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The President's Corner: Van N4ERM

CFARS 2016 SWAPFEST and VE Testing

Our SWAPFEST Chairman, **David KR4OE**, has been working hard on spreading the word and generating interest. As a result, he promises that this year's event will likely be the best ever! Start preparing your participation now. Look around your shack and take inventory. Gather up those things you no longer use or need and bring them to the 'FEST. And for you "older hams," like me: Stop hoarding and start sharing with some of the younger ones! Let David know how many tables you need to set your stuff on. Sell some of your stuff so you can buy someone else's stuff at the SWAPFEST before he has to take it to Shelby! Our VE Testing Coordinator, **Pat N4UGH**, reminds all that there will be ARRL VE Testing during the SWAPFEST. This is a great opportunity to get an initial ticket or to upgrade your own in a friendly local environment.

Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)

Last year for a number of reasons we missed participating in the annual Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air. That's not going to happen this year. The question is: Can we support (set up and operate TWO Stations, or only one? Support of two stations has the following advantages: We'll be able to support the two local districts (Lafayette District perhaps from the Scout Store on Hope Mills Road, and the Highlander District from an area on Fort Bragg) and, if all else fails, the Scouts will be able to talk with other local Scouts, either through our repeaters or even direct. Our friend **Tim K4SHF** is working with the District that supports Hoke County. I'm still looking for a volunteer to coordinate our CFARS JOTA activities. A little help here, please!

The Doctor Is In Podcast

If you've not had the opportunity to listen to "The Doctor is In" podcast from the ARRL you're missing an informative and entertaining program. Check out the ARRL web site <http://www.arrl.org/doctor> for details. You'll be glad you did!

Mobile Installations – How to and what NOT to!

Our friends **David K4KMI** and **Gene N1SOB** have agreed to be the program for August's meeting. They'll be discussing what to watch for and how NOT to get in trouble when installing radio equipment in your car, truck, van or motor home. Come listen to these professional mobile radio installers and learn their tricks of the trade!

UPCOMING STUFF

- 6-7 August – Ten-Ten Summer Phone Contest
- 13 August – CFARS Annual Swapfest
- 13 August - CFARS VE Testing
- 15 August – CFARS Monthly Meeting – Mobile Installations by **David K4KMI** and **Gene N1SOB**
- 3-4 September – Shelby Hamfest
- 19 September – CFARS Monthly Meeting
- 8 October – CFARS VE Testing
- 14-16 October – Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)
- 15-16 October - Ten-Ten Fall CW Contest
- 17 October – CFARS Monthly Meeting

See you there!

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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!



July 2016 Club Meeting Minutes

On July 18th the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by **Van N4ERM**. The meeting was held in Auditorium of the Science Building at Methodist University. **Van N4ERM** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Elton W4VGW** led the invocation. The introductions were made in the normal CFARS manner.

A motion was made by **Jim KI4YRH**, seconded by **Kelly N4EWG**, to approve the minutes of the June meeting. By vote the motion carried.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: **Chuck KJ4RV** gave the treasurer's report. We spent some money, but we are still solvent.

Repeater: **Bill KU4W** said the repeaters that were up are up and the ones that were down are still down.

Net Manager: **Chuck KJ4RV** gave the Net Manager's report check-ins are up for June. Please enjoy the weather but remember to check into the nets. The repeaters are our, use them. He asked for anyone to step up to be an alternate net control station.

Membership: **David KR4OE** said we had three (3) new members to be inducted into the club. **David KR4OE** introduced **Peter N8WTC** for membership and he was accepted as a new member of the club. **Van N4ERM** introduced **Larry KM4USB** for membership and he was accepted as a new member of the club. We have applications for **Michael KG4WVW** and **Tyler KM4SUE**. Neither were present.

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: **Van N4ERM** said that **Joe AA4PR** had become a Silent Key. Several club members attended his services.

Swapfest: **David KR4OE** has tables available for the Swapfest in August. Call him to get a table.

VE Testing: The next VE Testing session will be August 13th at the Swapfest held at the Cumberland County Shrine Club.

Public Relations: No report.

