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The President's Corner: Van N4ERM

FIELD DAY 2017 –

Well Field Day this year was just a roaring success! **George KM4ODS** tells me that we had at least 500 more QSOs, and possibly 1800 more points this year than last. The sideband station just kept adding points and operators. Under Paul's guidance, the GOTA station had more QSOs than ever, breaking all previous records. And how about **Van KG6HYJ** and Ferguson KK4MCY making a satellite QSO? This was the first Field Day satellite QSO for CFARS in many years. Of course **Chuck KJ4RV** and his *CW Dream Team* were solid performers as ever... especially with the newly radio-active Bob KL7NL and fresh-from-the-hospital **Bill KU4W**. In all, CFARS captured every possible bonus point, and our multipliers look good as well. And what great enthusiasm, teamwork and camaraderie! All stations were on air for the full 24 hours. Congratulations one and all.

EMERGENCY SHELTER COMMO CHECKS –

On Thursday, 29 June, several of us participated in checking the previously-installed antennas and coax at the seven (7) Cumberland County Emergency Shelters. All antennas and coax remain in good shape and communications back to the EOC was solid as well. Thanks to all who participated. We'll need to get a few folks back to the EOC after they change out the current HVAC System on the roof. The old heating/air conditioning system gave off a lot of RF hash and made it difficult to communicate on HF. We'll need to re-evaluate after the current unit is switched out.

CFARS ANNUAL SWAP FEST –

Start gathering your stuff together for this year's CFARS SwapFest. Collect up all your unused stuff, polish it up, and bring it to our SwapFest to sell. Then, buy some more stuff while you're there. Our SwapFest is strategically placed before the Shelby Hamfest so that members can sell their stuff locally and not have to carry it to Shelby. So, sell it here. AND this is one of only a handful of Hamfest where parking and admission are still FREE! Come support our SwapFest.

UPCOMING STUFF

July

- 3 - 9 10-10 Spirit of 76 Contest
- 15 Cary Swapfest
- 17 Monthly Meeting - Program - Field Day Review and Slide Show **Jim KI4YRH**

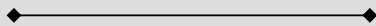
August

- 5 - 6 10-10 Summer Phone Contest
- 12 CFARS Swapfest / VE Testing
- 21 Monthly Meeting

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!

June 2017 Club Meeting Minutes



On June 19th the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by **Van N4ERM**. The meeting was held in Room 219 of the Science Building at Methodist University, Fayetteville, North Carolina. **Van N4ERM** led the *Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag*. **David KR4OE** led the invocation. The introductions were made in the normal CFARS manner.

A motion was made by **Marty KD4YQE**, seconded by **Dale AK4YS**, to approve the minutes of the May 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: **Bill KU4W** is in the hospital. The repeaters are up. **Van N4ERM** indicated there were some SWR problems with the 6M and 440 repeaters. We need to get an antenna party to check them out.

Net Manager: **Chuck KJ4RV** reported check-ins are up for the month of May. It must be getting summertime. Remember, these are our repeaters, if we don't use them somebody else might.

Membership: No report.

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: **David KR4OE** will update the ARRL about our August Swapfest.

VE Testing: **Pat N4UGH** reported nine (9) people tested at the last testing session. All either received new licenses or upgraded. Great job all!

Field Day: Field Day is coming up this weekend. Everybody come out and do what you do to keep the club in the running. **Bonne KF4LVF** is OOC and will not be able to do her usual great job on 6M.

Public Relations: **Irv K3IRV** sent out information packets to media outlets for Field Day.

Old Business: **Pete K4QFK** still needs help taking down his tower.

New Business: **Van N4ERM** said we will do shelter checks on June 29th. **Paul K4PGM** has volunteered to be a PT net controller.

Program: **George KM4ODS** presented our final preparations for Field Day. **Bob WA4WHV** will get the messages together to be sent out to the traffic nets. **Ben KM4ODT** will pick up the ARRL messages. **Van KG6HYJ** said the generator is ok, and will change oil prior to taking it out Friday. **Bill KJ4OFD** said the tower is ok, but needs a new rotator and will get up with **Kelly N4EWG** to get another. **Chuck KJ4RV** reported the CW station needs a power supply and tuner. **Paul K4PGM** reports that *GOTA* is ready for action. **Ben KM4ODT** is our Safety Officer and said we need a fire extinguisher and a CPR qualified person to be on site for the entire event. **Bob WA4WHV** and **George KM4ODS** will put the package together for AAR to ARRL. **Bill KJ4OFD** and **Joe W3OJO** will handle message traffic. **Van KG6HYJ** and **Ferguson KK4MCY** will take on the satellite traffic. **Kelly N4EWG** will handle the education portion of Field Day.

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Door Prize Drawing: David KR4OE held the door prize drawing. Van N4ERM won a portable subwoofer, George KM4ODS and Ben KM4ODT won a Dayton Hamfest lapel pin. Marty KD4YQE won a travel kit.

A motion was made by Kelly N4EWG, seconded by Jim KI4YRH, to adjourn the meeting. By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. We had twenty five (25) members at the club meeting. The next meeting will be July 17, 2017

Submitted by **Bill KJ4OFD**
CFARS Recorder

Upcoming Hamfests

July 8th

Firecracker Hamfest
Salisbury, North Carolina
www.rowanars.org/firecracker-hamfest/

July 15th

Mid Summer Swapfest
Cary, North Carolina
www.qsl.net/n4nc

August 12, 2017

Cumberland County Shrine Club
Fayetteville, North Carolina

10-10 Open Season QSO Party

Top 10

Place	Call	Score
1	WA2HMM	103
2	N3GTY	95
3	LA7VK	67
4	KD4BVG	66
5	KC4TZV	63
6	NU4C	55
7	KA1AL	53
8	KD5DE	50
9	W4RKN	48
10	KT4Q	47

Items For Sale

Icom 2730 2MTR/440MTR - \$400

OPC-837 controller cable (11.4FT long), MBA-5 controller bracket, MBA-4 controller bracket, DC power cord, HM-207 Mic and Manual

ALPHA DELTA DX-CC - \$ 85.00

Multi-band resonant dipole, Power rating – 1000 watts, 82 feet long

Bands - 80,40,20,15,10 Meters 17 with tuner

Contact Joe W3OJO

910 366 9674 or W3OJO@twc.com

Field Day



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19th Annual Old Fashioned

CFARS SwapFest

Sponsored by the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Saturday

August 12, 2017

8:00am to 12:00 noon

Cumberland County Shrine Club 7040 Ramsey St (US Hwy 401 N)

No Admission! No Fee for Tables!!
Please help us keep this event free
by placing a monetary contribution in
the donation box so we can cover the rent
on the building!!!

Talk-in: K4MN Repeater 146.910 (-) CTCSS 100Hz

VE Test Session Walk-ins Only Registration 9:00am Testing 9:30am

Information and Table Reservations: David KR4OE kr4oe@ncarr.com
(910)624-1884

ARRL VE Testing: Pat HUGHES hughpat@aol.com
(910)627-6774

Set up begins at 8:00am. If you need tables please call or email for
advance. On the morning of the Swapfest call David KR4OE for tables.

Table Reservations recommended.
Full Catalog available on site **K4MN**