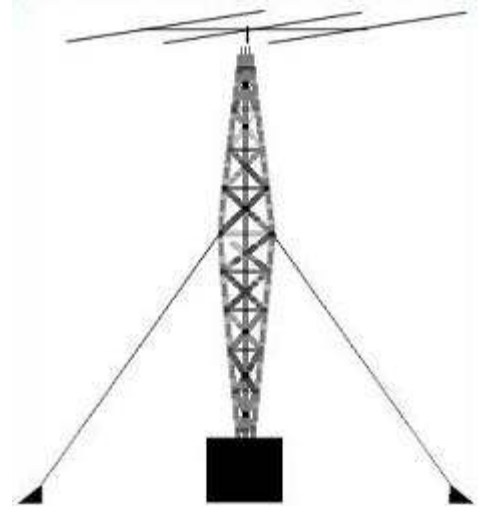




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### **The President's Corner: David KR4OE**

I hope everyone survived the latest round of winter weather. The kids got three days off from school but all I got was a one day two hour delay. I was hoping to at least get one day off to catch up on some things here in the shack. I am not sure where all this stuff comes from but I keep telling myself I will use it at some point but in the meantime I will just keep moving the piles around. When the piles start moving on their own I will start to worry but for now I will just continue to enjoy all this stuff that is this great hobby we call amateur radio.

February will be a busy month for us with two events on the calendar. The first is February 3-4 for the Ten Ten International Phone Contest. I urge all to join us on ten meters whether you have a Ten Ten number or not as the Possum Trot Chapter goes for another win. On February 25 CFARS will defend our title in the North Carolina QSO Party. We have won this event in our category every time we have entered so come out and help keep us on top. We will again be operating from the cabins at Smith Lake on Fort Bragg just off Honeycutt Road. We will again have three cabins and we need your help. We will begin set up on Saturday morning after breakfast. The contest will begin at 10:00 am Sunday morning and will end at 8:00pm Sunday evening. We will finalize our plans for this event at the February meeting.

If you attended the January meeting you know we had quite a discussion on our tower, repeaters, and the possibility of sponsoring a DMR repeater. A committee of members was assembled to look into these matters. The committee actually started looking and discussing options after the meeting concluded and discussions are still ongoing as this is being written. We have much to discuss and some difficult decisions will have to be made so please attend the meeting and offer any advice or information you may have.

Also speaking of the meeting I am looking for door prize donations for the remainder of the year through November. The proceeds for the monthly door prizes fund those great gifts at the Eatin Meetin in December. If you like to donate something for the monthly door prize please contact me. Remember it must be something related to amateur radio. Also remember 2018 dues are due so please get them into our treasurer, Chuck KJ4RV.

**73 de David 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.



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

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### January 2018 Club Meeting Minutes

On January 15th the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was held in the Auditorium of the Science Building at Methodist University, Fayetteville, North Carolina at 7:30pm. New President **David KR4OE** opened the meeting and welcomed all for coming. **David KR4OE** led the *Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag*. **Paul K4PGM** led the invocation. **David KR4OE** led the introductions in the usual CFARS manner.

A motion was made by **Van N4ERM**, seconded by **Jim KI4YRH**, to approve the minutes of the December meeting. By vote the motion carried.



#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Treasurer:** **Chuck KJ4RV** gave the treasurer's report. We are still solvent.

**Repeater:** **Bill KU4W** wasn't present. **David KR4OE** gave the repeater report. The 440 repeater is out of commission, The 2m and 6 m repeaters are up. A guy wire on the tower needs repair. We are looking for a commercial company to inspect/repair it for us.

**Net Manager:** **Chuck KJ4RV** reported we lost some check-ins and times per net from last month.

**Membership:** **David KR4OE** read applications for membership from **Ron Dahle** (call sign pending) and **David McGough KB4FXV**. **Jim KI4YRH** made a motion, seconded by **Kelly N4EWG**, to accept Ron and David into CFARS membership. By vote, the motion passed. Both thanked us for allowing them to join the club.

**Newsletter:** No report..

**Health & Welfare:** No report.

**Swapfest:** **David KR4OE** has published the Swapfest dates to the ARRL website. This will be our 20th CFARS Swapfest.

