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The President's Corner:

Dale AK4YS

I want to thank all who came to the meeting and for all the support.

We need everyone to come and support Field Day to make it another successful event for the club.

We need operators and assistance with setup and takedown.

It will be hot so

frequent breaks and water are expected.

Thanks to the club members for all the support.

See you at the next meeting!!

73 de Dale AK4YS



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June 2014 Club Meeting Minutes:

On June 16th 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. Dave KO4VA led the invocation. Dale AK4YS led the introductions in the normal CFARS stvle.

Jim KI4YRH, made a motion to accept the minutes for June, seconded by Irv K3IRV. By vote the motion passed. The newsletter was approved with changes to be sent to Mike KN4XP. An effort will be made to have everyone receive a copy of the minutes via email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Chuck, KJ4RV gave a report on income and expenses. We are solvent. With additions to the new power equipment for the repeaters we are still under our budget.

Repeater: Bill KU4W reported issues with the 2 meter repeater still are a bit noisy. The 440 machine is still experiencing interference from the college. The 6 meter repeater is up and running as it should be. Bill passed out certificates the Possum Trot 10-10 won for 1st place in the nation. Van KG6HYG gave a report about the testing that was done to the repeaters power, temperature and found no abnormalities. Everything is within tolerances.

Net Manager: Chuck, KJ4RV reported on the nets. Net time and traffic are down a bit from April. We had a total of 445 check-ins for the month (14.4 check-ins per net). Total net time of 619 minutes (19.9 minutes per net). The drop in net time is more than likely due to the warm weather and member's family activities.

Health & Welfare: No report

Membership: David KR40E told the club we have 89 members on the roster. 53 of our members are ARRL members. **David KR40E** sent emails to all the past members urging them to rejoin and participate in club activities. David KR40E stated we should urge any past members we know of to pay their dues to support the club.

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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



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

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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volunteers to help with setup on Friday August 23rd in the evening. Dale AK4YS volunteered to pick up the food for the Swapfest.

Swapfest: David KR40E stated all is going as planned for the Swapfest. So far no problems. Some tables have been reserve. It's sure the vendors from previous years will attend. Advertisements have been put out that we are still having a FREE!!! Swapfest. We still need volunteers to help with setup on Friday August 22nd. Dale AK4YS volunteered to pick up the food for the Swapfest.

VE Testing: Dale AK4YS told the membership the VE Testing Session held June 14th was a success. Three (3) people tested. All Passed! We now have two (2) new Technicians and one (1) new general class operators. The next test session will be on August 23rd rather than the advertised testing session of August 2nd due to the change in the date of the Swapfest.

Presentation: The topic for the meeting tonight is a discussion for Field Day 2014. Irv K3IRV has arrange to have the Mayor and the Fire Department to make an appearance at Field Day this year. Chuck KJ4RV is still looking for operators to help with the CW station. The sideband station will be setup by Dale AK4YS. He will set the station on a frequency and we will call CQ. Bonnie KF4LVF will set up the 6 meter station this year. Bill KF40FD will set up the GOTA station. Dale AK4YS will be supplying the food this year with help from the club. Dale AK4YS has invited the Boy Scouts out to field day. Irv K3IRV will handle the NTFS messages. Kelly N4EWG will handle the educational aspect for Field Day. Van KG6HYG and Steve KK4EYN will handle the power for us. Logging will be done with N3FJP software. Chuck KJ4RV made a motion, seconded by **Dan WB4ARC**, to purchase the field day logging program. By vote the motion carried. William N3GTY will arrange the purchase. Jim KI4YRH will take care of photography for the club. Dale AK4YS and Bill KJ4OFD proposed to the group that we might purchase a twenty (20) foot trailer to store Field Day equipment in or to use for a communications center. The cost of the trailer would be approximately \$2000. After much discussion it was decided to form a committee to conduct a feasibility study to see if this would be advantageous to the club. Committee members are Jim KI4YRH, Dave KO4VA, Dale AK4YS and Steve KK4EYN. Findings from the committee will be presented to the club at the next club meeting. The committee will also try to come with an alternate storage location for the equipment.

Dale AK4YS thanked Bill KD4KDCR for his twenty (20) plus years of taking care of power at Field Day.

Jim KI4YRH stated that **Nick Petro** enjoyed talking to the group about storm spotting during the Skywarn training class. In the future he will need at least ninety (90) minutes to conduct Skywarn training.

