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The President's Corner: David KR4OE

Our special event station, N4B, is concluding as this is being written. Thanks to all who put in the effort to make it a success. It was a team effort and again the folks who work so hard to make this club what it is came through in fine style. For those of you who don't know this special event effort celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Fort Bragg. Most of us all have a tie to Fort Bragg as most are here as a result of Fort Bragg. I would especially like to thank **Van N4ERM**, **George KM4ODS**, and **Fred N4ZCG** for the major roles they played in putting everything together for N4B. Also a thank you to all who put N4B on the air.

Also as this is being written we are staring down the barrel of a major hurricane that is coming our way. Let's hope Florence turns away from us. I will not go into what we need to do to prepare for this event. We have been through these storms before so please follow the checklist of what we need to do prepare for such an event. I pray we all come through safe and sound.

I hope all that went to the Shelby Hamfest found some treasures to bring home. I have heard mixed reviews on Shelby this year. Some of those who went can share your experience with us at the next club meeting. There are still some upcoming Hamfests to attend such as Maysville, Myrtle Beach, and Benson to name three.

I learned recently that CFARS had been without a Health and Welfare volunteer for the last three years. At the conclusion of the last meeting **Carl K4CFB**, stepped forward to take that position. Thanks Carl for filling this position.

Everyone please be safe with this storm approaching and see you all at the next club meeting.

73,
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.



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August 2018 Club Meeting Minutes

On August 20th the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was held in Room 219 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.

A motion was made by **Marty W4MLW**, seconded by **Chuck KJ4RV**, to approve the minutes as modified of the July 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 were about even on check-ins and times from last month. 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** indicated that the Swapfest this month was a success, we did not have as many visitors as in previous years, but we had many vendors present that we have not had in the past.

VE Testing: VE Testing at the Swapfest was well attended. We had 9 folks to test and gained 7 new technicians. Congratulations to all our new hams!

Emergency Coordinator: **Mike K4JWX** was not present and told David he had nothing to report from Emergency Management.

Field Day: No report.

Public Relations: **Marty W4MLW** had nothing to report from Public Relations.

Old Business: **David KR4OE** reported he has spoken with the Facility Manger at Methodist University regarding the tower removal. The University has installed most of their wiring and cabling but have not yet made their move. 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. 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 for the 2m, 440, and 6m repeaters. We are waiting for the decision of the County Commissioners for their approval.

New Business: We need someone to step forward and take on the position of Health and Welfare. Please think about this and get your name to **David KR4OE**. **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. Kelly N4EWG has Possum Trot Certificates for **Chris K4CLP**,

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Jefferson KK4ZAU and **Larry KG4LHN**. Contact Kelly at n4ewg@nc.rr.com to make arrangements to pick them up. **Van N4ERM** presented a Special Event opportunity for the Club for the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Fort Bragg. He has obtained **N4B** for 3 - 9 September 2018 for the event. The objective is to work as many stations as possible while explaining the purpose of the SE call sign on 80/75, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2m bands. We need Mode and Station Coordinators and Volunteer Operators, Loggers and Spotters. **Fred N4ZCG** has indicated he will compile the logs on a daily basis during the event and post them on QRZ.com and LOTW. **Gene N4ANV** has designed a QSL card to be sent to those requesting one. For more information about the Centennial check out the following websites: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Bragg and <https://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/departments/public-information-group/public-information-office/new-releases/2018/08/14/fort-bragg-centennial-celebrated> **David KR4OE** introduced Matt from Cub Scout Pack 745 at Salem United Methodist Church and asked that we participate in a STEM day event on Saturday, September 15 from 10 am to 4 pm. Please ponder this and let's help out our community. **David KR4OE** reminded us of the Shelby Hamfest over the Labor Day weekend. Get your stuff to **Harold KF4IUF** to put on the table at Shelby.

Program: **Paul K4PGM** gave an interesting and informative lecture on Grounding and Bonding for Amateur Radio. A copy of the presentation will be forthcoming on the CFARS website.

