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The President's Corner: David KR4OE

The year is rapidly coming to a close and it has been another good one for the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society. Once again we had another top notch performance in the North Carolina QSO Party finishing first in our division. Field Day proved to be another outstanding effort finishing first in North Carolina in the 2A category and 25th nationwide. The CFARS Swapfest celebrated its twentieth anniversary and more funds were raised for CFARS than in any of the previous years. Our special event station celebrating the 100th anniversary of Fort Bragg was a great success using the call sign, N4B. There were also other events taking place throughout the year such as working with the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, breakfasts at K&W, attending hamfests, and the qrz outings. There is always activity taking place and our membership is higher than it has been in several years. Speaking of membership please remember to pay your 2019 dues as soon as you can and give yourself the gift that keeps on giving.

The officers for 2019 have been selected and they are as follows:

- President David KR4OE
- Vice President Larry N4USB
- Secretary/Treasurer Chuck KJ4RV
- Recorder Bill KJ4OFD

I would like to thank Ben KM4ODT who served as vice president during 2108. Ben is stepping down but will still serve CFARS as our new Repeater Trustee. Ben has some big shoes to fill as repeater trustee. I would like to thank Bill KU4W for all of his years of service to this club as repeater trustee. Bill held this position for over 30 years so please let him know how appreciative we all are to him for his service. I would also like to thank the following for holding down the roles in their respective positions:

- Health and Welfare Carl K4CFB
- Net Manager Chuck KJ4RV
- Field Day Paul K4PGM
- Emergency Coordinator Mike K4JWX
- VE Testing Pat N4UGH
- Public Relations and Door Prize Drawing Marty W4MLW
- Website Steve KI4EZL
- Possum Trot Net Manager Kelly N4EWG and Ron K4FET
- Newsletter Mike KN4XP

I would like to thank each of our members for all the support during 2018. The above listed members will tell you they could not have accomplished their roles in CFARS without your support. Simply by being a member of this club shows you care about amateur radio both as hobby and as a service. I hope you will continue to support CFARS in 2019 as we have another big year ahead of us. We are in the process of moving our repeaters to a new location. We are relocating to the old Highsmith Rainey Hospital building at the

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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. PO Box 36106, Fayetteville, NC 28303



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



November 2018 Club Meeting Minutes

On November 19th 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*. **Paul K4PGM** led the invocation. **David KR4OE** led the introductions in the usual CFARS manner.



David KR4OE reminded us that the September meeting was not held due to Hurricane Florence, and that the university was in the mandatory evacuation zone and was closed.

A motion was made by **Marty W4MLW**, seconded by **Ed N4ESA**, to approve the minutes as published of the last meeting. By vote the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Repeater: No report.

Net Manager: **Chuck KJ4RV** reported the traffic counts were about even, October check-ins and times were down from September. We also have a lot of new members. Remember, these are our repeaters, if we don't use them somebody else might.

Field Day: **Paul K4PGM** gave a run down on Field Day statistics. He thanked everyone who took part. He thanked **George KM4ODS** for his help in gathering the statistics. The club was 25th overall in the Field Day event with 6408 points, and we were #1 in NC.

Membership: **David KR4OE** introduced several new members wanting to join our club. They were **Mitch KN4ONH**, **Ron KN4QMX** (former member and new life member), **Nathan KN4OVL** and **Will KN4OTA**. They were invited to the front of the room, each introduced themselves. A motion was made by **Mike KN4XP**, seconded by **Monty KN4GTW**, to accept them into cfars. By vote the motion carried. We now have approximately 120 members. David also reminded us club dues are now due for 2019.

Health & Welfare: **Carl K4CFB** gave a quick Health and Welfare report. Kelly N4EWG is under the weather due to some of the medications he is receiving. Kelly appreciates visitors and phone calls. Please call before visiting to make sure Kelly is home.

Swapfest: **David KR4OE** announced the 2019 Swapfest will be held August 10th.

VE Testing: **Gene N4ANV** said we were 10/8 for VE Testing. We had 10 to test and 8 passed. Congrats to our new hams.

Emergency Coordinator: No report.

Public Relations: **Marty W4MLW** gave a reminder to keep looking at the Facebook page. He is keeping it current as to the goings on for the Club.

Old Business: **Chuck KJ4RV** gave a rundown on the Cub Scout STEM event at Camp Rockfish last month. They set up two QRP stations and had good participation from the Scouts as well as the parents. **David KR4OE** gave an update regarding the repeater move. Things haven't been moving as fast since the Hurricane. The move is still in the waiting stages. We are still waiting for the County to decommission the equipment that is in place on the building and transfer it to the Club in order to make the move.

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The contract with Cumberland County has been approved and signed. **Ben KM4ODT** has agreed to take over from **Bill KU4W** as repeater trustee with **Mike K4JWX** assisting along with technical support from **David KB4FXC**. The 2m and 6m repeaters are still up and functioning.

