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**The President's Corner:**

*Dale, KI4WOH*



I wish to thank everyone for coming to the April meeting and to all visitors that came. I want to thank **Bill Morine, N2COP** for his fine presentation on the North Carolina ARES and all the fine work they do for our state and amateur radio. I hope all enjoyed the meeting. Next month we will be working on Field Day Planning, so will need all your input to make this another successful year.

I know we got a new licensee at the RARSFest at Raleigh and will be working with him to get set up. Congratulations Rick! I'm looking for suggestions and recommendations from you, the members of this organization on what you want to have for topics for the club meeting after Field Day.

See you at the May meeting!

73,

**April 2011 Club Meeting Minutes:**

*Mike Eagen, KØRRP*

On April 18, 2011 at 7:30 pm in Clark Hall of Methodist University, **Dale, KI4WOH** called the CFARS club meeting to order. He led the group in the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was provided by **Mike, KØRRP**. The introductions of those in attendance were given in the usual way.

A motion to accept the minutes of the March 2011 meeting was made by **Kelly, N4EWG** and second by **Bill, KU4W**, and carried by a vote of the members present.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Net Manager: Chuck, KJ4RV** we could still use some help for calling the net. DO WE HAVE ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE A NET CONTROL??? Contact **Chuck, KJ4RV**.

**CFARS Two-Meter Net Report**

Check-in's/avg. (Change from previous month)	Total min/avg.	Traffic
458/14.8 (24/-0.7)	561/18 (-6/-2.5)	27 (1)

**Repeater: Bill, KU4W** said that the new repeaters were ready for pickup. The 33 Womack machine needs the ID programmed. There was no damage to our repeaters due to the tornado storms on last Saturday April 16.

**CFARS NEWS: Mike, KØRRP** said that the March issue had been sent by e-mail several days ago and by postal mail within one week later. Members who haven't paid 2010 dues may not receive the NEWS until they have been cleared by **Chuck, KJ4RV**. **Van, N4ERM** correctly guessed that the ham gear in last month's issue was Drake. However, since he already won a prize, he gracefully declined.

**Field Day Coordinator: Dale, KI4WOH** reminded everyone of the schedule of events. Setup will be Friday June 24 starting about 2:00 PM outside of the Science Building at Methodist University. The following morning will be continued setup activities starting early and lasting until the contest begins on Saturday June 25 at 2:00 PM (1800Z). The contest is continuous and terminates on Sunday June 26 at 2:00 PM (1800Z). Take down immediately follows and the picnic will start about 3-3:30 PM. Please bring a dish for yourself and one other entrée. **Dale, KI4WOH** has gotten the Methodist University site approved for our use. He asked for ideas about the contest software. We are in need of workers for the setup and for operating. There will be a SSB, CW, 6m, and GOTA stations that require

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operators. We might have a satellite and a solar power unit available. All equipment has been identified and will be provided by the CFARS members. We could use a few back up laptop computers.

**Swapfest Coordinator: Dale, KI4WOH** informed the club members that the contract with Methodist University has been secured. The Swapfest will take place August 6, 2011 in Reeves Auditorium and the VE testing in the Science Building.

**Membership Coordinator: Dale, KI4WOH** substituted for **David, KR4OE** and reported that for 2010 CFARS had 101 members. So far this year we have 84 members. Dale encourage everyone to recruit past members and new ones

**Contest Coordinator (unofficial): Bill, KU4W** reminded the group that the 10-10 CW contest was this weekend, April 23-24. Be sure to turn your logs into him for Possum Trot Chapter credit.

**Emergency Coordinator: KI4DQF** Larry informed the club that he had gone down to the EOM and met the EM personnel. They escorted him to the location of radio room where he examined the facilities. There were three coaxes (antennas) coming down from the ceiling. He suggested that we should determine what to do in order to get the radios working properly. We may need to go down on a Saturday.

