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The President's Corner: Van N4ERM

CFARS Meetings

Attendance at the 17 November meeting broke recent attendance records. Thanks to all for coming out (to the meeting, that is!). So was it elections, Show & Tell, or something else that brought out the crowd? We also seem to be conducting more business at these meetings. Whatever it was, let's keep it up. And bring along a friend/spouse.

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Benson JARSFEST

CFARS had two tables at the Benson fest. We saw a lot of CFARS members in attendance, but few put anything on the tables. Some members wisely snapped up many of the bargains at the fest.

North Carolina QSO Party CHANGES THE RULES

CFARS has won the last three NC QSO Party contests. The rules remained the same for all three years. Possibly as a result of these convincing victories, the Raleigh group that runs the contest has changed the rules. Larger clubs complained that the shortness of the contest (only 10 hours) and allowing only one club radio on the air, limited the number of club participants. For this reason some wanted a change in the rules to allow multiple club stations on the air (more stations = more member participation). 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. Our good friend Irv, K3IRV, has volunteered to coordinate CFARS's efforts in the contest. He'll need your help. Please ask him how.

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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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November 2015 Club Meeting Minutes

On November 15th 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. **Elton W4GWV** led the invocation. **Van N4ERM** led the introductions in the normal CFARS style.



Van N4ERM asked all if they had read the minutes of the last meeting. There were corrections to several call signs. The ADY net meets at 3.852 MHz. A motion was made by **Marty KD4YQE**, seconded by **Jim KI4YRH**, to approve the minutes of the last meeting with the corrections. By vote the motion carried. **Van N4ERM** introduced **Van Peterson K4QFK**, an original charter member of the CFARS. The club was chartered 45 years ago as an ARRL sanctioned club.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Repeater: **Bill KU4W** told the club the repeaters were operational. The 10-10 digital contest was last weekend and reminded those who participated to get their logs in.

Net Manager: **Chuck KJ4RV** gave the Net Manager's report the numbers are up, as the temperature goes down.

Membership: **David KR4OE** presented Life Memberships to **Charlotte KI4EZK** and **Shawn K1RZZ**. **Darren KM4ODS** and **Ben KM4ODT** received regular memberships.

Health & Welfare: was not aware that **Bill KU4W** wife's mother had passed away last month. All arrangements have been made. Our condolences to **Linda KC4SWY** on the loss of her mother.

Swapfest: No Report.

VE Testing: **Pat N4UGH** reported that VE Testing would take place in this very room in January. Study up and upgrade.

Public Relations: Irv K3IRV told us that Rep. Renee Elmers has signed on as a sponsor in support of the Amateur Radio Antenna Parity Act, Richard Burr is behind it as well. This will give hams in areas with restrictive covenants to erect antennas on their property with some reasonable compromises.

Field Day: No report.

Old Business: **Chuck KJ4RV** and **Kelly N4EWG** have enough net controllers for the present, but it is always nice to have others waiting in the wings. If you are interested in becoming a net control, email Chuck and get on the list. **Leighton KN4ZZ** presented several ideas to make the nets more interesting and fun. One suggestion was a Trader net at 7:30 pm after the Saturday Evening net alternating with a Tech Net the following Saturday. **Marty KD4YQE** asked that those of us involved in other civic functions / clubs / activities to make the announcements of Dinners, Yard Sales, Parades, meetings, and anything else that might be of interest or help to their activity during the announcement portion of the evening nets, before everyone has had their say and ran for groceries. Please give particulars: who, what, when, where, why, how much, and how we can help them help others. **Gene N4ANV** has made new labels for magazines for waiting rooms. If you need more, call him and he can make it happen. **Bill KJ4OFD** reported little progress on the trailer, but

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Irv K3IRV spoke briefly about the *NC QSO Party*. and seems to think that some of the recent changes in the rules have been to move CFARS from the winners circle we have been in for the past three years, upping the number of transmitters a club can have instead of 1 per club. We need several people to volunteer as operators so we can stay Number 1. A motion was made by **Irv K3IRV**, seconded by **Pat N4UGH**, for the club to allocate \$200.00 for an outboard voice keyer to help out. **Van N4ERM** moved discussions on Hex Beam Antennas, Go Kits, and Tower Replacement until January meeting.

Eatin Meetin: **Jim KI4YRH** has made arrangements for the December Eatin' Meetin' to be at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House on Raeford Road on Tuesday evening December 15th at 7:00 pm. Men, bring your wives and/or girlfriends, Ladies, likewise. Parents, leave the kids home, make in a nice night out.

