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The President's Corner: Ron K4FET

I hate to be redundant with colloquiums, but I am sure happy to see late July through mid-August in the rear-view mirror. In fact, I am happy to have a rear-view mirror at all. Covid was quite a trip, and I feel very fortunate to be here. At 78 years old, having COPD, emphysema, a tad overweight, borderline diabetic all topped off with having pneumonia when I was admitted to Womack Hospital. Fortunately, I got the adult supervision Bill, KJ4OFD, ordered for me in his last minutes.

The next several months are going to be extremely hectic. The loss of Chuck, KJ4RV, was an eye-opener as to how much he contributed to the club. I have a newfound awareness and appreciation of his reversal of the hats during his briefings at the monthly meetings. We have already determined that it will take several people to fill his shoes.

Dale, AK4YS, Officiated as President for the July meeting, and excelled while I watched on. He is going to be one busy sole through the rest of his tour which as he just informed me, he is stepping down as Vice President. Like the rest of the open positions in the club, someone needs to step up and be willing to carry the water. Dale has spent several years as both President and Vice president, he has more than paid his dues! We have numerous other vacancies that all need filling.

Sadly, Dale lost his daughter, Vianne Davis, this month which places more stress on him. The funeral date hasn't been set yet. Dale will post the arrangements when they are finalized.

I envision the next couple of meetings to be very busy/hectic, but in the long run, that builds character.

On top of that I have several issues that need resolving, I have two major issues that are unresolved. The first is to have an active Elmer program, an issue that has had a tepid response within the club. I feel that access to Elmers can go a long way to the retention of newcomers. We tend to attract a fair number of new members annually but more often than not at the end of the year we wind up with a net loss averaging 5-6 members. There is a reason we are losing them. This is a trend we need to work on.

The other burning issue is to have a loan locker for new hams or those who may have extenuating circumstances. Additionally, we need a policy on the repair of loaned equipment.

Just listening on the 910 repeater it periodically sounds like a group of CB operators are playing games just keying on and off. The durations when it happens suggest it is intentional. It could also be kids playing with an unattended radio. At any rate, it needs to stop. It appears to be coming from the Parkton area. If need be, we can track it down, but it would be best for all involved to quit playing

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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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CFARS Club Patches are available for purchase. Contact **Chuck KJ4RV** for your patch today!



August 2021 Club Meeting Minutes

The August Monthly Meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at Peace Presbyterian Church at 3203 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC on Monday evening, August 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. We had 26 members and 2 guests present.

Vice President Dale AK4YS welcomed all for coming and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Bill KE4DER gave the invocation. Dale AK4YS led the introductions in the usual CFARS



Fashion.

Dale AK4YS asked if all had the opportunity to read the minutes of the last meeting. Callsign for Hector KB4LOA was reported as incorrect. Fred N4ZCG and Jim KI4YRH moved to accept the minutes as published and the minutes were accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Due to the passing of Chuck KJ4RV /SK there was no Treasurer's Report. Bob WA4WHV will fill the remainder of Chuck's term with David KI4W (until January 2022). Dale AK4YS asked if anyone would like to take the Secretary/Treasurer/Net Manager positions. Marty W4MLW and Jim KI4YRH moved to accept Bob/David as protem until someone is elected and the motion carried. Fred N4ZCG has PO Box key until such time as someone new replaces Chuck KJ4RV/SK.

Net Manager: No report.

Health & Welfare: Health and Welfare. Chuck KJ4RV/SK died recently, memorial arrangements: A Gathering of Friends will be held on Sunday, September 5, 2021 from 1 to 4 pm at Grace Independent Baptist Church in Sanford. His obituary is at <https://www.jerniganwarren.com/obituary/Charles-Ward>. Ron K4FET was recently hospitalized, but has been released and is doing as well as can be expected.

Repeater: Ben KM4ODT reported the repeaters are all ok and doing fine business, and that the 6m repeater will still OOC and awaiting parts.

