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The President's Corner:

Dale AK4YS

Welcome all to another Meeting for March. It was a very interesting meeting on county hunting. I learned a lot and hope others did too!

I was excited to see some old, new and possible new club members.

We still need to fill some much need CFARS jobs. We need you to come to the meetings and help out where you can.

The MS Walk on April 6th is next on our list of projects. Come help out this worthy cause. Have some fun with amateur radio!

See you in April!

73 de Dale AK4YS



March 2014 Club Meeting Minutes:

On March 17th the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by **Dale AK4YS**. The meeting was held in Clark Hall of Methodist University. **Dale AK4YS** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Elton W4VGW** led the invocation. **Dale AK4YS** led the introductions in the normal CFARS style.

Kelly N4EWG, made a motion to accept the minutes for February, seconded by **Van N4ERM**, with a date correction for Field Day June 28 - 29 with setup on Friday June 27th. By vote the motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Chuck, KJ4RV gave a financial report. We are solvent!

Repeater: Bill KU4W reported on the club repeaters. Issues with the 2 meter repeaters have been solved at the present time. The 6 meter repeater is working now after a cold solder joint repair. The 440 machine is working normally. **Van N4ERM** added **Bill KU4W** and **Doug W4DWH** donated time and gas for continued support of our repeaters. He suggested they be reimbursed for the costs involved. **Pat N4UGH** made a motion, seconded by **Tripp KJ4BJKD**, to give \$100 each for all they have spent to support the repeaters. By vote the motion passed.

Net Manager: Chuck, KJ4RV reported on the nets. Net time and traffic are down from January. This has a lot to do with February being a shorter month. Total check-ins were 471 (16.8 per net). Total net time was 561 minutes (average of 20 minutes per net session). **David KR4OE** added a historical note from the early 90's - net participation averaged 40 check-ins per net. Starting in 2000 net participation began to taper off.

Health & Welfare: No report.

Membership: David KR4OE reported on membership. Currently we have 80 members. A final total will be available next month. Membership gives you the right to vote on club issues.

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Club Repeaters

K4MN
2 m 146.910/146.310
70 cm 444.400/449.400
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2 m 147.330/147.930

Items For Sale

Little Tarheel II Antenna with LTMT-1 \$300

Contact Mike KN4XP
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If you have items that you would like listed for sale or trade in the CFARS Newsletter email them to Mike KN4XP at

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Your items will be listed for up to two (2) months. If you sell your items please let me know so that I can remove them from the newsletter. There is no cost to list personal items for sale in the newsletter.

If you have pictures of a CFARS event or members of CFARS in action please send them into the newsletter.

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.



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Field Day: Dale AK4YS reminded the club we still need a volunteer to lead the event but he will be able to assist. Field day setup Friday June 27th. Field Day being held the last weekend of the month on June 28th - 29th this year. Beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday.

Swapfest: David KR4OE provided three (3) options for the Swapfest this year

- No Swapfest
- Have the swapfest at the Shrine Hall again this year and lose money (August 23rd is the only date available)
- Charge admission to the Swapfest. It was suggested to charge \$5 admission

UPDATE: Confirm date to August 23, 2014. The location and time are confirmed and will not conflict with other Swapfests.

Don KI4ZL suggested an outdoor Swapfest. Many other suggestions from the floor for alternate locations were made. It was suggested that we try to maintain the 2nd Saturday in August as our date.

VE Testing: Pat N4UGH told the club we had a very successful testing session. Congratulations go out to **Elton W4VGW** (new extra class) and all of the others that tested and passed their exams.

The MS Walk will be Sunday April 6, 2014. It will be held at 352 Devers Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina. The event starts at 2:00 p.m. Volunteers should show up at 1:00 p.m.

The NC QSO Party was held in March. CFARS won 1st Place! CFARS had 365 QSO's for a score of 85170. Thanks to all who assisted with operation and spotting.

Cliff KK4NC invited all to attend the Sampson County ARC SCARS meetings. They meet on the second Saturday of the month. Their next meeting is April 12th at 9:00 a.m. They meet at the Piggly Wiggly in the Jordan Plaza located at 332 Northeast Blvd, Clinton, North Carolina. Karl Bowman, NC ARRL Section manager, will be the special speaker at their meeting.

Presentation: Gene N4ANV gave a presentation on County Hunting.

Door Prize: Tripp KJ4BKD and Van N4ERM donated prizes for the drawing. Jim KI4YRH won 100 feet of L-4000 coax, Tripp KJ4BKD won a multimeter and Brian KK4TBF won a CFARS jacket with patch.

Jim KI4YRH made a motion, seconded by Irv K3IRV, to adjourn the meeting. By vote the motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Upcoming Meeting and Programs

April 21 - Satcom
 May 19 - Skywarn
 June 16 - Field Day Preperation
 July 21 - ARES/RACES

Upcoming Hamfests

April 19 RARSfest
 Raleigh, NC
 State Fairgrounds

May 3 Down East Hamfest
 Kinston, NC

10 Rockingham County Swapfest
 Reidsville, NC