Door Prize: Dale AK4YS donated prizes for the drawing. Jim KI4YRH won an ARRL RFI manual.

Jim KI4YRH made a motion, seconded by **Bill KU4W**, to adjourn the meeting. By vote the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming Hamfests		
July 12	29th Annual Firecracker Hamfest Salisbury, NC	
July 19	Mid-Summer Swapfest Cary, NC	
July 26	WCARS Hamfest Waynesville, NC	

VE Testing

- August 23th at the CFARS Swapfest located at the Shrine building on Ramsey Street
- Registration 9:00 a.m.
- Testing 09:30 a.m.
- Contact Pat N4UGH for more information n4ughpat@aol.com or 910-425-8994
- Bring a photocopy or original of current FCC issued license and any CSCE's

Field Day 2014















Ten-Ten International SSB Contest

The 10-10 International Single Sideband Contest is coming up August 2 and 3 of this year, please try to hold some time open to get on the band and help us be number one again, we have done it before and the band should be going out way.

It is a fun contest and we can all help out by just being there and if needed we can go to the repeater and relay some of the info on calls and frequency. It is one of those contests that we can all help one another. It starts Friday at 8:00p.m. or 0001 UTC and continues till 2359 UTC on Sunday evening. I hope to see you all in there on ten meters and let me know if I can help, CQ Ten Ten.

73 de Bill KU4W

HR 4969 Amateur Radio Parity Act

Recently there have been two (2) announcements from the ARRL regarding HR4969 Amateur Radio Parity Act. This bill has been introduced in the US House of Representatives and it call on the FCC to apply the "reasonable accommodation" three-part test of the PRB-1 federal pre-emption policy to private land-use restrictions, such as neighborhoods with antenna restrictions enforced by Home Owner Associations (HOA's). Antenna relief in neighborhoods with private Covenants, Codes and Restrictions (CC&R's) is critical in North Carolina because, according to the North Carolina Home Owners Association, 62% of housing units in the state fall under HOA's, and the 2007 state antenna law does not apply to HOA's. HR 4969 would overturn private CC&R's.

HR 4969 has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Representative **Greg Walden W7EQI** (R-OR), chairs that panel's Communications and Technology Subcommittee, which will consider the measure. According to the article which was posted on June 26th, ARRL Hudson Division Director **Mike Lisenco N2YBB** said the most urgent tasks now is to get additional co-sponsors to sign on HR 4969.

On July 9th, a follow-up article was published regarding a grassroots effort, which was underway to encourage radio amateurs to promote co-sponsorship of HR 4969 Amateur Radio Parity Act. The grassroots campaign is focused on contacting Members of Congress or the staffers at or through their district offices. The article discussed strategies for making such contacts. The primary point that needs to be communicated is that the greatest threat to Amateur Radio volunteer emergency and public service communications is restrictions that prohibit the installation of outdoor antenna systems.

From the standpoint of your clubs and individual members, it is recommended that discussion are initiated about HR 4969. Please note that very specific "Talking points" need to be included in the letter and in all likelihood, the letters should be sent (only) to the Representative from your district. The information sheet. "Talking points" and the sample constituent letter from the ARRL should provide the guidelines that will be needed for the grassroots campaign.

73 de Karl Bowman W4CHX ARRL NC Section Manager

16th Annual Ole Fashioned

CFARS SwapFest

Sponsored by the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society Fayetteville, North Carolina

> Saturday August 23, 2014

8:00am to 12:00 noon Cumberland County Shrine Club 7040 Ramsey St (US Hwy 401 N)

No Admission!! No Fee for Tables!!!

Please help us keep this event free
by placing a monetary contribution in
the donation box so we can cover the rent
on the building!!!

Talk-in: K4MN Repeater 146.910 (-) CTCSS 100Hz

VE Test Session Walk-ins Only Registration 9:00am Testing 9:30am

Information and Table Reservations: David KR4OE kr4oe@nc.rr.com (910)624-1394

ARRL VE Testing: Pat N4UGH n4ughpat@aol.com (910)425-8003

Set-up begins at 6:30am. If you need tables please call or email in advance. On the morning of the Swapfest see David KR4OE for tables. Table Reservations highly recommended. All tables used last year.

Tail Gating available -- also FREE!!!