**VE Testing:** **Van N4ERM** reported on the VE test session on January 13. We had six people test, and have 4 new technicians and 1 new Extra. Congratulations to all.

**Emergency Coordinator:** **Mike K4JWX** reported that work is still continuing at the Law Enforcement Center. We will do shelter checks in April.

**Field Day:** No report.

**Public Relations:** **Marty W4MLW** stepped up to be Public Relations Coordinator. If you have anything of interest to the community, send him an email and he will get the word out. current proposal.

**Old Business:** **David KR4OE** reported that he was still waiting a request from a company regarding pricing for a new DMR repeater. **Mike KN4XP** reported he had a quote for a new Motorola SLR5700 repeater for \$1990 including shipping. There was some discussion regarding the status of the present tower. **Mike K4JWX** reported that he had an estimate from a commercial company for \$1250 to inspect, plumb, repair and retention guy wires. **Marty M4MLW** suggested that the repeater be moved to FSU's commercial tower placed @ 500'. **David KR4OE** tabled further discussion and appointed a committee to further research options before committing any club funds.

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The committee is **Mike KN4XP**, **Marty M4MLW**, **David KF4XFC** and **Mike K4JWX**. They will give a report back in March. **David KR4OE** proposed writing a grant proposal to South River Electric to cover the costs involved with new DMR repeater and set-up, but we need firm numbers before these can be presented. **Van N4ERM** provided **David** with a copy of the South River grant application from several years ago to assist in preparing the current proposal. **Jim KI4YRH** asked the club if the restaurant was acceptable for the next Eatin' Meeting. The members agreed that it was.

**New Business:** The President appointed **Chuck KJ4RV** and **Bob WA4WHV** to do the yearly inventory and audit and report back to the club in April. There was discussion about the NC QSO party on Feb. 23. The Smith Lake cabins were requested. A motion was made by **Fred N4ZCG**, seconded by **George KM4ODS**, to allot **Van N4ERM** the necessary funds to rent 3 cabins, By vote the motion carried. **Van** will reserve the cabins. **Van N4ERM** said he has a ticket for the FrostFest in Richmond, VA on Feb 3. If you would like the ticket, give him a call. The President reminded all of the 10-10 phone contest on Feb 4. Logs for this will need to be submitted by Feb 12. Charlotte Hamfest will be in March. The club will have two tables at the Charlotte Hamfest.

**Program:** The Program was *What Santa Brought for Christmas*. **Chuck KJ4RV** showed us a 5V battery and USB phone charger with a LED light. **Ben KM4ODT** showed us a bluetooth transmitter/receiver. **David KR4OE** showed us a waterproof box from Harbor Freight for less than \$15.00.

**Door Prize Drawing:** **Marty W4MLW** stated the Door Prize was a Pixie donated by **Dale AK4YS** and **David KR4OE**. This was won by David KO4VA.

A motion was made by **Fred N4ZCG**, seconded by **Ferguson KK4MCY**, to adjourn the meeting, By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. We had twenty-eight (28) members and one (1) guests at the club meeting. The next club meeting will be February 19, 2018.

Submitted by **Bill KJ4OFD**  
CFARS Recorder

### *Upcoming Hamfests*

**February 3, 2018**  
Charleston Hamfest  
Charleston, South Carolina  
wa4usn.org

**February 3, 2018**  
Virginia Frostfest  
Richmond, Virginia  
frostfest.com

**March 9, 2018**  
Charlotte Hamfest  
Concord, North Carolina  
charlotehamfest.org

**March 18, 2018**  
Winterfest 2018  
Annandale, Virginia  
Viennawireless.net/wp/events/winterfest

### *Items For Sale*

Icom 706MK2G  
Includes CW filter  
Icom PS-85 power supply  
\$500  
Gene N4ANV 910-425-8003

### **Calling for Newsletter Articles**

CFARS needs your input to the newsletter. If you have installed a new antenna, mobile rig, made a piece of equipment, tried a new mode of operation or anything else related to amateur radio, take the time to write it up and include pictures. Each month the CFARS News needs your input. Somebody may be wanting to try something new and you just might be the one that spurs that interest or can help out a new or confused older ham. Newsletter articles and pictures can be emailed to [cfars\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:cfars_newsletter@yahoo.com).