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The President's Corner:

Dale AK4YS

Greetings all CFARS!

We had a very good meeting and topic from a member of a DX team.

I wish more could come and see some of the exciting topics we are trying to bring to the club.

We have the Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air in October. How about giving a day to bring Ham Radio to the Scouts.

We need net controls for the evening net. We need people who are interested in serving for officer positions for 2015.

Come see us and you might have some fun!

See ya at the meetings

73 de Dale AK4YS



August 2014 Club Meeting Minutes:

On August 18th 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. Dan WB4ARC led the invocation. Dale AK4YS led the introductions in the normal CFARS style.

A motion was made from the floor, seconded by Van N4ERM to approve the minutes of the July meeting. By vote the motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Repeater;** Bill KU4W gave a report on our repeaters. The 146.91 repeater is doing pretty well. The fan noise was addressed with a capacitor. This seems to have cleared up mst of the problems. The 440 machine is working well now that the college has moved their antenna. It is now time to do maintenance on the repeater tower. It is getting a bit rusty. It will need to be painted with galvanized zinc. The 6 meter repeater is up and running as is should be. The Womack repeater is doing well. Bill thanked all who have helped with repeater maintenance for a job well done. Van N4ERM made mention the WA4FLR repeater should have the power upgrade done to it. Van N4ERM made a motion, seconded by Kelly N4EWG, to do the upgrades with a cap of \$400. By vote the motion passed.

**Health & Welfare:** William KD4DCR mentioned that Myra is doing well.

**Net Manager;** Chuck, KJ4RV gave the net report. Net time and traffic are up from July. Total check ins were 442 (14.2 check ins per net) with a total time of 569 minutes (18.3 minutes per net). We are still looking for volunteers for net control.

**Swapfest:** David KR4OE stated all is going as planned with no problems so far. Tables are being reserved. Breakfast will be held at the Swapfest to support our club. Cost for breakfast will b \$5.00. We still need volunteers to help with setup on Friday August 22 at 2:00 p.m. Dale AK4YS volunteered to pick up the food.

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### **CFARS Needs You**

If you have pictures of CFARS activities or would like to put an article in the newsletter please send them in to cfars\_newsletter@yahoo.com.

The newsletter is published monthly and all contributions are welcomed.

### Club Repeaters

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

### CFARS Meetings

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

### 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. We will continue to present a financial information report at each monthly club meeting.



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### **Newsletter Submissions**

Please submit any items you would like published in the CFARS Newsletter to Mike KN4XP

**Cfars\_newsletter@yahoo.com**

**VE Testing:** **Pat N4UGH** stated the next test session will be held August 23rd in the basement of the Shrine Club. The ARRL has made the correction to the test date.

**Public Relations:** **Irv K3IRV** discussed the letters we signed last month on HR4969 in reference to antenna restrictions. The letters were sent to our Representatives. **Irv K3IRV** urged us to call our elected representatives. While you have them on the phone thank them for supporting us on this important legislation. With their help restrictions on antennas will be lessened.

**Old Business:** **Dale AK4YS** mentioned that the Field Day questioner which was handed out at the last meeting was evaluated. We need to work together to have a successful Field Day next year. We need additional help during set up and tear down. We need additional operators to make this event successful.

**New Business:** **Dale AK4YS** mentioned this years is rapidly coming to a close. The Meet and Greet December meeting is approaching fast. He suggested we still hold it at the Golden Coral. It was brought to the clubs attention Golden Corral was undergoing a remodeling. After the remodeling, Golden Coral might not be available. A suggestion from the floor for alter locations was made. Hudson Bay Seafood was mentioned by the membership.

**Club Presentation:** This month our presentation was provided by **Chris W4VKU**. The presentation was made on the VU7AG DXpedition to Lakshadweep India from the Agatti Island. This was a very informative presentation. Thanks Chris for bringing this to CFARS.

**Prize Drawings:** A special thank you goes out to **Van N4ERM**, **Jim KJ4EMX** and **Dan WB4ARC** for donating prizes for the club drawings this month. **Ferguson KK4MCY** won a Baofeng HT, **Bonnie KF4LVF**

### Upcoming Hamfests

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| October 12  | Maysville Hamfest<br>Maysville, North Carolina    |
| October 18  | Lake Hartwell Hamfest<br>Anderson, South Carolina |
| October 25  | Sumter Hamfest<br>Sumter, South Carolina          |
| November 8  | Beachfest 2014<br>Myrtle Beach, South Carolina    |
| November 16 | Jarsfest 2014<br>Benson, North Carolina           |

### Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)

The Boy Scouts hold an annual Jamboree on the Air where amateur radio is used to allow scouts around the world talk to each other. JOTA will be held on the third full weekend in October.

Scouts of any age are invited to participate in this event. This is a chance for amateur radio to educated scouts on the fun and interesting things that amateur radio has to provide to them. All modes will be used during JOTA.

Suggested exchange includes the scouts name, location, scout rank, their hobbies, their age and any other information that they want to provide.

CFARS will take part in JOTA again this year. More information will be provided at the club meeting. Come on out and lend a hand to give the scouts a chance to take part in the Jamboree on the Air!

*Operating in the Park*

Many CFARS members have heard us talking on the nets, or maybe you've seen the e-mails, about our QRPing in the parks. Either way here is documented proof, no Photoshopping guaranteed, that we do occasionally venture out into the woods.

These pictures are from the Beaverdam section of Falls Lake State Park. From a radio perspective it was a so-so day at best, but the weather was very sunny and enjoyable!

There are no rules, but we are living truth that a day in the park with your friends doing QRP beats any other day activity.



*Irv K3IRV*



*Bob WA4WHV*



*Chuck KJ4RV*



*Van N4ERM*

2014 Swapfest



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