New Business: **Kelly N4EWG** has the following *Possum Trot Certificates Suitable for Framing and Hanging Proudly on your South Wall*. Please call Kelly to make arrangements to pick up your certificates.

PT 3536	George Davenport	KM4ODS
PT 3533	George Townson	KM4LZM
PT3531	Bradley Norton	KM4JYR
PT3530	Justin Grimes	AK4XV
PT3529	Michael O'Bryon	KE4KCS
PT 3528	Walter Baric	KG4JOK
PT 3525	Mark Davis	
PT3521	Cody McNeil	
PT3518	John Phillips	KK4TBH
PT3513	Michael Fury	KG4PRZ (KV4ZZ)

Elections: **Kelly N4EWG** presented a slate of officers drawn up by many of our illustrious Past Presidents and maintainers of Truth, Justice, and the American Way. The fine individuals they have presented are:

President	N4ERM	Burt Vanderclute
Vice President	KG6HYJ	Darryl van Yur
Secretary/Treasurer	KJ4RV Chuck	Ward
Recorder	KJ4OFD	Bill Ivey

There were no recommendations from the floor. A motion was made by **Gene N4ANV**, seconded by **Jim KI4YRH**, the slate be elected by acclamation. By vote the motion carried. Condolences to the crew for your election...

PROGRAM: **Chuck KJ4RV** brought in an office paper case box filled with little tiny pieces parts, cute little radios, and various other homebrew paraphernalia. A 30M rockmite radio, a NorCal 38 special radio, a N0XAS pico keyer, a gold handled touch keyer, an A-B-C switch modified for keyers, a lightning detector, and electric microphone salvaged from an answering machine, a blue tooth connector for radio operation, a DTMF tone pad keyer and a homebrew attenuator. I'm perty sure there is a rabbit in there somewhere. **Steve KI4EZL** brought up an Alex Loop antenna and an MTR-3 mountaintop radio. The radio, antenna and tripod all fit into a small sack not much bigger than a spiral bound notebook. **Dan KW4BG** brought up a tunable stub he had been working on and explained the idea behind it and some of the theory. **David KR4OE** showed us a soldering station donated by Bill KU4W, pulled a ticket, and the soldering station went home with **Duke KJ4VZD**.

Announcements: **Irv K3IRV** mentioned a new DX country, an island in the Pacific. **Gene N4ANV** is on the DX Honor Roll as #242. Congrats Gene. **Pete K4QFK** indicated that he may be making a trip during the coming year to Uganda, and may take is radio. Contact will be by CW. Here's your opportunity to learn CW...

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 8:35 p.m. We had 30 members and 2 visitors present.

CFARS
2016 Slate of Officers

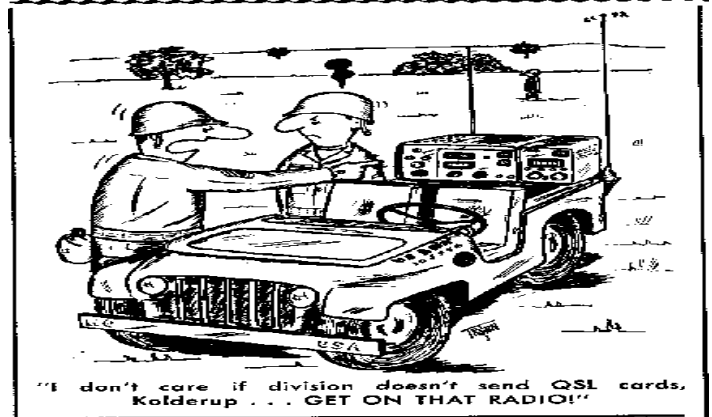


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Vice President	Darryl van Yur	KG6HYJ
Secretary/Treasurer	Chuck Ward	KJ4RV
Recorder	Bill Ivey	KJ4OFD



The Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society December Eatin Meetin will be held on December 15, 2015 at 7pm. The location will be the

Western Sizzlin located at 7735 S. Raeford Road, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28314. An area has been reserved for our membership at the Western Sizzlin by Jim KI4YRH.



Upcoming Hamfests

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| 01/09/2016 | Winston-Salem First Fest
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
www.w4gwd.org/ | 02/06/2016 | South Carolina State Convention
Charleston, South Carolina
wa4usn.org/ |
| 03/11/2016 | Charlotte Hamfest
Concord, North Carolina
charlottehamfest.org | 04/02/2016 | Rarsfest
Raleigh, North Carolina
rars.org/rarsfest |

