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***The President's Corner: Van N4ERM***

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Best wishes to all for a very happy and healthy 2016. I thought 2015 was a very good year for CFARS and I'm confident that 2016 will be even better.

**THANKS!**

Big THANKS to **Dale AK4YS** for his great leadership as Vice President and President of CFARS and as head organizer for our participation in Field Day, Jamboree on the Air, MS Walk, etc. THANKS to **Chuck KJ4RV** and **Bill KJ4OFD** for volunteering to continue as our Secretary/Treasurer and Recorder respectively. In addition to these officers, THANKS go to **Bill KU4W** and **Jerry KA4ULH** for continuing to maintain and upgrade our repeaters. THANKS to **Mike KN4XP** for continuing to edit this superb NEWSLetter. THANKS to **Pat N4UGH** for leading our ARRL Volunteer Examiner Team. THANKS also to **Irv K3IRV** (in addition to his duties as our CFARS Public Relations person) for leading our 2016 North Carolina State QSO Party efforts (let's make CFARS #1 for the fourth year in a row!) and to **Bob WA4WHV** for taking on CFARS's participation in Field Day for 2106. THANKS to **Kelly N4EWG** for continuing to manage the world-famous Possum Trot Net and to **Bill KU4W** for heading up the Possum Trot Chapter, the all-time winningest chapter of Ten-Ten International. THANKS to **David KR4OE** for continuing to drive our annual Swapfest, for monitoring our membership and relations with the ARRL, and for our monthly Raffle for prizes. And THANKS to all who sponsor the monthly prizes. THANKS to **Gene N4ANV** for the magazine stickers and hex-beam recommendation. THANKS to **Mya** and **William KD4DCR** for heading up our health and welfare operations. THANKS to **Reggie KK4NJC** who no longer lives in the area, but continues to operate our [CFARSNC.org](http://CFARSNC.org) website. THANKS to all of the PT Net and Evening Net control operators who keep our nets running smoothly. Without control operators there would likely be no nets a BIG THANKS to all of the CFARS members who make this such a great organization. And let's not forget that we lost a bunch of good CFARS members last year. We remember them fondly and say **THANKS!**

**CFARS MEETINGS**

I'd like to add another item or two to our monthly meeting format. We need a forum where we can "Show and Tell" of something new we've discovered, learned, recommend or recommend against. If you get a new radio, gadget, antenna, device or process, please share it with the group. You might also send an article with photos to our *Editor* **Mike KN4XP** to consider for inclusion in the CFARS News. In a recent meeting, **Marty KD4YQE** and **Leighton KN4ZZ** suggested among other things that we take time to announce any civic activities we might be involved with such as dinners, yard sales, and anything else that might be of interest to the group. THANKS and let's add these to our agenda going forward.

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 newsletter is part of your club membership. The right to vote on issues for the club also comes with membership.



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



### December 2015 Club Meeting Minutes

It being the December Eatin' Meetin', President Van N4ERM called the business meeting to order after most had finished dinner at 1946 hours on Tuesday, 15 December 2015 at the Western Sizzlin' on Raeford Road. After dispensing with the usual Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, invocation and invocations, he moved immediately into the meeting.

Van N4ERM introduced the new CFARS Officers. Both the new Vice President Van KG6HYJ and Recorder Bill KD4OFD were absent.



A motion was made by **Jim KI4YRH**, seconded by **Bonne KF4LVF**, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. By vote the motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Treasurer:** **Chuck KJ4RV** gave the treasurer's report. The club is still solvent.

**Repeater:** **Bill KU4W** reported that the repeaters were still on the air. **Jerry KA4ULH** is still playing with them.

**Net Manager:** **Chuck KJ4RV** gave the Net Manager's report check-ins are up.

**Membership:** **David KR4OE** introduced two members for acceptance into CFARS: **Travis KM4JJJ** and **Shawn** (new LIFE Member). **Bonne KF4LVF** moved and **Ferguson KK4MCY** seconded that they be accepted. Both were enthusiastically accepted.

**Health & Welfare:** No report.

**Swapfest:** No Report.

**VE Testing:** No report.

**Public Relations:** No report.

**Field Day:** No report.

**Old Business:** Congratulations to the *Possum Trotters on Ten Chapter* for winning the Ten-Ten International Fall Digital contest. They did so by a wide margin over the next Chapter. The key to winning had been the number of participants. Our Chapter Grand Poobah **Bill KU4W** loves winning these contests, so PLEASE PARTICIPATE! **Bill KJ4OFD** was not present to report on the Mobile Tower progress. In a surprise presentation, **Bonne KF4LVF** recognized her past and current mentor "Elmers" **William KD4DCR** and **Chuck KJ4RV**. What a nice thought and thank you! **Gene N4ANV**, who could not be present for this meeting, had been tasked to come up with a recommended easy-up-easy-down antenna for CFARS. In a detailed analysis provided to the membership, **Gene** recommended a Hex Beam; specifically the Bobber Hex from K5BOB. A motion was made by **Bonne KF4LVF**, seconded by **Jerry KA4ULH**, for CFARS allot \$600.00 to purchase a tri-band Bobber Hex. By vote the motion carried. Members asked when they could order the CFARS Tee Shirt and/or long sleeve shirt? **Tripp KJ4BKD** mentioned that he had not been receiving the CFARS News through his email. **David KR4OE** distributed a BUNCH of raffle prizes including mobile transceivers, handi talkies, tools, subscriptions and electronics. THANKS for continuing to run this program, David! the program at the January CFARS meeting will be a Film of the 2015 Navassa Island DXpedition. Should be a great program.

After a round of Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy 2016, the meeting was adjourned at 2011 hours.



*Upcoming Hamfests*

01/09/2016 Winston-Salem First Fest  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina  
[www.w4gwd.org/](http://www.w4gwd.org/)

02/06/2016 South Carolina State Convention  
Charleston, South Carolina  
[wa4usn.org/](http://wa4usn.org/)

03/11/2016 Charlotte Hamfest  
Concord, North Carolina  
[charlottehamfest.org](http://charlottehamfest.org)

04/02/2016 Rarsfest  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
[rars.org/rarsfest](http://rars.org/rarsfest)

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