

CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

August 2025

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, August 18th, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC.

President David Winfree WD4NC called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Will KN4OTA gave the invocation. David WD4NC led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 40 members and guests present. Don WO4SFA moved August's minutes be approved, Dale AK4YS seconded, the club voted and the motion carried.

PROGRAM

Mark Gibson / N4MQU was scheduled to brief Safety in portable operations but called and cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

David WD4NC discussed the many upcoming club events. The club has several events a month with the exception of August, where it's typically too hot to have outdoor activities, but there are inside events. An example of some of the events the club sponsors or participates: USS Battleship NC (museum ships on the air), park activations, NC QSO party, Winter field day, ARRL Field Day, upcoming Planetarium at FSU, and many others.

David WD4NC discussed the Fort Bragg WA4FLR repeater, it's in disrepair and needs some maintenance. They have a new antenna they are going to put up soon. David is working with a unit at Ft Bragg to potentially get this repair work done at no cost to the club. More to come on this.

David WD4NC has access to someone donating a GMRS repeater to the club. It will belong to the club and be used for public service. We need to vote to either use this as a 70cm repeater or a GMRS. After discussions, the club voted to make this GMRS. David will work on this soon and provide updates on the progress.

Updates on our work with the EOC, Winlink training 26th of August. David is working on getting some cabling installed at the EOC, they have found a place to install coax cabling without having to penetrate the building roof or exterior walls, we will also help the EOC when they receive a grant to buy some radios and other equipment which is happening soon.

Miscellaneous Events

- There was an EOC drill, August 19th 2025, called a tabletop exercise where they test emergency planning.
- On August 26th Jerimah N0NV is providing a familiarization class on Winlink. More details are coming. Please stay tuned to your local repeater CFARS, Facebook, and e-mail.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• DURING MEETING

- Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.
- Health and Welfare: Travis N4BEL
 - Help needing to move some radios for a ham that has lost some mobility, contact Paul NC4PB if you can help
- Event Coordinator Rod KQ4FNO:
 - CFARS had 2 teams participate in the North American QSO Party contest, we will continue to take part in some of these contests, please contact one of the club officers if you would like to setup a team for any upcoming contests.
 - Planetarium visit 3pm on the 30th of August
 - Singletary Lake park activation activity, 27th of September 8am to 6pm
 - Come out and see and operate some radios
 - First 11 that sign up if you want to stay the night
 - Hotdogs and Hamburgers will be served

• REPORTS TO RECORDER

- Membership: KI4W had 5 new members to vote in
 - Todd Donovan K1CTE
 - Kolt Killman KF6GRG
 - Cory Simon K9BTR
 - Thomas Deam Not present
 - Keith Langkan KR4DIS
 - Ed N4ESA made a motion to approve these new members Hector KB4LOA seconded, the club voted in favor and the motion was carried
- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,

August net report:

603 check ins for an average of 19.5
1006 minutes for an average of 32.5

- Possum Trot net: Greg NC4GK, PT net continues Weekdays 5:00am to 7:00am. If you would like to sign up to run a part or all of the PT net please contact Greg NC4GK
- Repeaters: David K4FXC, no report
- Newsletter: Any submissions please send to Mike KN4XP by end of month, ideally in Microsoft Word format. cfarsnews@gmail.com
- Web Site: Any submissions please send to Jim K4BUC. jbuccieri@twc.com

- VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC, testing session at the swapfest was good, 8 people tested and 8 hams passed. One ham sat for all three exams and passed.
 - Due to the inconvenience related to getting a copy of the licenses, Jim will not allow testing for upgrades without a copy of the license, he will turn you away.
- Public Relations: Hector KB4LOA, continue posting ham radio and club activity on the CFARS Facebook page.
- Swap fest: David KI4W, CFARS 25TH Annual Swapfest
 - David conveyed a sincere thank you for the hams that helped out
 - The parking lot was full, attendance was good and equipment was great
 - The donation box was good, we also made a little money on food
- ARRL representative: David K4FXC is still working with the ARRL.
- Contest Coordinator: Juan NK2MC no report.
- Emergency Coordinator: Jeremiah N0NV, Greg NC4GK, every 2nd Tuesday night is Skywarn night.

OLD BUSINESS

501 (c) (3), Rod KQ4FNO, they IRS sent notice that our EIN number is now cleared up. Now we must get our clearance for tax exemption. We must be charitable organization, the only one that makes sense is Youth Support. Rod (along with the help of some of our members) has put together a mission statement that we should use and will help with the IRS. He read the current draft statement and suggested that it be posted (at least temporarily) on the website. If no changes are needed, he will use this to send it to the IRS, at a cost of \$275. If we are approved for 501 (c) (3), we can then receive support from companies that can donate to a charitable organization. We could also go out to the public and get donations, have public raffles, and other things to make some funds for the club.

NEW BUSINESS

David WD4NC brought up, he is attempting to get the club a free DMR repeater. If that falls through, the suggestion was made the club might purchase a DMR repeater. After a round of discussion, the question was posed, if we are not able to get a free repeater would the club want to buy a repeater for DMR? Paul K4PGM made a motion and Don WO4SFA seconded the motion to buy a DMR repeater for up to \$1700.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOOR PRIZES

Don W04SFA won a Charge Controller and a power cable

Mike KC4ABE won an Compass

Ed N4ESA won an Power cable

Larry N4USB won an Power cable

Lannie KQ4BVB won a 2 power cables
Travis N4BEL won a mouse pad and a power cable
Luis KQ2L won a mouse pad
Don KO4IHM won a record player

50/50 DRAWING

\$89 collected, 2629 was the winning ticket held by Alex KQ4QEM.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. There were 40 members and guests present. Dale AK4YS motioned to adjourn Chaz seconded and the club voted, and the motion was carried.

Submitted by: Chris KR4I, Recorder.