New Business: **David KR4OE** told us that the NC QSO party is no longer awarding the Canadian Station award in memorial of **Fred New** and offered us the DX award currently being presented by Robeson County. David declined taking that award from Robeson County and that we would take the next award to come down the pike. Next year's NC QSO party will be February 24, 2019. **George KM4ODS** moved that we ask **Van N4ERM** to rent cabins at Smith Lake for that weekend, seconded by **Jim KI4YRH** and the motion was carried. **Van N4ERM** will make the necessary arrangements for the cabin rentals. **Ron K4FET** has taken over as the Possum Trot Net manager from **Kelly N4EWG**. **David KR4OE** reminded all the December Annual Eating Meeting to be held at Grandsons Restaurant on Ramsey Street at 6:30 on December 10. Bring friends and family, all are invited to join us for the Eating Meeting.

David KR4OE invited **Chuck KJ4RV** to give his report for new officers for the coming year. Chuck sent emails to the clubs' past Presidents for input on nominating the club officials and received one response from the current president who agreed to serve another year. No others responded. He also checked with the other current officers. **Ben KM4ODT** stepped down as vice president leaving that position open for 2019. During the meeting **Larry N4USB** agreed to take the vice president position for the coming year. The following officers have been asked and consented to serve for 2019. They are:

David	KR4OE	President
Larry	N4USB	Vice President
Chuck	KJ4RV	Secretary / Treasurer
Bill	KJ4OFD	Recorder

Van N4ERM and **Bonne KF4LVF** moved that these fine individuals be elected by acclamation and the motion carried.

Program: **Van KG4HYJ** gave a presentation on Failure by Design. He suggests that as failures will happen, usually at an inopportune time, that we should mitigate the circumstances by planning the failures to happen at times/places where we can control, and that are easy and inexpensive to repair, and to practice good maintenance to forestall instances of failure.

Door Prize Drawing: **Marty W4MLW** had several of the members donate gifts for the door prize drawing and thanked all who donated. He reminded all of the Eating Meeting next month and to come and bring friends and family. **Will KN4OTA** won an ARRL \$25 gift certificate. **Ron K4FET** won a picture frame and a 3.5" Floppy Disk Drive. **George KM4ODS** won a USB headset and an HDMI antenna. **Bonne KF4LVF** won a USB headset and an HDMI antenna. **Carl K4CFB** won a NASCAR collectable die cast truck. **Leland KN4AHK** won a six pack of Petty Pepsi tall boys as did **Mike KN4XP**. **Ron KN4QMS** won a IROC collectable die cast model car. **Ed N4ESA** won a 2013 Edition ARRL Handbook. **Jim KI4YRH** won a LA Rams Stein. Marty again reminded us that we will have many fine gifts as a door prize at the Eating Meeting. **David KR4OE** reminded us that we have given away many two meter mobile radios, handhelds both two meter, dual band and DMR, the last four years and if you have been fortunate enough to win one of these how about getting on our nets and using them as well as at other times for general use.

A motion was made by **Mike KN4XP**, seconded by **Bobbi N4KAY**, to close the meeting. By vote the motion carried. There were thirty-nine (39) members present.

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intersection of Bradford Avenue and Hay Street. Earlier this year a committee was formed to take on this project. The committee members were myself along with **David KB4FXC**, **Mike K4JWX**, **Mike KN4XP**, **Marty W4MLW**, and **Ben KM4ODT**. I can assure you this committee has put in hours and hours into this project (which is still ongoing) with numerous exchanges of emails/phone calls and meetings in order to accomplish this project. Another event to look forward to in 2019 is the 50th anniversary of CFARS coming in November. We plan on putting another special event station on the air to celebrate this important milestone in our history.

Another group I would like to thank for their service to CFARS is the net control stations for both the CFARS Evening Net and the Possum Trot Net. These net control stations make an effort to be there on their appointed morning or evening so please show your support for them and CFARS by checking in with them. The following are our outstanding net control stations:

Possum Trot Net Control Stations**Monday Ron K4FET****Tuesday Joe W3OJO****Wednesday George KM4ODT****Thursday Paul K4PGM/Kelly N4EWG****Chuck KJ4RV****CFARS Two Meter Evening Net Control Stations****Sunday Paul K4PGM****Monday Joe W3OJO****Tuesday David KR4OE****Wednesday Steve KA4CZL****Thursday Paul K4PGM/Kelly N4EWG****Friday Chuck KJ4RV****Saturday Bill KJ4OFD**

In particular I would like to thank **Kelly N4EWG** for all his years of service to the Possum Trot Net serving as Net Manager and the Thursday morning net control station. You could always depend on Kelly to brighten your morning on the PT Net and he was always there right around 5:00am every weekday morning. I will tell that is dedication to be there every morning before sunrise. Thank you my friend for being there for us.

The CFARS Christmas Dinner also known as the "Eating Meetin" will be December 10 at 6:30pm at Grandsons on Ramsey Street and thanks to **Jim KI4YRH** for setting up this event. There will again be plenty of great door prizes, good food, and most of all fellowship with all our ham radio friends. I would like to again thank you all for being a part of this great hobby and for being a member of our club. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all in 2019 and let's make it the best year ever for the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society.

73,

David KR4OE ... _._

Upcoming Hamfests

January 5 2019

Winston-Salem Hamfest
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
w4nc.com

February 2, 2019

Frostfest
Richmond, Virginia
frostfest.com

CFARS @ Jarsfest 2018