Old Business: All four (4) of the *NC QSO Party First Place Awards* are on the shelves **Bob WA4WHV** built in the repeater closet. We are now looking for 10-10 certificates for the *Possum Trot Chapter* to make their way home. The club is currently good with net controllers on the evening and PT Nets. If you would like to become one the net controls let **Chuck KJ4RV** or **Kelly N4EWG** know. **Van N4ERM** thanked **Bob WA4WHV**, **George KM4ODS** and **Ben KM4ODT** for their hard work and effort in making *Field Day* a real success, and the members that made themselves available to do whatever needed to be done. **Van N4ERM** gave kudos to **Bill KJ4OFD**, **David K4KMI** and **Gene N1SOB** for their effort in refurbishing the mobile tower. It was a real hit at *Field Day* with the Hex Beam atop. **Van N4ERM** said the *Museum of the Cape Fear* had a Ham Radio program for summer school kids on June 23rd. The children were a really sharp group.

New Business: The *Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)* will be October 14 - 16th. The scouts are looking to set up two (2) stations this year. One station at the Scout Shop on Hope Mills Road and the other at the old stables on Fort Bragg. Several members volunteered to make it happen. Plans are underway for the 12th Anniversary of the NAQCC on October 10 - 15th. They are looking for volunteers to put special call

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signs (N1A, N2A, N3A...N9A, N0A) on the air for the week. **Van N4ERM** said **Dick WB7OND** is experimenting with magnetic loop antennas and WSPR. Several members expressed interest in **Dick WB7OND** giving a presentation on it.

Program: **Jim KI4YRH** gave a slide show of photographs he took during Field Day. They were interesting photos and incriminating photos of many of the CFARians present during the weekend.

Door Prize: **David KR4OE** held the Door Prize Drawing. **Dan KW4BG** won a Kenwood TM281A. This was a special prize for those who had attended Field Day. **“Zero” (aka Bill) N4WTL** won a brief case handle and **Chuck KJ4RV** won a hat.

Announcements: **Chuck KJ4RV** said we now have new CFARS patches for sale at \$5 each.

A motion was made by **Bill N4WTL**, seconded by **Fred N4ZCG**, to adjourn the meeting. By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. We had 20 members present.

Upcoming Hamfests

August 6, 2016

Roanoke Hamfest
Vinton, Virginia
w4ca.com

August 13, 2016

18th Annual Cape Fear ARS Swapfest
Fayetteville, North Carolina
cfarsnc.org

September 3, 2016

Shelby Hamfest
Shelby, North Carolina
shelbyhamfest.org

NC QSO Party - VE Award

I just received the phenomenal plaque for Top Score Canada in this year's North Carolina QSO Party that was sponsored by the Cape Fear ARS. It is truly unique and deserves to be proudly displayed. I did not even know there was an award for Canada so it came as a great surprise. I feel bad that you incurred all the expense to send it to Canada since I have a residence in Terrell, NC and that address was on my contest log entry. I hope you will participate in the Ontario QSO Party next year where I sponsor an award. I am also a member of the Carolina DX Association.

In any case, the award is a great surprise and much appreciated. I will hopefully be able to participate again next year.

Best 73 **Art - VE3UTT / W1AJT**

AA4PR Estate Sale Items

Our Friend, **Joe Evans AA4PR (SK)** left word with his family that his amateur radio equipment should be given to CFARS. We appreciate that Joe's son **Steve**, facilitated gathering his father's equipment. Contact **Van N4ERM** for details at n4erm@arrl.net or 910-494-0001.

TS-430S Transceiver	\$275.00	Icom IC-2100 2-meter Xcvr	\$75.00
PS-430 Power Supply	50.00	Vector VC300DLP Antenna Tuner	50.00
Realistic Desk Mic for TS-430	25.00	Bencher Chrome Paddles	75.00
Complete TS-430 Package	\$300.00	Diawa Electronic Keyer	50.00
		Bencher Multi Band Trap Dipole	30.00
		Kenwood 6pin Power Cord	15.00
		Kenwood MC-45S (8 pin mic)	15.00
Alliance HD-74 Rotor with Controller/Cable	\$150.00		
Mosley Classic 33 Antenna 3-Element Tribander	100.00		

18th Annual Ole Fashioned

CFARS SwapFest

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

Saturday

August 13, 2016

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@nc.rr.com
(910)624-1394**

**ARRL VE Testing: Pat N4UGH n4ughpat@aol.com
(910)425-5994**

Set-up begins at 6:30am. If you need tables please call or email in advance. On the morning of the Swapfest see David KR4OE for tables.

**Table Reservations recommended.
*Tail Gating available - - also FREE!!!***