Membership: David KI4W presented new packages to Sean Lynch KM4KEG, David Nix KO4OXF, and Jeff Clark KO4NON, each introduced themselves to the members. Mitch KN4OTH and Jim KI4YRH moved to accept them as new members and the motion carried. David KI4W also had the final packages prepared by Chuck KJ4RV/SK for: Jason Capps KO4NFN, John Larch KK4MZS, James Dawdy WO4NDC, Bennett Rogers KK6SHQ, Victoria Wilson KD2TYQ, Blake Wilson KD2OUQ, Jason Kimokeo KO4OXH, Bill Manigo KJ4FYV, Dane Kealoha KO4RKQ, and a life membership packet for David Dominga NC4XL. Folks, if you would please contact David KI4W and make arrangements to pick these packages up.

Field Day: As a reminder for all: Field Day is the last full weekend in June of every year. Please make note in your calendar and plan to be there.

Swapfest: David KI4W reported on the recent Swapfest. 27 tables were allocated, attendance was

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down @25%, 2 people asked for tables but were no-shows. Ed N4ESA did an outstanding job with the refreshments. He really has to go out of his way to pick these up fresh for you, and really appreciated all of you who stopped at Hardee's, McDonald's, and Bojangle's and ate breakfast before you came to the Swapfest. Donations and sales fell some \$20 short of covering costs, fortunately Marty W4MLW did a great job with the Club table and door prizes and made @\$500 extra for the Club coffers. As a final note, David KI4W mentioned that it might be nice of some of the younger, healthier, stronger members could possible see it clear to help out in setting up/taking down, and cleaning up the venue in the future.

VE Testing: Pat N4UGH our VE Coordinator has resigned after a long tenure. Jim KO4INQ has agreed to take on that challenge. The next VE Test session will be in October.

ARRL: Irv K3IRV was not present but reported that ARRL still has not posted when the proposed fees for licensing would begin, or how the fees would be collected.

Contest Corner: George KM4ODS reports if you participated in the recent SSB 10-10 contest, please resubmit your logs.

Emergency Coordinator: David KN4USW, Emergency Coordinator was not present. We will have shelter checks on August 3, 2021 at 9:30 am. See John KN4JDR for more information and to put yourself on the list to assist with the checks.

Public Relations: Public Relations guru Marty W4MLW is trying to get us onto the Spectrum Community Calendar.

Newsletter: Newsletter Editor Extraordinaire Mike KN4XP asked that "if you are not receiving the newsletter, send an email to cfarsnews@gmail.com to get on the list." That same email will accept any articles, pictures, submissions for the newsletter.

Website: Steve KI4EZL webmaster is doing a great job with the website. He too will accept any information to be published on the website.

Possum Trot Net: Ron K4FET reported on the Possum Trot net. He is feeling better, but still needs much adult supervision.

Old Business: The Repeater Committee is looking to upgrade the repeaters (440MHz in particular) to DMR. Marty W4MLW is also requesting we link to the Carolina 440 network. We have to ok from the county emergency coordinator to install our own cable/internet service to the location. Greg KK4TBC and David KI4W moved to install the internet service and upgrade the repeaters at a capital cost not to exceed \$400 and a monthly service not to exceed \$75.00 per month. There was some discussion and the motion carried.

New Business: Becky Ward has requested we remove a trailer with the CFARS Field Day equipment. Jeremy KE4JUY has a place to store the trailer and will make arrangements to move them. Ed N4ESA will do an inventory of the equipment.

Announcements: George KM4ODS: reminder that due to the Haiti earthquake remain OFF frequencies related to the relief efforts: 3.750, 7.150, and 14.330 MHz.

Program: Ron Casey K4JDR and Butch KF4AUX were introduced and spoke about the Carolina

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440 Nets. They explained who they were, passed out a list of the repeaters involved in Eastern North Carolina. There was discussion from the floor and Ron answered many questions.

Door Prize Drawing: Marty W4MLW passed out a number of fabulous prizes: A Baufeng radio donated by CFARS went to Steve W4SMD, ammo box Humidors donated by Bill KJ4OFD went to Ed N4ESA and to Berry W4IKS, fishing kits donated by NC Wildlife went to David KO4OXH and Mitch KN4ONH, gel cell battery donated by Ron KM4QMS went home with Berry W4KIS, a code keyer donated by Steve W4SMD was won by Laird WA2COU, a 2008 ARRL Handbook and ARRL Antenna Book donated by David KI4W went to Preston Boyd. There were strippers involved here at some point, but the recorder knows not who provided them, and/or who took them home... ??? WIRE Strippers...

