

**The President's Corner: David WD4NC**

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Here we are at the end of the year, and it has been a good year for the club. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and looking forward to Christmas coming up.

As always, the club has been busy and having fun doing it. From trips out in the field. To help members with Antennas, Go boxes for use with the EOC. Dark side of the moon, really, I could keep going, but you know this is how you grow a club.

The good news is this is my last newsletter as President for a while. I am sure Rod and Paul will do a great job. I will still be at the meeting and helping where I can and keeping the Sky Warn and AUXCOMM moving. It has been my honor to work with all of you, and I hope we got some things done for the betterment of the club. Working together as a team we have done a ton this year in standing up repeaters, working radios, hosting events and even raising some money for the club.

We were able to do all this because of the members of the club. Every one of you has helped in one way or another and for that I thank you. At the first meeting I ran two years ago for the club I said, "the club will be club ran". I have stuck with that. Leadership is just that. Here to lead and steer the ship. It is the membership that keeps it moving.

All I can ask at this point is I hope you work with Rod and the team as good as you did with me. If you do, the club will keep growing and moving forward. I could not have had a better officer's group to work with. Truly bless, with this great group of guys. With that said, I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope to see you at the Christmas eat and greet and 73.

Thank you
David Winfree WD4NC

**From The Vice President
Rod KQ4FNO**

Another month gone and we are looking at the Christmas Eating Meeting! Just for information, tickets are available from me if you want to call and arrange it with me, my number is 910-977-0248, any time between 0800 and 2000 hrs any day. We will call the numbers on 8th December, so order your tickets before then, otherwise you won't be able to eat!

We have accomplished the last major part of the antenna relocation for the Cumberland County School shelters, thanks to Ed N4ESA, Paul, (no call sign), Luis KQ2L, Kolt KF6GR and Paul NC4PB the antenna was taken down at 71st High School and reinstalled at Beaver Dam Elementary School. I will be updating the spreadsheet later so Jim K4BUC, can update the Club's website. I hope I mentioned everyone involved.

We were able to conduct a show and tell for the Boy Scouts at Bowen park last month, lead by David WD4NC so we continue to support them or another year. We also enjoyed the program at the Fayetteville State University Planetarium. The Pink Floyd dark Side of The Moon program was quite an interesting show, our thanks to Professor Joe Kabbes. Check with him for other programs he leads at the planetarium, it is a great venue.

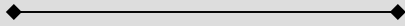
Now, on to the next year. I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, and that we all enjoy another year of Amateur Radio with good friends. Don't forget, Winter Field day is going to be on us soon, and we need to prepare for that. Also December 7th will soon be here, and we are looking to go to the USS North Carolina Battleship again and help support their activation for Pearl Harbor Day. They will be operating December 6th and 7th, although we will probably go down to assist as a club on Saturday. Let us know if you are interested in going, we will have spaces available for ride share if needed. One note here, look at the weather for that weekend, and bring suitable clothing!

It has been a successful year, and I commend David Winfree WD4NC for his outstanding leadership for the last two years. He has brought Club recognition back to where it ought to be, and different clubs and organizations have also recognized our strengths. He has reignited our commitment to provide emergency communications to the community by promoting AUXCOM with Cumberland County EOC. He has set the bar extremely high for us to follow in the next year! However, we will do our best to accomplish that.

Rod MacLean, KQ4FNO

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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 \$20.00. CFARS offers a lifetime membership option for \$200.00. 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 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 3.855 |
| CW Fix Net | Tues / Thurs | 0730 | CW 3.555 |
| DMR Net | Sunday | 2000 | TGIF 910 Talkgroup |

Upcoming Hamfests

March 6-7, 2026

Charlotte Hamfest
Concord, North Carolina
charlottehamfest.org

March 14, 2026

AB4OZ Hamfest
Ridge Rd Baptist Church
2011 Ridge Rd.
Raleigh, North Carolina

April 4, 2026

RARSFEST
Raleigh, North Carolina
rarsfest.org

CFARS VE Testing

The 2026 VE exams will take place at

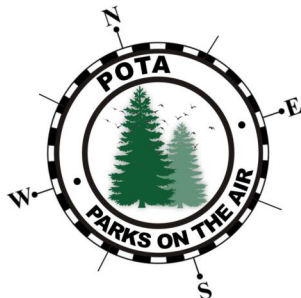
Peace Presbyterian Church
3203 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Dates:

