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January 2013 Club Meeting Minutes:

On January 21st the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by **Dale AK4YS**. **Dale AK4YS** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Bob WA4WHV** led the invocation. **Dale AK4YS** led the introductions in the normal CFARS style.

Jim KI4YRH, made a motion to accept the minutes for November and December, seconded by **Bonnie KF4LVF**. By vote the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer; Chuck, KJ4RV gave a report on income and expenses. We are OK! Club dues are due before March 31st.

Repeater; Bill KU4W reminded everyone of the 10-10 SSB contest on February 4-5. There was discussion on previous 10-10 contests. Logs should be submitted in Cabrillo format and indicate Possom Trot Chapter. **Bill KU4W** thanked **David KR4OE**, **Bob WA4WHV**, **Van N4ERM**, **Don KI4ZL** and **Jackie KJ4KX** for helping with the repeaters. The 33 repeater is down due to a broken antenna **Don KI4ZL** and **Jackie KJ4KX** provided a replacement antenna. The repeaters are back in the normal locations..

Health & Welfare; Mya indicated all is well. **Bill KJ4OFD** thanked the club for the card and best wishes.

Net Manager; Chuck, KJ4RV gave the statistics from November and December. So far for the month our number were up. Several nets lasted over twenty minutes.

Membership; David KR4OE reported we ended 2012 with 93 members. A reminder to club members that club dues are due no later than March 31st. There are several new hams in the area and they are invited to join CFARS.

Field Day; Dale AK4YS pointed out Methodist University has erected new parking lots on the site we have been using for Field Day. We will need to find another location to hold Field Day this year. Several members indicated there was a large grassy

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The President's Corner:

Dale AK4YS

Greetings to CFARS and Ham Radio Friends

Welcome to the first meeting of the New Year. It is a pleasure and honor to serve you another year. I think we have some new and exciting stuff for you this year. We have **Tripp KJ4BKD** as Vice President. We have some good ideas for the club. We need your thoughts. So come to a meeting, drop us a line or catch us on a net. We are here for you!



Keep a look out for "Ask the Elmer." Bring a question to the club meeting you would like the "Elmer" to answer.

See ya all in February!

73 de **Dale AK4YS**

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area next to the Admissions Building. **Dale AK4YS** will check on this location before the next meeting.

Swapfest: David KR4OE said we have lost the date for the Swapfest due to a school activity. We need to determine if we will choose another date or postpone the Swapfest until 2014. **David KR4OE** will research alternate dates and report back to the membership at the next meeting. Members were asked about other venues, preferably free sites, so that we can hold the Swapfest.

Emergency Coordinator: Steve KK4EYN. There was discussion regarding equipment set up at the various schools in the county. Members will make arrangements to inspect and inventory equipment at the schools and emergency shelters.

VE Testing: We have 3 new hams from the last testing session.

ARRL Bulletins: Dale AK4YS read an ARRL letter indicating there were some 130,000-140,000 hams in the 4th call area. There were 709,575 new licenses issued in 2012. CFARS Possum Trot CW net (slow speed) is held on Sundays at 5:00 pm.

Public Relations: Irv K3IRV agreed to take this position in CFARS.

Old Business: None

New Business: Programs for the new year were discussed. **SKYWARN** will be presented in April. **Van N4ERM** encouraged all to present ideas and suggestions to the leadership. Yellow Emergency Vests and magnetic Signs for Emergency Communications were discussed. The NC QSO Party is February 24th from 10 am - 2 pm.

Program: Tripp KJ4BKD gave a presentation on emergency power. He provided several suggestions on alternate power.

Door Prize: Kelly N4EWG held the door prize drawing. **Bill KU4W** won a \$50 ARRL gift

On Using 73

Submitted by Van N4ERM

Here is some Amateur Radio lore for your reading enjoyment

Some Amateur Radio stations, especially DX, get carried away in ending a QSO "Best regards to your family and friends." "I wish you and yours health and happiness for all of your new years and birthdays." "God bless you and all of your future generations." While all of this may be acceptable in voice mode. It isn't acceptable in digital or CW.

Our predecessors in the hobby used "73" to end their contact with each other. It is the Amateur Radio operators way of saying best wishes, happy birthday, happy new year to your and yours, ect.

Later, Citizens Band operators adopted "73" for their own use. Incorrectly saying 73s or seventy-thirds. They are CBers not Hams.

Courteous Amateur Radio operators still say "73" at the end of a QSO. Some use in in voice or written communications to other Hams.

The point is that is is simply "73." Saying or writning 73s or 73's is incorrect. Saying or writing seventy-thirds identifies the speaker as a CBer.

Let's get it right!

