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The President's Corner:

David KR4OE

August is here and the summer sure is going by much to fast. Field Day is in the rearview mirror and the Swapfest is on the horizon as well as the Ten-Ten Summer SSB contest. I hope all of you will be there for the 20th Annual CFARS Swapfest. Where did twenty years go? If you find out let me know. I have thoroughly enjoyed heading up the Swapfest since the beginning and it has been nothing but fun for me. So here is the rundown. We open at 6:30am for setup and the Swapfest opens at 8:00am until noon. However when the doors open at 6:30 it is pretty much on after that. There is no charge for admission and no charge for tables. We sell tickets for door prizes and the drawing is at 11:00am. You must be present to win. We also have one dealer, DBJ Electronics, who has been faithful in supporting our event. I urge you to support them and shop with them at the Swapfest. So come out to the Cumberland County Shrine Club on August 11 and find a treasure or two to take home with you.

Our membership roster has grown to over 100 members and still rising. Thank you all for supporting CFARS. Come by and check in with us on the evening net every day at 7:00pm and the Possum Trot Net every week day morning from around 5:00am to 7:00am. If cw is your game check in on 3.555 at 7:30am on the CW Fix Net. The CW Fix Net is on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. There you will hear members of the world renowned Dream Team working on their game. At 8:10am on 3.852 Monday through Friday check in with the guys on the ADY Net. For those of you who don't know, ADY stands for Ain't Dead Yet. Let us hear from you on our nets. If you need information, advice, a connector, or about anything else come by because you can find it on our nets. Our net control stations would love to have you check in with them. Speaking as a net control for our evening net and for all the other net control stations we want your check in. We want to fill up our log with your call signs and Possum Trot numbers. I hope you all will come out and support your local hamfest.

See you all at the Swapfest and at the August meeting.

David KR4OE ... _._

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Club Repeaters

(PL 100 Hz)

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

Club Membership

Dues

CFARS club membership dues are due and payable in January each year. CFARS does offer you the option to pay your dues no later than March. Yearly dues are \$15.00. CFARS offers a lifetime membership option for \$150.00. If your dues are not paid by March you will not be a voting member of the club. The right to vote on issues for the club comes with club membership.

The Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society News is the official newsletter of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society. It is published monthly as a PDF. The newsletter is emailed monthly when the latest version is available. Please provide your email address to the Newsletter Editor. The CFARS News welcomes articles and other contributions. Please email submissions to the newsletter to cfars_newsletter@yahoo.com. The Editor reserves the right to edit any and all pieces. The submission deadline for each month's News is the last Friday of the preceding month. The views expressed in the CFARS News are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor or CFARS.



CFARS Club Patches are available for purchase. Contact **Chuck KJ4RV** for your patch today!



July 2018 Club Meeting Minutes

On July 17th the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was held in Room 119 of the Science Building at Methodist University, Fayetteville, North Carolina at 7:30pm. President **David KR4OE** opened the meeting and welcomed all for coming. **David KR4OE** led the *Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag*. **Larry N4USB** led the invocation. **David KR4OE** led the introductions in the usual CFARS manner.

Dan KW4BG mentioned that the prize from last month was a micrometer not a multi meter. A motion was made by **Chuck KJ4RV**, seconded by **Fred N4ZCG**, to approve the minutes as modified of the

June meeting. By vote the motion carried.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: **Chuck KJ4RV** gave the treasurer's report. We collected some money and we are still solvent.

Repeater: No report.

Net Manager: **Chuck KJ4RV** reported we lost check-ins from last month, but times per net from last month were up. We have a lot of new members. Remember, these are our repeaters, if we don't use them somebody else might.

Membership: **David KR4OE** presented new members to the club. **Caleb Picard KM4ZED** and **Robert Thompson N2AKS** introduced themselves. A motion was made by **Kelly N4EWG**, seconded by **Marty K4MLW**, to accept them as new members. By vote the motion carried.

Newsletter: No report..

Health & Welfare: No report.

Swapfest: **David KR4OE** reminded us that the CFARS Swapfest will be August 11 at the Cumberland County Shrine Club. Get your stuff ready to sell/swap/trade. If you need tables, give him a call. The Swapfest opens at 6:30 for setup and runs until noon.

VE Testing: VE Testing will be at the Swapfest on August 11.

Emergency Coordinator: No report.

Field Day: No report.

Public Relations: No report.

Old Business: **David KR4OE** has spoken with the Facility Manger at Methodist University regarding the tower removal. This is still in limbo until the University has the opportunity to move their radio systems to their new site, once this is done, they will contact us to remove the tower. Methodist University is waiting until a ditch can be dug from the Stadium to the Public Safety Building. David and Mike have spoken with the County Facility Manager about moving the repeaters to Highsmith Rainey, they have 3 towers with space available and David said the charge for renting the space will possibly be \$10.00/year/repeater based on the fee that State Forestry is charged for their repeater. The County Facility Manager is working on a proposal to send to the County Commissioners for their approval. A motion was made by **Larry N4USB** seconded by **Bobbi N4KAY**, to approve moving to Highsmith Rainey when the time comes. By vote the motion carried. **Ben KM4ODT**, **Mike K4JWX** and **Ed N4ESA** have volunteered to help **Bill KU4W** with the repeaters.