January 10, 2026
- Peace Presbyterian Church



2026 New Years Week Support Your Parks



January 1 - 7, 2026 are the scheduled dates for the POTA New Years Week Support Your Parks event. The event will start at 0000z on the 1st (Wednesday night at 7pm local) and run until 2400z (Wednesday night at 7pm local) on the 7th. Awards are available for both hunters and activators. This will be a busy week so get your rig ready to activate or hunt many parks. An activator can go to the park and just hunt park to parks. Get your 10 contacts minimum and you will earn both awards! The bands will be a hopping with many parks...will you get out and activate or hunt? A good time is awaiting! Don't miss out! Hope to work you on the air. Start your year off with Ham Radio and Parks on the Air!!!



November 2025 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, November 17th 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. Bill KE4DER gave the invocation. David WD4NC led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 40 members and guests

present.

Don WO4SFA made a motion to approve August's minutes, Tyler K4TTN seconded, the club voted and the motion carried.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.

Net Manager: Larry N4USB gave the October net report: 717 check ins.

Health & Welfare: Bill KJ4OFD volunteered to take on the role of Health and Welfare coordinator.

Repeaters: No report.

Field Day: No report.

Membership: No report.

Contesting: Hector KB4LOA reported on several upcoming events. The contest this October 25th and 26th. Check Contest Calendar on the web to check out additional upcoming contests.

VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC, the next testing session will be at Peace Presbyterian Church on January 10th 2026 check in start at 9am. Make sure you bring a copy of your license and if you are not licensed bring a copy of your FRN or you will be turned away. The last testing went well. Several new hams passed their technician test and some upgrades. One candidate was expired extra that retested to get their extra license back again.

Swapfest: No report.

Public Relations: Hector KB4LOA continue posting ham radio and club activity on the CFARS Facebook page.

Emergency Coordinator: Jeremiah N0NV let the club know, every 2nd Tuesday night is Skywarn night.

Newsletter: Any submissions please send to Mike KN4XP by end of month, ideally in Microsoft Word format. cfarsnews@gmail.com. Emails and .pdf files are difficult to format for the newsletter.

Deadline for submissions is the last day of the month.

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Web Site: Any submissions please send to Jim K4BUC. Jim asked that anyone having pictures to put on the website send them to him. jbuccieri@twc.com

ARRL Liaison: David K4FXC No report.

Possum Trot Net: Alan KQ4QEM, PT net continues Weekdays from 5:00am to 7:00am. If you would like to sign up to run a PT net, please contact Alan KQ4QEM. Alan provided a report on the possum trot check in numbers. We have had some increases in the last month.

Skywarn: No report.

Event Coordinator: Winter Field Day, NC QSO Party (NCQP), and Summer Field Day are not too far in the distant future. Please read the rules to help the club be compliant. There are changes that you need to be aware of. The ARRL Summer Field day results are in: K4MN was 2nd overall in class 2A, number 1 in NC, and number 1 in the 4th call area. We could score number 1 if we switched categories. The club should consider being an EOC station, or maybe another category. Museum Ships on the air coming up in December, be sure to check in to the nets on the CFARS repeaters, check Facebook, and Discord for details. Christmas Party Tickets are on sale at a cost of \$7 per plate. Deadline is the 8th of December to purchase tickets. You can pay in cash to Rod KQ4FNO or on Zelle, be sure to put in the notes on Zelle that it's for the Christmas Party. Location will be Peace Presbyterian Church at the December 15th meeting.

Old Business: Repeater: WA4FLR repeater is currently set at 30 watts output and reaches about 40 miles. Work continues, duplexers still need to be worked out so the power can be turned up. David mentioned possibly running a NET on the WA4FLR 147.330 repeater on Tuesday nights. Check Facebook, Discord, or on the 146.910 7pm nets for details.

