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The President's Corner: Van N4ERM

CHANGE IN VENUE! Annual Eatin' Meetin' CHANGE IN VENUE!

Wednesday, 14 December 2016, 7:00PM in the Party Room at the Supreme Buffet & Hibachi Grille (formerly Golden Corral), at 3901 Ramsey Street (in front of Lowes). Great food, great fellowship, and great prizes! Be there or be square!

Your New CFARS Officers

Well, CFARS new roster of officers looks pretty much like the old roster except for the welcome addition of **George KM4ODS** as Vice President. And what a welcome addition he is! Come join us at the Annual Eatin' Meetin' at the Supreme Buffet & Habachi Grille at 7:00PM on Wednesday, 14 December to congratulate/welcome the new officer(s).

Benson JARSFest

CFARS had two tables at the Benson fest. Thanks to **Elton W4VGW** for cleaning out part of his shack and donating the equipment to CFARS. We made our expenses and then some selling Elton's and others' stuff at the 'fest. Thanks to all who contributed to the event.

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 even be able to include a 6-meter station as well. Our good friend **Irv K3IRV**, has volunteered to coordinate CFARS's participation. He has promised to be less "hyper and critical" and more "mellow and chill" than he was last year. He'll need your help to make this a successful CFARS team effort. Please ask him how.

VE Testing

Our CFARS-ARRL Volunteer Examiner Team, lead by our stalwart VE Test Coordinator **Pat N4UGH**, will be conducting VE testing on Saturday, 10 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.

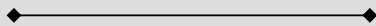
UPCOMING STUFF

- January
- 14 - VE Testing
- 16 - Monthly 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.



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November 2016 Club Meeting Minutes

On November 21st 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. **Van N4ERM** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. **David KR4OE** led the invocation. The introductions were made in the normal CFARS manner.

A motion was made by **Ben KM4ODT**, seconded by **Jim KI4YRH**, to approve the minutes of the October meeting. By vote the motion carried.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Repeater: **Bill KU4W** said the repeaters that were up and are “krowing” well.

Net Manager: **Chuck KJ4RV** gave the Net Manager’s report check-ins are down for October. Please enjoy the weather but remember to check into the nets. The repeaters are our, use them. Joe W3OJO has stepped up as Net Control for Monday nights.

Membership: **David KR4OE** said we had one hundred (100) members in the club. **David KR4OE** introduced **John KM4WEF** for membership and he was accepted as a new member of the club.

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: **Dan KW4BG** is under the weather and hopes to make the Eatin’ Meetin’ next month.

Swapfest: No report.

VE Testing: No Report.

Public Relations: No report.

Old Business: **Bill KU4W** presented certificates from 10-10 International. **Chuck KJ4RV** and **Fred N4ZCG** were #1 and #2 in the Spirit of 76 contest. The club was also the only one to submit logs for the Fall Digital Contest. **Van N4ERM** passed out stats for the last several years of Field Day results, and numbers are up for this year, more than doubling our scores from last year. Good Job! Irv K3IRV discussed one of the changes for the NC QSO party in that clubs could have more than one transmitter for the contest. JARSFEST was yesterday. Many of the folks were up in Benson. **Elton W4VGW** is downsizing his station and had it on the table. The club made more than \$300 at the JARSFEST. Remember, the club rents tables at the various hamfests, if you have any stuff to sell, bring it. If you need stuff, check out what we have for sale! Attend them, meet old friends, eyeball folks you have only spoken with, and meet new friends and invite them out. **David KR4OE** introduced **Phil Gonzales AA8JV** who formerly operated Amazon Queen HK34A in South America.

New Business: **Kelly N4EWG** brought forth nominations for Club officers for 2017.

The following are the recommendations of the nominating committee:

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| President | Van N4ERM |
| Vice President | George KM4ODS |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Chuck KJ4RV |
| Recorder | Bill KJ4OFD |

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There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate was elected by acclamation. **Bill KJ4OFD** was railroaded, tarred, feathered, escorted to his seat by three burly men, and duct taped to his seat. **Van N4ERM** reminded us it was time for our donation to Methodist University for their support. A check for \$350 will be presented to Methodist University on behalf of the Club. **Jim KI4YRH** reminded us about next month's Eatin' Meetin'in. It will be at the Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse on Raeford Road Wednesday evening, December 14th, at 7:00 pm. Come on out, enjoy the evening, and don't forget to tip your waitress.

Program: Van N4ERM gave a video presentation on his recent trip to South Africa.

Door Prize Drawing: **David KR4OE** held the prize drawing. **Van N4ERM** won a gift certificate for CheapQSL. **Ferguson KK4MCY** won a Kenwood bag, **Chuck KJ4RV** and **Irv K3IRV** both won "Ham on Board" stickers, **George KM4ODS** won a neck lanyard, **William KD4DCR** won a Kenwood lapel pin and **Ben KM4ODT** won a RF field strength meter. **Ben KM4ODT** donated several Homeland Security booklets this year. **Van N4ERM** donated the RF field strength meter.

A motion was made by **Irv K3IRV**, seconded by **Fred N4ZCG**, to adjourn the meeting. By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. We had 18 members and 1 guest present.

2017 CFARS Officers

- President** **Burt Vanderclute N4ERM**
- Vice President** **George Davenport KM4ODS**
- Sec/Treasurer** **Chuck Ward KJ4RV**
- Recorder** **William Ivey KJ4OFD**



Our VE Testing Coordinator, Pat N4UGH, reminds all that our first ARRL VE Test session during 2017 will be on Saturday, 10 January 2017 in the Hendricks Science Complex Room 219. Sign-in starts at 0900 and testing begins at 0930.

Eat'n Meetin Location Change

CFARS Eat'n Meetin aka "Christmas Party"
Supreme Buffet and Habachi Grill
3901 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, NC
December 14, 2016 @ 7pm

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Merry Christmas