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April 2012 Club Meeting Minutes:

On April 16th the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by **Dale KI4WOH**. **Dale KI4WOH** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. **Elton, W4VGW** gave the invocation. **Dale KI4WOH** led the introductions in the normal CFARS style.

Chuck KJ4RV made a motion, seconded by **Van N4ERM**, to accept the minutes from the March meeting as published. By vote the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer; Chuck, KJ4RV gave a report on income and expenses. Our solvency continues!

Repeater; Bill KU4W gave a report on the status of our repeaters. **Bill KU4W** thanked several members for helping out with the tower work and grounding issues. Assisting in this effort were **Don N4DOS**, **Van N4ERM**, **Doug W4DHW**, **Jim KJ4EMX**, **Kelly N4EWG** and **Don KI4ZL**. Work is still under way on the 6 meter repeater. **Leighton KN4ZZ** will be unable to help out with the repeater work. **Bill KU4W** is hoping someone will jump in to help him.

Advertising; Van N4ERM told the club that no new changes had been made this month. If you know of someone who is interested in advertising please let **Van N4ERM** know.

Health & Welfare; Mya gave the health & welfare report. **David KR4OE** asked that illnesses not be mentioned in the minutes due to privacy reasons. If you know of any members who are ill please let **Mya** know.

Net Manager; Chuck, KJ4RV gave the net report.

CFARS Two-Meter Net Report		
Check-in's/avg.	Total min/avg.	Traffic
March — 438 (14.1)	551 (17.8)	28

Membership; David KR4OE told the club we have 102 members at the end of 2011. Only 86 members have paid their club dues for 2012. **David KR4OE** introduced two new applicants, **Jared Johnson**

The President's Corner:

Dale KI4WOH

Once again it was a great pleasure to meet and see all the new faces at the CFARS club meeting. We are changing and there will be ups and downs. I know we will ride out the weather.



I appreciate the effort given by the Vice President. It will be sad to have Leighton step down from office. Again, this is a volunteer club. We need more volunteers to make CFARS run smoothly. I'm looking forward to the May meeting. It's time for Field Day preparations. We need all the help we can get. Come on out to the CFARS meeting. Help us make Field Day 2012 one of the best ever.

See you at the CFARS meeting!

73 de Dale KI4WOH

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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.

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

CFARS needs YOU!

- KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT
- Promote amateur radio each time you get the chance
- People see what you do more than what you say
- Be a good example of what amateur radio is and should be

Hamfest Information

May

5	Greenville Upstate Hamfest	Spartanburg, SC
12	Rockingham County Swapfest	Reidsville, NC
26	Durham Hamfest	Durham, NC

June

9	Winston Salem Hamfest	Winston Salem, NC
30	Down East Hamfest	Kinston, NC

CFARS Meetings

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

Projected Programs for 2011

May 21	Field Day Planning	Dale KI4WOH
June 18	Field Day Final Prep	Dale KI4WOH
July 16	Field Day Slide Show	Kelly N4EWG
August 20	Surprise	David KR4OE
September 17	Open ???	
October 15	Show'n Tell	Members
November 19	Election - New Officers	Dale, KI4WOH
December 17	Christmas Eat'n Meet'n	Dale, KI4WOH

See you at the meeting!

Amateur Radio License VE Testing Schedule 2012

VE testing and location are confirmed for 2011. Testing takes place in the Science Building on the Methodist University Campus in rooms S-222 & S-207. The schedule is arranged and confirmed by **Pat, N4UGH**, n4ughpat@aol.com. Bring a handheld calculator, a photocopy or original current FCC issued license, any CSCE's and \$15 for the exam fee.

Check-in begins at 0900
Testing begins at 0930

The following Saturdays are scheduled:

June 9, 2012
August 4, 2012
October 13, 2012

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.

CFARS Items for Sale:

If you have items that you would like listed in the CFARS Newsletter for sale send them to cfars_newsletter@yahoo.com. The items will be listed for three (3) months unless sold prior. If your items sale please notify Mike KN4XP so that they can be removed from the upcoming newsletter.

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Program

Dale KI4WOH put on the program for the club meeting. Tonight's program consisted of a question and session. Items covered include F.I.S.T., Winlink 2000, PSK, Logging—Hand vs. Computer logging, DXLAB and Field Day planning.

Door Prize

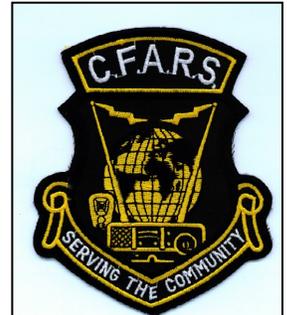
Kelly N4EWG held the door prize drawing. **John W4RDU** won the door prize which was a power driver set.

Jim KJ4EMX made a motion, seconded by **Bonnie KF4LVF**, to close the meeting. By vote the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Membership Reminder

Club dues are due no later than March of each year. CFARS uses monies collected from membership dues to keep the club up and running. If your dues are delinquent you will not receive a newsletter.

The attractive CFARS embroidered patch is available from **Chuck, KJ4RV**, CFARS Treasurer, for \$5.00



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SAME DAY SERVICE AVAILABLE

14th Annual Ole Fashioned

CFARS SwapFest

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

Saturday

August 4, 2012

8:00 am to 12:00noon

To be held in the lobby of Reeves Auditorium on the campus of
Methodist University
Highway 401 North(5400 Ramsey St)

No Admission!! No Fee for Tables!!

Donations to CFARS will be accepted

Talk-in: 146.910(100hz tone)

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

Testing will be held in the Science Building (look for the building with the tall tower behind Reeves Auditorium)

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

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

Tail Gating available if you want to brave the heat

****Reeves Auditorium is handicapped accessible, air conditioned, and has a loading dock. Come on out and join the CFARS gang for a few hours of amateur radio fun and fellowship. It's all free!!!**