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## The President's Corner: Van N4ERM

### Field Day 2016!!

Our June meeting will preview our participation in the 2016 Field Day event. **Bob WA4WHV** is our overall in charge (OIC). The ARRL calls Field Day an event, NOT a contest. Historically for CFARS it has been BOTH an event and a contest. In my simplistic way of thinking, anytime points are awarded and comparative scores are posted, you have an event that is a context! We've always done "respectably" in the past (#2 or #3 in NC). This time we're aiming for first place. Our own **George KN4ODS** has volunteered to lead the SSB station. He needs lots of help to keep the station running for the full 24 hours. So VOLUNTEER! His presentation at May's meeting on "Best Contesting Practices" was just SUPER.

The Field Day set-up process looks like this:

- Friday, 24 June - - Pick up and deliver equipment (tents, tables & chairs, towers, antennas, generator, power system, cables, etc.) to the Field Day site, adjacent to the Hendricks Complex parking lot.
- Saturday, 25 June - - After breakfast, set up and check all equipment and stations prior to the 1400 hours (2PM) start time, then operate continuously for 24 straight hours!
- Sunday, 25 June - - Continue operations until 1400 hours (2PM), then break everything down and pack it away until next year's event. And DON'T FORGET the POTLUCK! Come join us for Field Day and get on the air. Bring your friends and family and get THEM on the air, too!

### Museum of the Cape Fear

We've been asked to demonstrate Amateur Radio for children ages 9-12 at the Museum of the Cape Fear on Thursday, 23 June 2016 from 9AM to noon. Looking for volunteers to

- Head up this effort.
- Man 2-meters so kids can chat with someone, and
- Volunteers to set up HF station for voice and CW.

### New Shelves in the Repeater Room

Thanks to **Bob WA4WHV**, we have display shelves in the Repeater Room. Three of our First Place awards for the NC QSO Party are on display. If you have the missing First Place award, please consider returning it so that we can have all awards on display. We'll try to get some of the 10-10 International first Place Awards on display as well.

### UPCOMING STUFF

- 11 June – CFARS VE Testing
- 20 June – Monthly CFARS Meeting
- 23 June – Amateur Radio Demonstration for Museum of the Cape Fear
- 24-26 June – Field Day!

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



### May 2016 Club Meeting Minutes

On May 16th 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 **George KM4ODS**, seconded by **Kelly N4EWG**, to approve the minutes of the April 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 are all working. **Jerry, KA4ULH** has built and backed up the 440 repeater. He is still working on the controller.

**Net Manager:** **Chuck KJ4RV** gave the Net Manager's report the numbers are down for the month. Please enjoy the weather but remember to check into the nets. The repeaters are our, use them.

**Membership:** **David KR4OE** said we had three (3) new members to be inducted into the club but they were not present. We still have several members who had not paid their dues for this year.

**Field Day:** **George KM4ODS** talked about field day. It's coming up at the end of June. We need folks to step up and volunteer to come out and work. We need help on the SSB station and CW station, help with the groceries (if you can cook and bring a pot luck dish or the likes) and setup and tear down. Folks the long and short is WE NEED YOUR HELP111

**Health & Welfare:** **David KR4OE** reported **Dr. John Cressler, DDS WD4KAU** had become a Silent KEY.

**VE Testing:** Gene N4ANV talked about VE Testing. The next test session will be on Saturday June 11, 2016 at 9 am in Room 219 of the Science Building at Methodist University.

**Public Relations:** **Irv K3IRV** is the new *ARRL North Carolina Public Information Officer!*

**Old Business:** **David KR4OE** went to the Kinston Hamfest. He talked to a new vendor and invited him to our Swapfest. We now have two (2) vendors this year. Think about what you need. Support our Swapfest. Mike KN4XP, our newsletter editor is looking for articles from the club for the newsletter. Send articles to [cfars\\_newsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:cfars_newsletter@yahoo.com). **Van N4ERM** thanked **Jim KI4YRH** for setting up the *SKYWARN* program last month and **Kelly N4EWG** for cutting it short. **Van N4ERM** and **Irv K3IRV** went to an *Emergency Communication Management meeting* with several government agencies. CFARS and the American Red Cross were the only non-government folks present. **Irv K3IRV** honchoed the annual Emergency Shelter Test. We had a good number of members show up to conduct the test. Communications on the 146.91 repeater was scratchy (it was a dark stormy night). Simplex was iffy. The test was successful. **Bob WA4WHV** completed the shelves for the repeater room to hold our awards. One of the four NCQP awards is missing. If you know where it is bring it in so we can proudly display it with the others. The club is currently good with net controllers for both the evening and PT nets. If you would like to become a net control station let **Chuck KJ4RV** or **Kelly N4EWG** know. **Bill KJ4OFD** reported the portable antenna tower is fairly complete. We would like to test it out one Saturday after breakfast prior to Field Day so any upgrades can be made. **Van N4ERM** has several CFARS T-Shirts that were paid for but not picked up. You know who you are. Pick up the shirts. He also has T-Shirts from the *MS Walk*.

