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The President's Corner: David KR4OE

The results are in and the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society has again won the North Carolina QSO Party. CFARS competes in the Club/In-State/Mixed/Low Power category. CFARS scored 131,010 points and the second place club scored 38,044 points. CFARS owns bragging rights for another year with another dominating and outstanding effort. All who came out and supported the effort and all those who assisted from their home stations by spotting and helping search out the multipliers and by working the club station are to be congratulated. There were lessons learned at the conclusion of the contest and incorporating those suggestions will only make our effort stronger next year.

Spring is on the way but Old Man Winter sure is trying to hang on but warm weather takes us outside to check on the antennas and get ready for some spring and summer operating. Be sure to get those ten meter antennas tuned up as the Ten-Ten International Spring Digital and CW contests are almost here. The digital contest will be April 28-29 and the cw contest will be May 5-6. These are two contests where CFARS and the Possum Trot Chapter of Ten-Ten also dominate year after year so please mark those dates on your calendar. After Ten-Ten is over we turn our attention to Field Day which is June 23-24. Hope to see all of you there.

The preamble which the net control station reads nightly at the beginning of our evening net states we serve the community and we will be doing exactly that on Sunday, April 15. CFARS will be providing communications for the MS Walk as we have for some years now. Please contact **Joe W3OJO** as he can use your help in this worthwhile effort.

The newsletter is a little later coming out this month and that is on me and not Mike as he has been waiting on me to get the Presidents Message to him and to get the minutes from the last club meeting reviewed. Our family suffered a tremendous loss and family definitely takes priority over our hobbies.

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.



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



March 2018 Club Meeting Minutes

On February 19th 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. 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 **Paul K4PGM**, seconded by **Kelly N4EWG**, to approve the minutes of the February meeting. By vote the motion carried.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: **Chuck KJ4RV** gave the treasurer's report. We collected some money and we are still solvent.

Repeater: No report.

Net Manager: **Chuck KJ4RV** reported we gained check-ins and times per net from last month. Apparently, we talk on the radio a lot during cold weather. Remember, these are our repeaters, if we don't use them somebody else might.

Membership: **David KR4OE** introduced our new members: **Carl K4CFX** and **Howard KZ8L**. **Marty W4MLW** made a motion, seconded by **Pat N4UGH**, to accept Carl and Howard into CFARS membership. By vote, the motion passed. **David KR4OE** introduced our newest life member **Paul K4PGM**.

Newsletter: No report..

Health & Welfare: No report.

Field Day: **Bob WA4WHV** and **Paul K4PGM** have offered themselves as adult supervision for the sideband station for Field Day. Let them know if you want to assist.

Swapfest: No report.

VE Testing: **Pat N4UGH** reported on VE Testing held on Saturday March 17 had 14 testers and of those 10 got a new license or upgrade. Congrats folks!

Emergency Coordinator: **Mike K4JWX** sent in a report that the chillers on the roof of the LEC would be replaced on Good Friday, and once that was done we could reinstall the antennae on the LEC.

Field Day: No report.

Public Relations: **Marty W4MLW** has sent PSA requests to several of our local venues and radio stations. He said he was working with the Fayetteville Observer to get someone out for field day.

Old Business: **Van N4ERM** reminded us that the Raleigh HamFest is coming up, and that we have tables reserved. Get your stuff together and put it on the tables. **David KR4OE** reported he had spoken with the Facilities Director at Methodist University regarding the tower removal. Methodist will share half the cost of the removal, but has withdrawn the offer to relocate the repeaters to the ball field due to a lack of space. A motion was made by **Paul K4PGM**, seconded by **Marty W4MLW**, to allocate \$2500 for the tower removal. By vote the motion carried.

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George KM4ODS reported on the *NC QSO Party*, participation was good but that contacts were down, the battleship was only on for about 3 hours during the contest, and Voice of America was somewhat remiss as well, and as a consequence we did not get all the bonus points. We are still waiting on the results of the contest.

New Business: The Club has received several QSL cards from DX contacts. The club will respond to QSL cards from dx stations. The *MS Walk* will be held on April 15. **Joe W3OJO** will head the club for this event. We need volunteers. Contact Joe at (910) 366-9674 or w3ojo@twc.com. **Van N4ERM** is helping **Larry N4USB** to pick up any licensing books from anyone having them to be used in the schools for new hams.

Program: **Ben KM4ODT** gave an informative presentation on Raspberry Pi in the Ham Shack. He will make a pdf available to members on the website.

Door Prize Drawing: **Paul K4PGM** donated a DMR handheld complete with additional battery, computer interface cables, and software. This was won by **Brian KE4UGH**. **Van N4ERM** donated a multimeter which was won by **Ferguson KK4MCY** who subsequently presented it to **Brian KE4UGH**. **David KR4OE** is looking for door prizes for the rest of the year through the November meeting.

A motion was made by **Jim KI4YRH**, seconded by **Fred N4ZCG**, to adjourn the meeting, By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm. We had thirty-one (31) members and two (2) guests at the club meeting. The next club meeting will be March 19, 2018.

Submitted by **Bill KJ4OFD**
CFARS Recorder

2018 WINTER SSB QSO PARTY

February 3 - 4
TOP TEN

	Call	10-10#	QSO #	QSO No #	Total
1	DL8YBM	36109	51	150	252
2	N5XZ	4530	39	10	88
3	DL6DK	39944	34	10	78
3	DL9DF	74506	34	10	78
4	KQ4PK	63201	28	4	60
5	N5MT	24949	27	5	59
6	PA2NJC	30903	26	4	56
7	K8DEL	2978	17	20	54
7	N4ZCG	56067	23	8	54
8	N1API	25468	21	9	51
9	KJ4RV	37776	21	3	45
9	KJ4OFD	75796	21	3	45
9	KM4ODS	77504	20	5	45
10	WA2HMM	40510	17	9	43

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.

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