**Health & Welfare: Mya** informed me after the meeting by e-mail that **John Clayton, KI4TK** was not doing well and was down to 115 lbs. His xyl told Mya that they would like to hear from CFARS members by phone calls or visits. Their phone number is 483-7085.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Van, N4ERM** said that he had obtained the special event call sign N4V to use to commemorate the Hero's Homecoming for Vietnam veterans this November. **Gene, N4ANV** made a motion that CFARS participate in the even and **Don, KI4ZL** second the motion. There was some discussion about the specifics but that they would be decided in the future. For example, where would be operating, use a special certificate, etc.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Van, N4ERM** suggested that CFARS create a list of club meeting programs and that it was up to everyone to help with this important effort. **Mike, KØRRP** has that any such list be sent to him for write up in the CFARS NEWS.

**PROGRAM:**

CFARS was delighted to see **Bill Morine, N2COP NC Section Manager** gave an interesting talk on ham radio in North



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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

	<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 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

Carolina. Bill introduce himself and reminded us that he is a ARRL volunteer and his position is elected by the ARRL Section members. He will run for the office again in November. He is the first SM east of Raleigh since 1969. There are 18802 of which 4044 are ARRL members in NC. We are the 10th largest section in the US. There are 162 field Appointment, 579 ARES members, 64 ARRL affiliated clubs, and 14 sanctioned hamfests in the state.

There are ten NC Section officers in NC counting Bill and he has a budget of \$3000 to cover all travels expenses. There are some serious questions surrounding the National Traffic System. He said that we need more Elmers, especially for younger people. Bill challenged us to make ourselves better known to the community. WE ARE A TAX-FREE RESOURCE! Bill asked us to look up our Web site at: [www.ncarrl.org](http://www.ncarrl.org) We thank Bill for an excellent presentation and invited him back and to the Field Day site at Methodist university.

## CFARS Meetings

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

## Projected Programs for 2011

January 18	Antenna Stories	William, KD4DCR
February 15	Surprise!	Gene, N4ANV
March 15	Digital Mode, Pt. II	Jerry, KA4ULH
April 19	Jeff Orrock from National Weather Service	
May 17	Field Day Planning	Leon, N2OYV
June 21	Field Day— Final Prep	Dale, KI4WOH
July 19	Field Day Slide Show	Kelly, N4EWG
August 16	Eat'n Meet'n at the Golden Corral	
September 20	QRP	Chuck, KJ4RV
October 18	Show'n Tell	CFARS members
November 15	Election - New Officers	Leighton, KN4ZZ
December ?	Christmas Eat'n Meet'n	Leighton, KN4ZZ

## Amateur Radio License VE Testing Schedule 2010

VE testing and location are confirmed for 2010. 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](mailto:n4ughpat@aol.com). Bring a handheld calculator, a photocopy or original current FCC issued license, and \$15 for the exam fee.

Check-in begins at 0900  
Testing begins at 0930

The following Saturdays are scheduled:

March 19, 2011  
June 11, 2011  
August 6, 2011  
October 8, 2011

**Door Prize.** Kelly, N4EWG coordinated the drawing won by William, K4KMI who got a Pittsburg 17 piece nut driver set.

A motion was made and second by unknown persons to adjourn that was carried by the members present.

<b>Attendance:</b>	25
<b>ARRL members:</b>	21
<b>Guests:</b>	6

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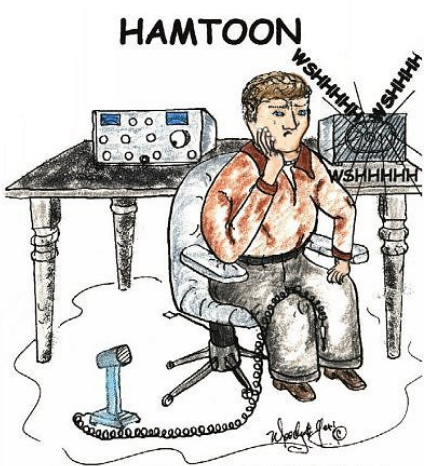
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**HAMTOON**

**THIS IS CONTEST WEEKEND !  
NOT SUN SPOT WEEKEND !**

Don't forget the 10X and FD contests.  
CFARS needs YOU!

