and happy folks, eager to chat and to do whatever to show off their fine city and hamfest.

Attending Hamfests is one of the joys of this great hobby. You get to see fellow Hams that you only know by their call sign and voice. You get a chance to pick up treasures that someone else has decided to put up for adoption (fee required). Many have educational seminars. If you have never been to a hamfest, you should put it on your bucket list. Click on this ARRL Link to discover when and where the next one will be: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

2020 Club Officers

It is that time of year. It is time to elect club officers for the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society for 2020. Dale AK4YS will lead the committee of past CFARS presidents to put together a slate of officers for the coming year. If you are interested in holding a CFARS office contact Dale.

We will present the slate of officers at the October meeting. In November we will accept nominations from the floor. A vote will be held at the November meeting. The 2020 CFARS officers will be installed at the December meeting.

Thank you all for supporting CFARS.

David KR4OE
President
Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society