Door Prize Drawing: **Marty W4MLW** held the drawing. **Larry N4USB** donated a 1993 coin-bank collectable NASCAR truck which was won by **Howard NZ8L**. **K4FET Ron** won a 4-channel mixer board. **George KM4ODS** won a handy computer document holder.

A motion was made by **Leighton KN4ZZ**, seconded by **Bill KU4W**, to adjourn the meeting, By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. We had twenty-three (23) members and two (2) guests at the club meeting. The next club meeting will be September 17, 2018.

Submitted by **Bill KJ4OFD**
CFARS Recorder

Upcoming Hamfests

September 8, 2018
Virginia Beach Hamfest
Virginia Beach, Virginia
virginiabeachhamfest.com

October 14, 2018
Maysville Hamfest
Maysville, North Carolina

October 6, 2018
66th Annual Roack Hill Hamfest
Rock Hill, South Carolina
ycars.org

October 27, 2018
Beachfest 2018 & Computer Expo
Conway, South Carolina
w4gs.org

Items Wanted

LDG RT-100 Remote Antenna Tuner
Mike KN4XP
kn4xp@yahoo.com
910-489-3704

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.

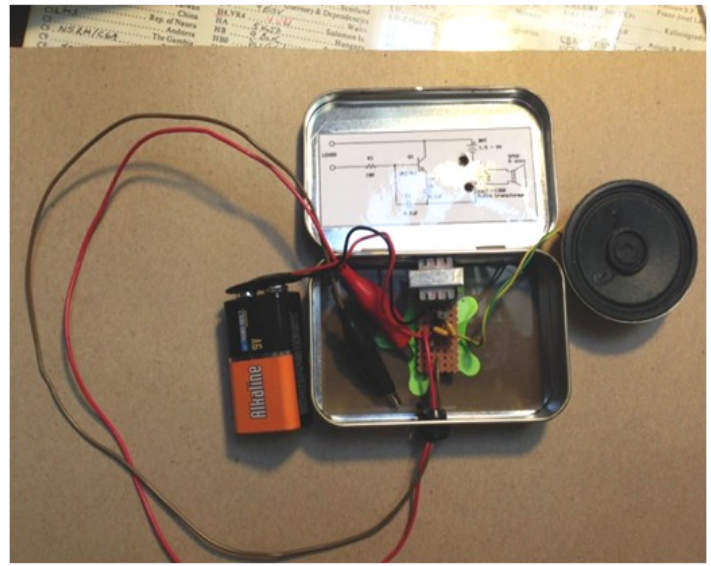
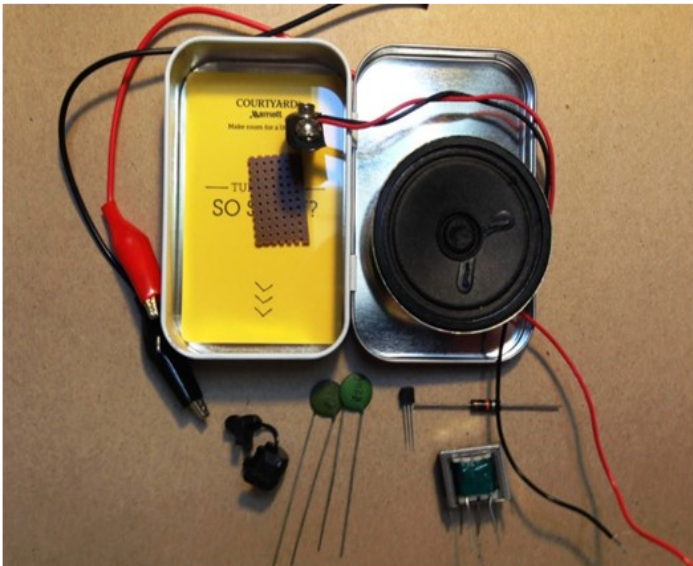
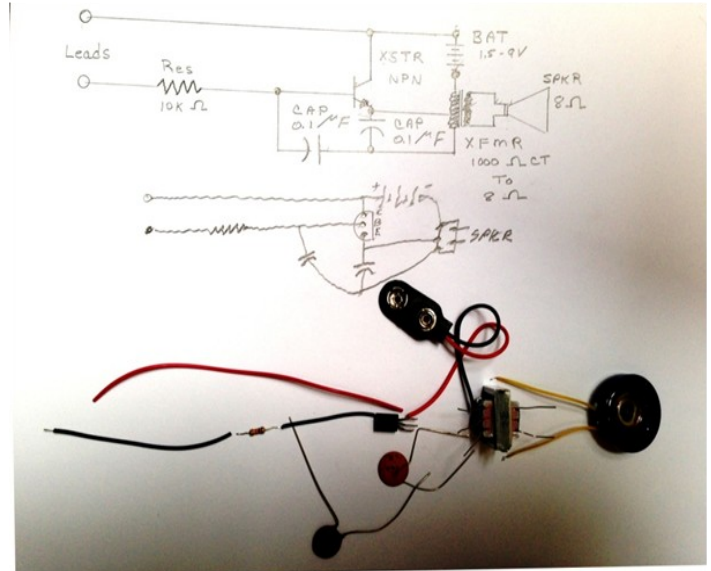
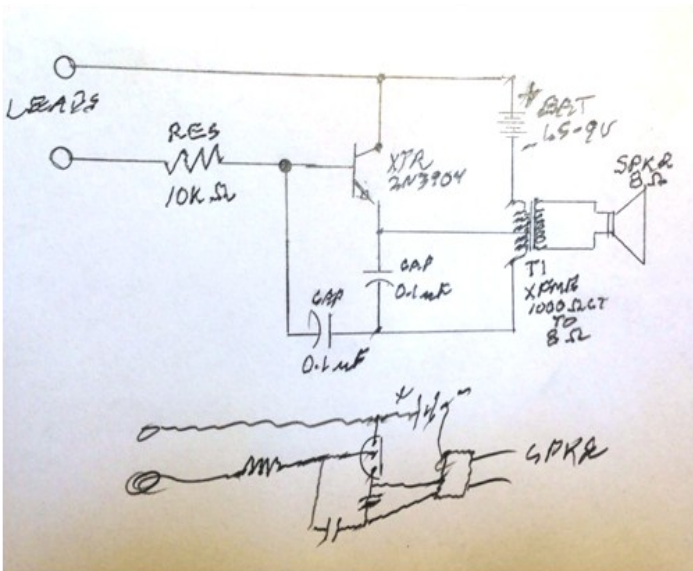
Build is Better Than Buy

