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The President's Corner: Van N4ERM

CFARS Annual Christmas Eatin' Meetin'

Of course this continues to be *THE EVENT* of the season. Even with the last minute changes, a large crowd turned out! New Officers for 2017 were introduced, an abbreviated business session followed, and a great bunch of prizes were awarded by **David KR4OE**.

North Carolina QSO Party CHANGES THE RULES

CFARS has won the last four NC QSO Party contests. Possibly as a result of these convincing victories, the Raleigh group that runs the contest has changed the rules (again). You might enjoy reading the new rules at <http://www.rars.org/ncqsoparty/index.php?id=rules>. The change will result in the NCQP looking more like a mini Field Day, and provides us with a great opportunity to "train up" for this year's Field Day. CFARS will try to field two (2) SSB Voice Stations, one (1) PSK/digital station, and the "dream team" CW station. We might be able to include a 6-meter station as well, eh Bonne? **Irv K3IRV** has volunteered to coordinate CFARS's participation. Planning/coordination continue. We'll need workers and operators. Ask Irv how you can help.

VE Testing

Our CFARS-ARRL Volunteer Examiner Team, lead by our stalwart VE Test Coordinator **Pat N4UGH**, will be conducting VE testing on Saturday, 14 January 2017, in Room 219 of the Hendricks Science Complex on the campus of Methodist University. Registration starts at 0900 (9AM) and testing begins at 0930 (9:30AM). For details call **Pat N4UGH** at (910) 584-1801.

UPCOMING STUFF

January

- 14 VE Testing
- 16 Monthly Club Meeting - Program: Santa Report - New Rig or lump of coal (bring your new stuff to show and tell)

February

- 2 Richmond Frostfest
- 10-10 Winter Phone Contest
- 20 Monthly Club Meeting - Program: Carolina Weekend Preparation/Coordination
- 25 Carolina Weekend - SC QSO Party
- 26 Carolina Weekend - NC QSO Party

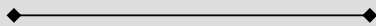
March

- 10 - 11 Charlotte Hamfest
- 18 VE Testing
- 20 Monthly Club Meeting - Program: TBA

See you there!
73 de Van N4ERM

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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!



December 2016 Club Meeting Minutes

On December 14th the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm by **Van N4ERM**. The meeting was held at the Hibachi Grill on Ramsey Street. After dispensing with the usual Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, **Elton W4VGW** led the invocation. The introductions were made in the normal CFARS manner. An abbreviated Christmas meeting was held. **Van N4ERM** introduced the CFARS Officers for 2017. The club officer slate will remain the same with the exception of **George KM4ODS** who was introduced as the new incoming VP.



A motion was made by **Chuck KJ4RV**, seconded by **Bonne KF4LVF**, 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: No report.

Net Manager: No report.

Membership: **David KR4OE** reminded all that dues for 2017 are due and payable to **Chuck KJ4RV**.

Newsletter: **Mike KN4XP** our newsletter editor, is looking for articles from the club to put into the newsletter. Send your articles to him at cfars_newsletter@yahoo.com

Health & Welfare: No report.

Swapfest: No report.

VE Testing: No Report.

Public Relations: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: The next VE Testing was announced for Saturday 14 January 2017. CFARS will once again sponsor the *North Carolina QSO Party First Place Canada Award* in honor of **Fred New KN4SS (SK)**. **Van N4ERM** recognized **Mike KN4XP** for his work on the club newsletter. All were encouraged to provide input. **Van N4ERM** recognized **Pat N4UGH** for her continued dedication and hard work with the VE Program as our ARRL testing officer for the past year. Her participation and efforts were applauded by all. **Gene N4ANV** recognized **Chuck KJ4RV** for his dedication and hard work for the club in both his duties as Treasurer and as a VE for the past year. **Van N4ERM** announced that CFARS will assist a unit from Fort Bragg in training for Technician License on 12 - 13 January 2017, with testing on 14 January. Please contact Van for any assistance you can give in this effort. **Irv K3IRV** reported that we were awaiting a reply from Smith Lake for approval to operate at their cabins for the NC QSO party coming up at the end of February. All are asked to help in identifying an alternate location, should Smith Lake not be available.

Door Prize Drawing: **David KR4OE** held the prize drawing. The prizes consisted of A Yaesu FT-3200DR two meter/Yaesu Fusion mobile radio, a Kenwood TM-281a two meter mobile radio, a TYT MD380 DMR handheld, a Baofeng UV6R dual band handheld (gave away two of these),

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a Jetstream two meter base antenna, an ARRL Repeater guide, eight (8) multimeters, and a set of headphones.

The program for the January 2017 meeting will be a show and tell/discussion of what Santa brought you, event calendar for 2017, and discussion of subjects for meeting presentations for the remainder of the year. Merry Christmas was wished to all and a motion was made/seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM.

VE Testing News

Our VE Testing Coordinator, **Pat N4UGH**, reminds all that our first ARRL VE Test session during 2017 will be on Saturday, 14 January 2017 in the Hendricks Science Complex Room 219. Sign-in starts at 0900 and testing begins at 0930.



2017 VE Testing Schedule

January 14th	August 12th
March 18th	October 14th
June 10th	

VE Testing Fee for 2017 is \$15. Bring your original license and any CSCE's plus a copy of each. Bring a picture identification.

Upcoming Hamfests

January 14th

Winston Salem Firstfest
Winston Salem, North Carolina
www.w4nc.com/ws_classic_hamfest_2016.htm

March 10th

Charlotte Hamfest
Concord, North Carolina
www.charlottehamfest.org

April 15th

Catawba Valley Hamfest
Morganton, North Carolina
cvhamfest.com

April 15th

Rarsfest
Raleigh, North Carolina
rars.org/rarsfest



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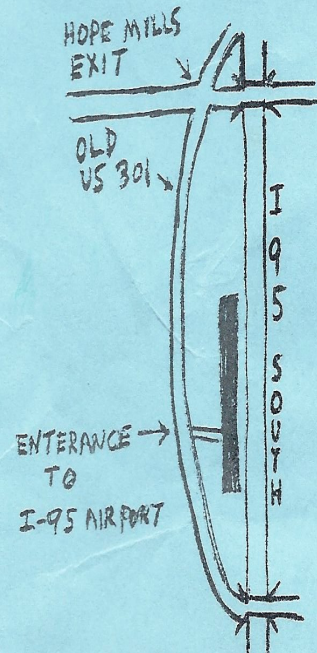
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WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING "YOU" THERE !!!



CFARS Eat'n Meetin'