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**New Business:** Irv K3IRV discussed the 440 and 6 M repeaters. They are seldom used. He suggested we form a committee to examine if digital repeaters might be an avenue to explore (*DMR, Fusion or D-STAR*). Shawn K1RZZ, Dick WB7OND, David KR4OE and Leighton KN4ZZ volunteered to investigate and make suggestions at next month's meetings. After the visit by Marty W4MY, NC QSO Party, from Erwin, the Raleigh ARS has asked CFARS break up the team and man the Voice of America station near Farmville, North Carolina for this years NC QSO Party. There was some discussion held. We decided to stay here in Fayetteville. Chuck KJ4RV announced we now have the new club patches for sale. They are \$5 each.

**Program:** George KM4ODS gave a presentation on Field Day SSB Operations. This was an outstanding presentation. Van N4ERM will email the presentation to the mailing list.

**Door Prize:** David KR4OE held the Door Prize Drawing. Bill KM4SUB and Bonnie KF4LVF won a tool kit. Jerry KA4ULH won a field strength meter. Bill KU4W won a FEMA book. Dan KM4BG donated the tool kits and Van N4ERM donated the field strength meter. Thanks to all who make prize donations to CFARS. David KR4OE is accepting donations for door prizes. Help him out folks!

A motion was made by Chuck KJ4RV, seconded by Kelly N4EWG, to adjourn the meeting. By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. We had 23 members and 1 guest present.

### *Upcoming Hamfests*

#### **June 11, 2016**

Winston Salem Classic Hamfest  
Winston Salem, North Carolina  
[w4nc.com/ws\\_classic\\_hamfest\\_2016.htm](http://w4nc.com/ws_classic_hamfest_2016.htm)

#### **July 9, 2016**

31st Annual Firecracker Hamfest  
Salisbury, North Carolina  
[www.rowanars.org/firecracker-hamfest](http://www.rowanars.org/firecracker-hamfest)

#### **July 16, 2016**

Mid-Summer Swapfest  
Cary, North Carolina  
[www.qsl.net/n4nc](http://www.qsl.net/n4nc)

#### **July 30, 2016**

WCARS Hamfest  
Waynesville, North Carolina  
[wcars.org](http://wcars.org)

#### **August 6, 2016**

Roanoke Hamfest  
Vinton, Virginia  
[w4ca.com](http://w4ca.com)

#### **August 13, 2016**

18th Annual Cape Fear ARS Swapfest  
Fayetteville, North Carolina  
[cfarsnc.org](http://cfarsnc.org)

### *Items for Sale*

Hustler 5-BTV HF vertical  
Contact Shawn K1RZZ for more information

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Cushcraft A4S triband antenna with 40 meter add-on  
Ham IV Rotor with controller unit  
60-foot Rohn 25 tower with tapered top section

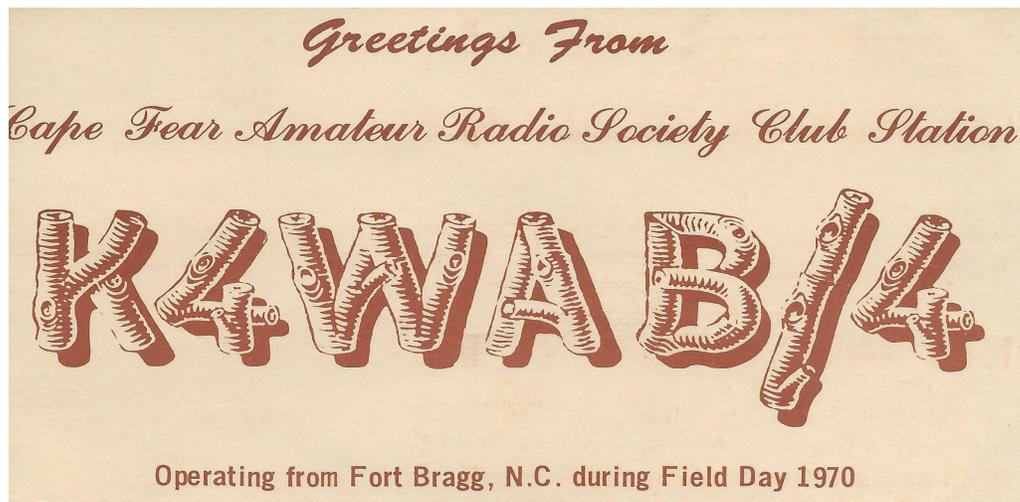
Everything has been housed and is in pristine condition.  
Asking \$1,000.00 for the package deal.  
Call Steve KA4CZL - - (910) 980-0062



**Field Day (circa 1975)**

This is a picture of some members of CFARS located in Fayetteville, NC. The picture was taken sometime in the 1970's. So to split the time we will call in 1975 (wb4jvi@gmail.com) We had a lot of fun. Some are now Silent Keys. The Field Day station was operated at Smoke Bomb Hill on Ft. Bragg.

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Russ Shepherd W4SKW (SK) and son | 7. Pete Peterson K4QFK |
| 2. Carl Pressler W4LPL (SK)         | 8. Mike Murphy WA4BPJ  |
| 3. Bill Fench W4EHF                 | 9. Mike Steiffel       |
| 4. Ed Duck WB4JVI                   | 10. Sid Purvis WA4VBC  |
| 5. Bob Caverly WB4PWZ               | 11. Eugene ?           |
| 6. Jerry Hickock WB4FXM (SK)        | 12. Ron Lee WB4RXZ     |



*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](mailto:kr4oe@nc.rr.com)  
(910)624-1394**

**ARRL VE Testing: Pat N4UGH [n4ughpat@aol.com](mailto: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!!!***