Mike KN4XP and Jim KI4YRH having been up past their bedtime moved to adjourn the meeting. Dale AK4YS closed the meeting at 8:45 pm and asked that everyone come out to our next meeting on September 20, 2021.

Submitted:
Bill KJ4OFD
CFARS Recorder

CFARS VE Testing

The CFARS VE team held a testing session at the Swapfest. There were a total of nine (9) candidates sitting for the exams. After the session was completed there were six (6) new technicians and one (1) new general. The VE team members taking part in the session were Dale AK4YS, Douglas AI4EW, Larry N4USA, Andrew KK4MCY, Van K4QFK and Pat N4UGH. Congratulations to all who took part in the testing session. The next VE test session will be held on October 9, 2021. Candidates for the text session must bring a copy of their current license, any CSCS's they have, a picture identification card and must have a FRN Number. There are no facilities available to make copies so bring copies with you.



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

The President's Corner: Ron K4FET

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And I am getting ready to chew on an old rag, and that is the subject of the Coordinators' presence at the Monthly meetings. Something you have heard before. "You the Coordinators" are in the best position to answer any questions in your respective area. Second or third-hand opinions may be misleading. If you cannot make a meeting just shoot me an email and bring me up to date.

73's for now, hope to see you at the next meeting.

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

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>



Upcoming Hamfests

October 16
W4NC Fallfest
 Winston-Salem, NC
w4nc.com

November 21
Jarsfest
 Benson, NC
jars.net

Chuck Ward KJ4RV Silent Key



MSGT Charles “Chuck” S. Ward, (U.S. Air Force retired) 73, of Fayetteville, passed away on Saturday, August 7, 2021, at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

Charles was born on April 11, 1948, in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Roderick Bush Ward and Ruthanne “Rani Abele Ward. He was retired from the U.S. Air Force after 24 years of service and from Civil Service where he worked as a Computer Technician.

He enjoyed computers, NASCAR, and Ham radio, His friends called him Chuck and Ham’s knew him as “KJ4RV”.

A Gathering of Friends will be held on Sunday, September 5, 2021 from 1 to 4 pm at Grace Independent Baptist Church in Sanford.

Sanford.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Rebecca Ann Ward; sons, Gregory Hickman and wife Debbie, Allen Ward; daughter-in-law, Janet Lambert, and husband Rich; brothers, Stephen Ward (Laura), Clifford Ward; sister, Jane Filder (Tom); 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