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New Business: Fred N4ZCG reminded us of the 10-10 SSB Contest on August 4 - 5. Larry N4USB has invited anyone who desires to come to his place to pick blueberries. Give him a call for directions to his place in Bunnlevel. The Cary Hamfest is Saturday. Make your way up there to give them a hand and check them out. Kelly N4EWG has *Possum Trot Certificates* for the following Possums. Give Kelly a call to get your very own Possum Trot Certificate suitable for framing and putting in a place of honor of your south wall. PT # 3551 K4CLP; PT # 3557 KK4ZAU; PT # 3562 N4CDJ.

Program: George KM4ODS gave a Field Day Wrap-up. He asked for all present to give a brief account of what each individual had learned at this Field Day. Some of them were: We need more operators at each of the stations; We need to familiarize the operators on the various radios prior to operations; The Kids Program was a huge success with the children who participated; We should look into renting Canopies instead of the old shelters; We need some training on the Logger program; We need to commit to our word, i.e. be there if you say you will be there; We need to do the tower maintenance prior to setup; Each of us needs to get familiar with the radios we will be operating at a point prior to sitting down for operations; and finally, we need to use each other to learn and to teach ourselves and others. We have a wealth of knowledge and experience and we can pass that on to others.

George said we had made all the bonus points with the exception of making satellite contact, but that was not due to lack of trying. The GOTA station made 240 of a possible 500 points. 2309 total contacts were made for this Field Day between the CW, SSB, VHF and GOTA stations. All our supporting documentation has been sent in, though the last day for submissions is July 24. We are waiting for the final results to be tallied and scored at this point.

Door Prize Drawing: Marty W4MLW held the drawing. Ferguson won a Kenwood TM-281a two meter mobile radio (prize was open to those who participated at Field Day.) David KR4OE won a gallon of fresh ripe blueberries donated by Larry N4USB, picked fresh this afternoon. Larry N4USB won a mini survival kit donated by Van N4ERM. Finally, David KR4OE won the ubiquitous multi meter.

A motion was made by Bonne KF4LVF, seconded by Dan KW4BG, to adjourn the meeting, By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. We had thirty-six (36) members and two (2) guests at the club meeting. The next club meeting will be August 20, 2018.

Submitted by **Bill KJ4OFD**
CFARS Recorder

Items for Sale

Kenwood TS-281a
2 meter mobile

\$100

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Calling for Newsletter Articles

CFARS needs your input to the newsletter. If you have installed a new antenna, mobile rig, made a piece of equipment, tried a new mode of operation or anything else related to amateur radio, take the time to write it up and include pictures. Each month the CFARS News needs your input. Somebody may be wanting to try something new and you just might be the one that spurs that interest or can help out a new or confused older ham. Newsletter articles and pictures can be emailed to cfarsnews@gmail.com.

Upcoming Hamfests

August 11, 2018

20th Annual Cape Fear ARS Swapfest
Fayetteville, North Carolina
cfarsnc.org

August 31, 2018

Shelby Hamfest
Shelby, North Carolina
shelbyhamfest.org

September 8, 2018

Virginia Beach Hamfest
Virginia Beach, Virginia
virginiabeachhamfest.com

October 6, 2018

66th Annual Roack Hill Hamfest
Rock Hill, South Carolina
ycars.org

According to Fort Bragg's history web site:

<https://www.bragg.army.mil/index.php/about/fort-bragg-history>

In 1918, the Chief of Field Artillery, General William J. Snow, seeking an area having suitable terrain, adequate water, rail facilities and a climate for year round training, decided that the area now known as Fort Bragg met all of the desired criteria.

Consequently, Camp Bragg came into existence on Sept. 4, 1918. Camp Bragg was named for a native North Carolinian and Confederate General, Gen. Braxton Bragg for his actions during the Mexican-American war. Prior to its establishment as a military reservation, the area was a desolate region. Huge forests of Longleaf and Loblolly pines covered the sandy area. About 1729 Highland Scots began cultivating the land in the Longstreet Presbyterian Church area in what was to become part of Fort Bragg.

Thought this might an opportunity for CFARS to "show off our stuff," possibly with a 1 X 1 special event call sign, operating from the post (back to Smith Lake, perhaps [it's on the post, but does not require an ID card]), operate for the day or the week, ... you get the idea.

So, whaddaya?

Van
N4ERM



20th Annual Ole Fashioned

CFARS SwapFest

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

Saturday

August 11, 2016 

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
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**ARRL VE Testing: Pat N4UGH n4ughpat@aol.com
(910)425-5994**

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 recommended.
*Tail Gating available - - also FREE!!!***