New Business: David WD4NC, opened a discussion on go boxes and talked about the ones brought to the meeting for display. Each box has a radio, power supply, battery, and a charge controller to switch from battery or shore power. These will support our efforts with AUXCOMM with Cumberland County and whatever you want to use it for. If anyone needs help building one of their own the parts list are on Facebook and you can also ask him, Mike KB4ABE, Jeremiah N0NV for help. Vote for club to fund half the cost of Christmas party. Dale AK4YS, made a motion to use club funds to help pay for the Christmas Party. Rod KQ4FNO seconded the club voted and the motion was carried. This will be limited to \$1200. BSA event - We had a team at Camp Bowers, showed the scouts how radio works, thanks for all the stations that answered the calls from the event. Field day things to consider - Noise at the SF Compound, someone noted they know some folks at the airport and will get with Don WO4SFA to scout the compound with a spectrum analyzer. Consideration of the use of a shorter call for the GOTA station should be given for next years field day, it will make calling and responding to exchanges much easier. DMR repeater internet costs \$120 a year. The DMR repeater is down, the internet that was on loan was turned off. The internet cost is \$10 a month, would the club be willing to pay for this? Ed N4ESA made a motion to pay for this service, Paul NC4PB seconded the club voted and the motion was carried. NC QSO party Award, Cost \$50. Would the club like to sponsor one of the awards for this event at a cost of \$50? Dale AK4YS made a motion to sponsor this event, Hector KB4LOA seconded, the club voted and the motion carried.

Program: None.

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Announcements: None.

Door Prize Drawing: Ron K4FET won a small horse and carriage made of brass, Tim W4HDF won a sun shield for a car window, Don KO4IHM won a roll of paracord, Rod KQ4FNO won a sun shield for a car window, Harold KR4CLM won a repeater directory, Jeremiah N0NV won a magazine and Tyler K4TTN won a shirt.

50/50 Drawing: \$166 was collected, 2872 was the winning ticket held by Tim W4HDF won \$83.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Submitted: Chris KR4I
CFARS Recorder

Emergency Management

On behalf of the Cumberland County Emergency Management team, I want to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for your continued partnership and dedication to community safety.

Your support plays a vital role in our emergency communications capabilities, and your commitment to collaboration does not go unnoticed. We especially want to recognize the excellent work recently completed on the 71st School antenna takedown and the Beaver Dam antenna installation. These efforts directly enhance our ability to maintain reliable communication during critical incidents, and we are grateful for your expertise and time.

We've also sent over a draft copy of our AuxCOMM Emergency Support Plan for your review. Once everyone has had a chance to look it over, I look forward to meeting up to discuss it further and gather your feedback.

Additionally, Rod and David have been added to our monthly Emergency Management training and exercise mailing list. They are welcome to forward those updates to the rest of the CFARS team so everyone can stay informed and participate as they're able.

We are currently working with MCA and awaiting a few potential dates to schedule a meet-up to review coax installation ideas for the ham room. Once we have those options, we'll be in touch to coordinate next steps.

Thank you again for your time, expertise, and commitment to helping keep Cumberland County safe and connected.

With appreciation,

Amanda Scheck
Emergency Services Planner
Cumberland County Emergency Management

AUXCOMM / EOC

Here we are at the end of the year, and we are moving full speed ahead into the next year. We have come a long way in a short time. We have learned a ton and there is still more to learn.

The shelters are good to go as far as the antennas and coax have all been checked out and moved if needed. Good teams of guys that have helped with that. The EOC is moving forward with getting the Ham shack set up and we have a meeting on that coming up in December. I hope it will not be long before I can call the sky warn net from the EOC ham shack!

Right now, we have four go-boxes built and tested. I have three more to build as we speak. If you would like to put one together. They cost around \$225 to put together. If a member pays for a box, they get to keep it and use it with the understanding that if the shelter needs it, they will get it there. These radios have the PACE plan installed on them and have a 20-amp power supply, a 16/20 AH lipo4 battery and an ATS/ battery charger in it as well.

We will have a meeting coming up soon at the EOC to go over AUXCOMM and what part we play in it. Be sure you keep working at Win Link, if you need to work it, send me a note at WD4NC. Also, there is Win link Wednesday.

Our next big train up will be Winter Field Day. That is a great way to test our skill set and see where we are at. Do your best to get out to it and test that skill.

David Winfree WD4NC

AUXCOMM Lead for Cumberland County.