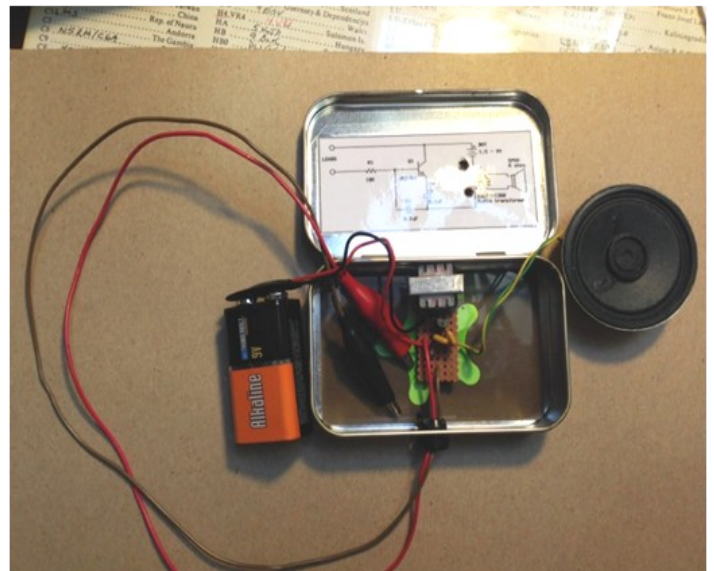
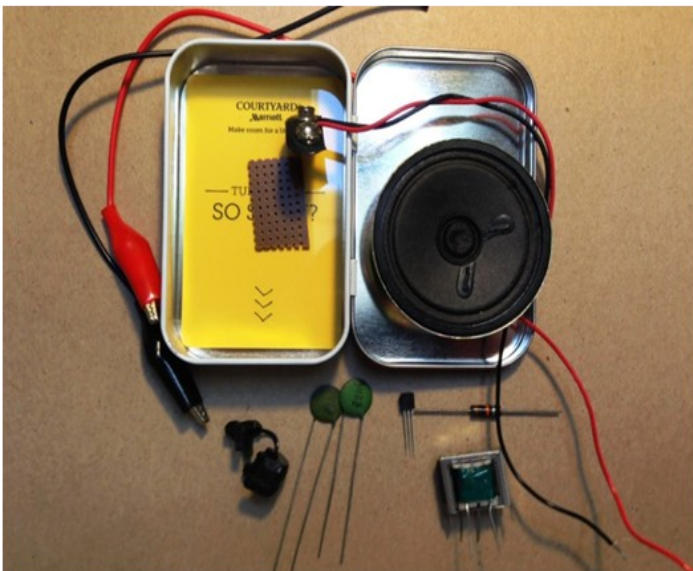
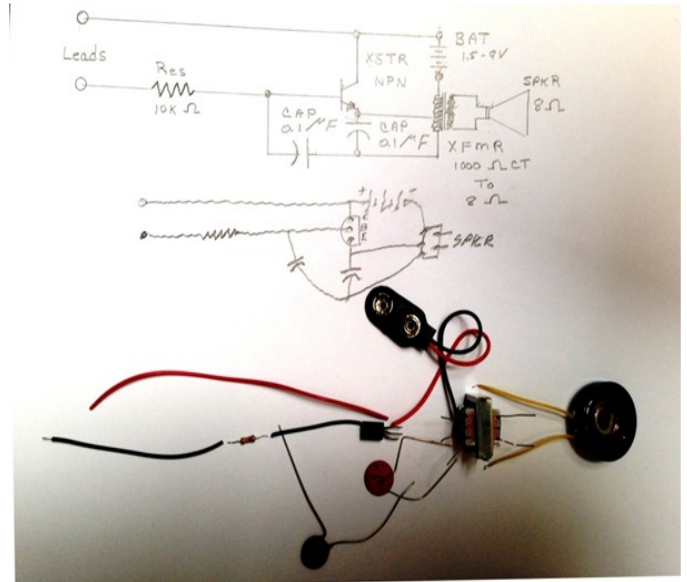
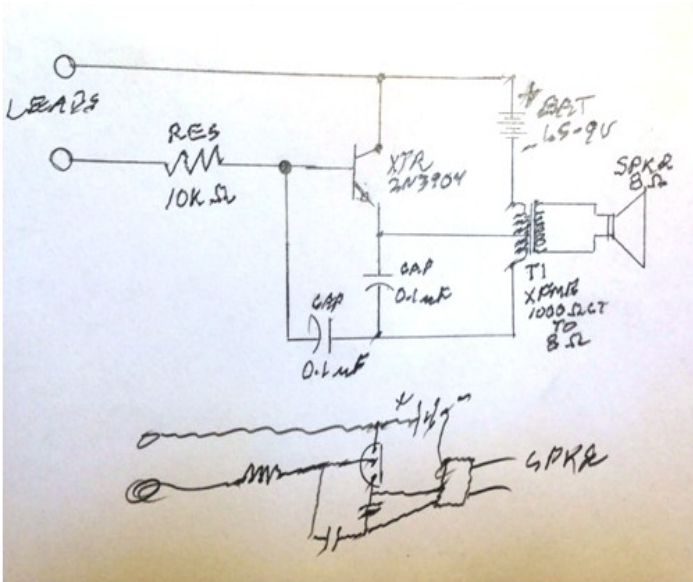
In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society, P.O. Box 36106, Fayetteville, N.C. 28303 <https://cfarsnc.org/>



Build is Better Than Buy By "El Cheapo" N4ERM

An Audible Continuity Tester

This little gadget is probably the single most important test instrument in my kit. It is certainly the most used. With it I can test continuity in wires, coaxial cable and connections. Its variable tone makes it useful in measuring resistance and impedance. I use it to test diodes, LEDs and transistors



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