By

“El Cheapo Van N4ERM

An Audible Continuity Tester

This little gadget is probably the single most important test instrument in my kit. It is certainly the most used. With it I can test continuity in wires, coaxial cable and connections. It's variable tone makes it useful in measuring resistance and impedance. I use it to test diodes, LEDs and transistors as well.



Or perhaps we should hold a Build-a-thon and build some of these as a group? Whaddaya?

Van N4ERM



CFARS to Operate Special Event Station N4B

Fort Bragg, North Carolina 100th Year Celebration

SPECIAL EVENT: We have the Special Event Call Sign N4B from 3-9 September to celebrate the 100th Anniversary (Centennial) of the founding of Fort Bragg. See related history at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fort_Bragg

BANDS: Operate on 80/75, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meters. No 160, WARC, or above 2 meters.
Suggested operating frequencies (MHz) CW: 3.540, 7.040, 14.040, 21.040, 28.040, 50.040, 144.040.
Phone: 3.860, 7.260, 14.260, 21.360, 28.360, 50.160 (SSB), 52.040 (FM), 144.260 (SSB), 146.520(FM).
Digital: (Use standard digital frequencies per band plan)

OPERATIONS: On the actual 100th Anniversary of Fort Bragg, Tuesday 4 September, a group of us will operate from the Clay Target Range on Manchester Road on the Fort Bragg Reservation. Bring your own radios, antennas, power supplies, tables and chairs and help us work the world from the Post (weather permitting, of course). Other than the 4th, most operations will take place from home using our home rigs and antennas. If you plan to operate from home, please consider asking a friend and fellow CFARS member to participate with you.

