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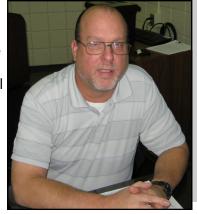
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## The President's Corner:

#### Dale AK4YS

Happy New Year CFARS members, friends and fellow amateur radio enthusiasts.

We hope to hit the new year running. We had a great presentation on 'Digital Modes' for amateur radio at the January meeting. If you didn't make it to the meeting you missed a great presentation by Bill N3GTY and Van N4ERM.



This may be a year of change. We need you to step up and fill much needed club jobs! Jobs as net control to field day coordinator. We need you at the meetings to offer a hand where you can. No job is hard. All we ask is you try. We appreciate all the hard work everyone is doing for the club but we need more. Please help you by doing your part.

Thanks for being a part of a super club!

73 de Dale AK4YS

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## January 2014 Club Meeting Minutes:

On January 20th the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by **Dale AK4YS**. The meeting was held at Clark Hall at Methodist University. **Dale AK4YS** welcomed everybody to the meeting. **Elton W4GVW** led the invocation. **Dale AK4YS** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Dale AK4YS** led the introductions in the normal CFARS style.

**David KR40E**, made a motion to accept the minutes, for December, with corrections of a call sign change for the six meter repeater and photo change, seconded by **Chuck KJ4RV**. By vote the motion passed.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer: Chuck, KJ4RV** gave a report on income and expenses. We still have money!

Repeater: Bill KU4W reported on the club repeaters. Work has been done on the 2 meter and 440 repeaters. New connectors have been added. The repeaters are working well for now. The 6 meter repeater still needs some work. Plans are in the making to complete the work. Bill urged all to get ready for the 10-10 contest.

**Health & Welfare: Gene N4ANV** is still not doing well. He is home. **Pat** is still in the hospital. **Reggie's KK4NJC** grandmother isn't doing well.

**Net Manager: Chuck, KJ4RV** reported on the nets. Net times have increased during December to 21.9 minutes per session. The nets are ours to enjoy. Participate when you can.

**Membership:** David KR4OE reminded club members that dues for 2014 are due and payable. Dan WB4ARC rejoined CFARS after being out of the area for many years. Welcome Dan!

**VE Testing:** No report.

**Swapfest: David KR40E** will have more information later this month but its looking like we will move the swapfest to the second Saturday in August.

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## **Club Repeaters**

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

## **Items For Sale**

Little Tarheel II Antenna with LTMT-1 \$300

Contact Mike KN4XP kn4xp@yahoo.com 910-489-3704

From the Estate of Bill W4EHF who passed away in July at the age of 101.

Icom IC-725 HF Transceiver	\$ 295
Icom IC-756 Pro HF Transceiver	\$1100
Icom IC-756 Pro II HF Transceiver	\$1300
Yaesu FT-270 R/E Vhf Transceiver	\$ 95
MFJ-949E Deluxe Versa Tuner	\$ 100

Equipment is in like new condition. It includes mikes and cables.

Contact Bill Finch AI4TN 252-341-3189 finchwc@gmail.com

### **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 us that Field Day is rapidly approaching. He asked for a volunteer to organize the event this year as he will be unable to do it this year.

**Old Business: Van N4ERM** discussed the NC QSO Party. We are getting geared for this event. We are looking forward to great results again! **Van** did issue a Warning Order for the QSO Party. The QSO Party will be held on Sunday February 23. It will last for 10 hours. The preparations have been made to have the event again at Smith Lake. **Tom McCutchen WB4JTW** has a new book that will be at the library on January 23rd.

**New Business: Jim KI4YRH** has contacted the National Weather Service about this years Skywarn class. **Ron KD4DNA** will be unable to attend the April meeting. He has requested the class be rescheduled for May.

**Presentation:** Bill N3GTY and Van N4ERM gave a presentation on Digital Modes in amateur radio.

**Door Prize: Kelly David KR40E** will be taking over the door prizes from **Kelly N4EWG**. He asked for volunteers to contribute prizes for the upcoming meetings.

**Jim KI4YRH** made a motion, seconded by **Bill KU4W**, to adjourn the meeting. By vote the motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2030 hours.

## **Upcoming Meeting and Programs**

February 17 - Automatic Packet Reporting System

March 17 - County Hunting

April 21 - Satcom May 19 - Skywarn

June 16 - Field Day Preperation

July 21 - ARES/RACES

It is with sadness that we heard from Mya about a death affecting CFARS. Tim Ruehle's KJ4BKH wife passed away. Our condolences go out to Tim and

# **Upcoming Hamfests**

March 7 Charlotte Hamfest

Concord, NC

April 19 RARSfest

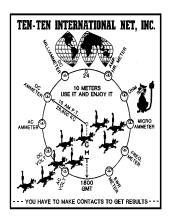
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State Fairgrounds

Our very own **Hutch NK0S** will be operating in Lima Peru for two (2) weeks in the middle of March. Hutch will be operating as **OA4/NK0S**.



CFARS Club patches are available for purchase for \$5. See Kelly N4EWG to get your patch today!!!!



# Ten—Ten International SSB Contest

The Ten-Ten International Single Side Band Contest will be held February 1-2. The contest will start at 0001 Zulu on Saturday. The contest will start Friday night at 8:00pm local time. It runs through Sunday. With ten meters opening up the contest should be a lot of fun. It will be cold outside so get on the air and play a little of world radio. CFARS has done well in this contest over the years. If we can get enough operators on the air we can once again place well as the Possom Trot Chapter. We will use the 2 meter repeater to coordinate additional contacts. Logs need to be submitted to Bill KU4W once the contest ends. For more information contact Bill KU4W at 910-875-4334. See you on 10!!!!



2014 CFARS Officers
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