**Harry's Electronics**

Harry is the local dealer for the \$119.99 Wouxun KG-UVD1P dual band handheld radio. This includes antenna, 1300 mah. Li-ion battery, drop-in charger and belt clip. FCC certified, capable of 2M/440, FRS, GMRS, MUR and Maritime no modification. Tested to factory specifications and programmed prior to delivery.

Features include:

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- Selectable Voice announcement of menu and channel functions
- Bright LED flashlight function; Vox capable; Transmit over-time Alarm. Wide 25 kHz and Narrow 12.5 kHz capable; Cloneable with optional cable.



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**Harry's Electronics**  
3529 Gillespie Street (Hwy 301)  
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Phone: (910) 425-7503

**For Sale:**

Cushcraft 2 meter yagi antennas  
2 ea Cushcraft A148-10S with stacking boom and phasing harness.

Asking price is \$130.00

Call Lee Giddens, KM4GQ on 910-797-3781

## Hamfest Calendar:

### **North Carolina State Convention (Raleigh Hamfest)**

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

Raleigh, NC

April 23, 2011

<http://www.rars.org/hamfest>

### **5th Annual TARC Tailgate Party**

Trident Amateur Radio Club (TARC)

Moncks Corner, SC

April 23, 2011

[http://www.tridenthams.org/Tailgate\\_Party.htm](http://www.tridenthams.org/Tailgate_Party.htm)

### **Columbia ARC Swapfest**

Columbia Amateur Radio Club

Location: Columbia, SC

April 23, 2011

<http://www.w4cae.com>

### **South Carolina State Convention (Upstate Hamfest)**

Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society

Spartanburg, SC

May 7, 2011

<http://upstatehamfest.com>

### **Rockingham County ARC Swapfest**

Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club

Reidsville, NC

May 14, 2011

<http://www.rcarc.com>

### **Dayton Hamvention**

**Dayton Amateur Radio Association**

**Dayton, OH**

**May 20-22, 2011**

<http://www.hamvention.org/>

### **DurHamFest**

Durham FM Association

Bahama, NC

May 28, 2011

<http://dfma.org>

### **Springfest**

Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service

Franklin Amateur Radio Club

Chesapeake, VA

June 11, 2011

<http://w4car.org>

### **Winston-Salem Classic Hamfest**

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club

Winston-Salem-Salem, NC

June 11, 2011

<http://Classic2011.w4nc.org>

### **Bronco Club Pig Pickin' Picnic & Tailgating**

Franklin Amateur Radio Club

Franklin, VA

June 11, 2011

<http://www.qrz.com/db/wf4rc>

### **Manassas Hamfest**

Ole Virginia Hams

Manassas, VA

June 12, 2011

<http://www.w4ovh.net>

### **21st Annual Down East Hamfest**

Down East Hamfest Association

Kinston, NC

June 18, 2011

<http://www.downeasthamfest.org>

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## Contest Manager (unofficial):

*Bill, KU4W*



The next contest is the Ten-Ten CW contest which is the weekend the 7th and 8th of May, we can do the same there if the band is not open, just monitor the 2 meter repeater and when you hear the holler, you know the band is open. Ten meters has been open pretty nicely lately so it should be a lot of fun. Hope to hear everyone on Ten, you don't have to wizz bang at CW, just get on and every contact you can make will be to our best interest.

It will be fun, especially if the band is open, if not, just monitor the 21 meter repeater, the 146.910/146.310, you will hear a holler if the band does open and then you can join in.

Hope to see you on Ten, if you have any questions, just give me a call.

**Bill, KU4W**, Possum Trot on Ten  
910-528-6759



*13th Annual Ole Fashioned*

# CFARS SwapFest

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

## Saturday

## August 6, 2011

### 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

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!!!**