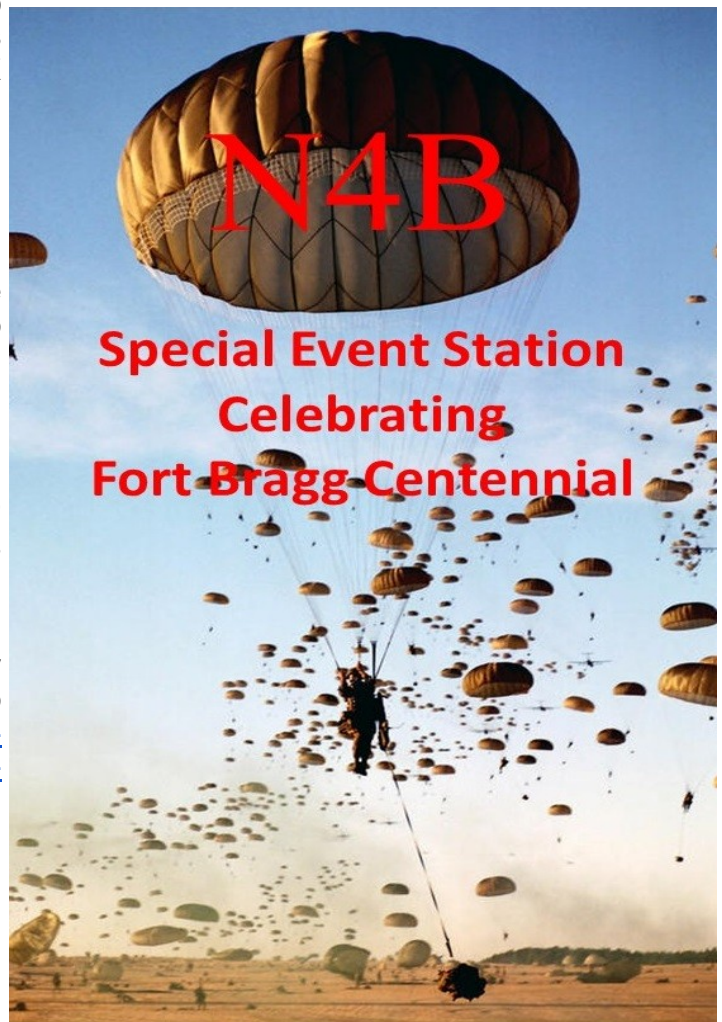
MODE and STATION Coordinators: Coordinate on CFARS 31/91 repeater and by mobile phone. Need a volunteer to keep track of the N4B activity i.e. which stations using call sign N4B were on which band using what mode. Any volunteers? Also need a volunteer to post this data on appropriate listings such as QRZ.com, Ham radio Deluxe DX Spots, eHam.com DX Spots, DXSCape web cloud, DX Watch by DX Zone, etc. Volunteer?

QSL CARDS: The team of George KM4ODS and Gene N4ANV have come up with a unique beautiful QSL card showing hundreds of paratroopers (Gene has counted 400 parachutes) in the air and on the ground on Sicily Drop Zone. Gene has volunteered to produce the QSL Cards and, if nobody else volunteers, to answer all QSL requests.

LOGGING: We have to maintain logs of some type (electronic or paper and pencil) in order to acknowledge QSOs with QSLs. Most use the N3FJP program, but paper and pencil logs will work just as well. PLEASE log your contacts while using the call sign N4B.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Our own CFARS PR guy Marty W4MLW has agreed to gin up some interest. See also <http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/departments/public-information-group/public-information-office/new-releases/2018/08/14/fort-bragg-centennial-celebrated>

SOCIAL MEDIA: Can someone post this stuff on Facebook or whatever? Our trusty Webmaster Steve KI4EZL will get something on the cfarsnc.org web site.



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