CFARS Meetings

Club meetings are normally held on the 3rd Monday of each month on the campus of Methodist University

Club Repeaters

	K4MN
2 m	146.910/146.310
70 cm	444.400/449.400
	W4EBM
6 m	53.810/52.810
	WA4FLR
2 m	147.330/147.930

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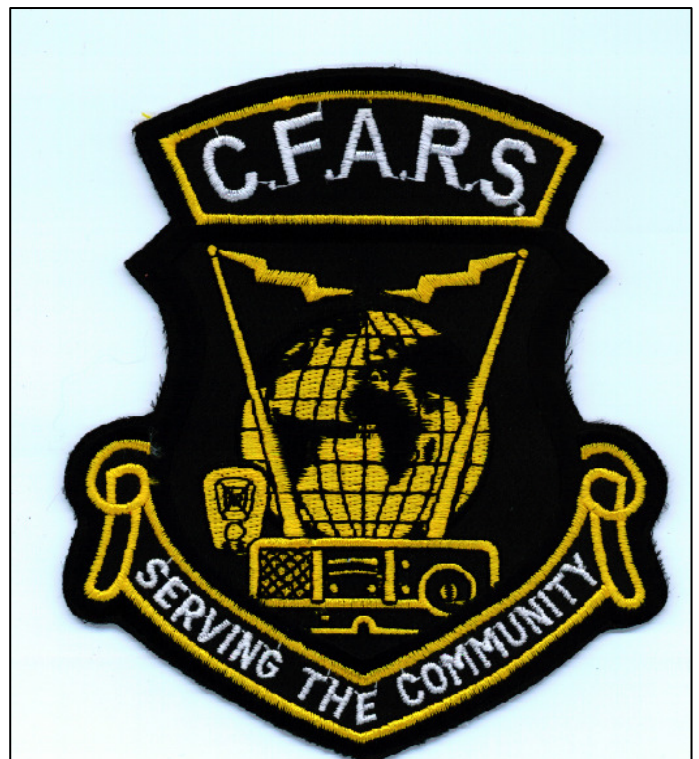
certificate.

Bonnie KF4LVF, made a motion, seconded by **Jim KI4YRH** to adjourn themeting. By vote the motion carried.

Jim KI4YRH made a motion, seconded by **Chuck KJ4RV**, that the meeting be adjourned. By vote the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2040 hours.

Upcoming Hamfests

- March 8.....Charlotte Hamfest
- 30.....Rarsfest, Raleigh, NC
- April 20.....Catawba Valley, Morganton, NC
- 27.....Down East Hamfest, Kinston, NC
- June 8.....Winston Salem Classic Hamfest
- July 20.....Mid-Summer Swapfest
Cary, NC
- 27.....WCARS Hamfest
Waynesville, NC
- October 13.....Mayesville Hamfest
Mayesville, NC



Kelly N4EWG has club patches for sale!!!

CFARS Finances

Individuals have expressed concerns about our financial information being accessed via electronic media eavesdropping. This might be possible because of the email delivery now used to supply the newsletter to many of the club members. To avoid this possibility the club financial information will no longer be published in the newsletter and we will continue to present a financial information report at each monthly club meeting.

Items for Sale

- 80' Crank up tower mounted on a trailer with an ac motor to crank it up
- Bencher Paddles (black)
- Heathkit 230 HF Amplifier
- Repeater for 2 meters with cavities
- Heathkit SB614 monitor
- Heathkit SB634 meter
- Sears communications receiver from .5 Mhz to 290.9 Mhz
- Radio Shack HYX202 2 meter handheld radio
- Tube Tester

These items are from AJ's estate. If interested contact Bill KU4W at 910-528-6758

Do you have items you want listed in the newsletter. If so, send the information to

cfars_newsletter@yahoo.com

Carolina DX Association takes over K4, N4 and W4 call signs

The W4 call area incoming bureau recently had a change with the Carolina DX Association (CDXA) talking over the single letter prefix call signs.

Envelopes should now be sent to the bureau at:

Call Box DX
Charlotte, North Carolina 28220

CDXA W4 QSL Bureau
www.cdxa.org/qsl-bureau.shtml

NC QSO Party

The 2013 NC QSO Party will be held on February 24th starting at 1500 UTC until February 25th ending at 0059 UTC. There will be the following categories: Single-op, Mobile, Expedition and Club stations. NC stations may work everyone. Send call sign and NC county. Out of state station may only work NC stations. Send call sign and QTH. A signal report is optional. Contacts may not be made by use of repeater, satellite, internet transponders or cross-banding. Bands for operation are from 2 meters through 80 meters. WARC bands are not allowed for this qso party.

Suggested Operating Frequencies

CW – 3.540, 7/040, 14.040, 21.140, 28.040, 50.040
SSB – 3.860, 7.260, 14.260, 21.360, 28.360, 50.160

Power Categories include QRP at 5 watts or less. Low Power at 150 watts or less.

Scoring for the qso party is as follows:

QSO points – 2 points for phone qso's and 3 points for cw qso's.

Multipliers are the 100 NC counties, 50 US states plus DC, 14 Canadian providences and 1 DX contact.

Bonus Points are available for the qso party.

50 points for working NI4BK aboard the USS North Carolina, 50 points for working W4DW (RARS club station), 150 points for working both NI4BK and W4DW. 50 points for working Cherokee county, 50 points for working Dare county or 150 points for working both Cherokee and Dare counties.

For final scoring multiply the total QSO points times the total multiplier value. Add bonus points after the multiplication.

Logs should be submitted in Cabrillo format if they are submitted electronically. All logs must be received by April 1, 2013.

All licensed amateur radio operators may participate and submit logs for any applicable awards.

Final results will be published on the NC QSO Party web site.