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The President's Corner: David KR4OE

Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and got the new year off to a good start. What a way to end the year with another wonderful CFARS Christmas Eatin Meetin. Congratulations to all who won one of the door prizes and hope you enjoy them. If you won a radio we expect to hear you using it on our nets. Thanks to all who attended and made it another fun Christmas Dinner.

As we start off the year please see Chuck KJ4RV at breakfast or at the monthly meeting and get your CFARS club dues paid. Unless you are a life member your dues expired as of December 31. You can also mail dues in to the club's post office box. We ended the year with our highest membership total in several years so please let's strive to end 2019 with an even higher number of members.

We have another year of amateur radio fun and fellowship ahead of us. We start off with this month's meeting on January 21. Our program will be Show and Tell.

Please bring in something you have made or purchased and tell us all about how you use it. In February we will again defend our title in the NC QSO Party. We will begin making plans for this event at the January meeting. This event will be held on February 24 so please mark that date on your calendar as well as the day before when we set and prepare for it. If you know someone who is interested in getting their amateur radio license and or you are wishing to upgrade we have test sessions on the calendar. Don't forget about Field Day in June and the Swapfest in August as these are two great CFARS events. We have a big year ahead so please come out and join us.

I would like to again to thank all those who made 2018 another great year for CFARS. I would also like to sincerely thank those of you who either sent emails or spoke in person with all the words of support, encouragement and compliments. It meant a lot to hear.

Let's all have some amateur radio fun this year. Be active and get on the air. We are listening for you.

73,
David KR4OE ... _._

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Club Repeaters

(PL 100 Hz)

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 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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December 2018 Club Meeting Minutes

The Annual Eatin Meetin of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at Fred Chasons Grandsons Buffet Restaurant at 3901 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC at 7:00 pm on Monday Evening, December 10, 2018. President **David KR4OE** opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. **Gene N4ANV** gave the invocation. **David KR4OE** led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion.



A motion was made by **Chuck KJ4RV**, seconded by **Jim KI4YRH**, to approve the minutes as published of the last meeting with corrections. By vote the motion carried.

Will KN4OTA is trying to get a Ham Radio Club started at Cape Fear Christian Academy and will be hosting a meeting by the Soccer Field at 3:00 pm tomorrow, December 11, 2018 and requests some volunteers come by and help him out by demonstrating amateur radio. **Van N4ERM** and **Bill KJ4OFD** will be on hand, as will **Larry N4USB**.

David KR4OE thanked all the officers and members for their help and hard work, and introduced the new officers and appointees. Special Recognition was given to **Bill KU4W** for his many years as Repeater Trustee and to **Kelly N4EWG** for his hard work and dedication for the *Possum Trot Net*.

Marty W4ML, said thanks to all for their support during the year for the door prizes and because of all the support, had many good door prizes to be handed out at this years Eatin Meetin. Drawings were held and **Larry N4USB** won a Yaesu FTM-7250dr dual band analog/digital mobile radio. **Leland KN4AHK** won a Kenwood TM-281a 2 meter mobile radio. **Bill KJ4OFD** and **John W4RDU** won TYT TH-8600 dual band mobile radios. **Ron K4FET** won a TYT MD-380 DMR hand held radio. **Greg K4IOE** won a Yaesu FT-25r 2 meter hand held radio. **Linda KE4BGW** and **John W4RDU** won a Baofeng UV-5R tri-band (2m/220/440) hand held radio. **David KR4OE** won a Jetstream 28-amp power supply. **Will KN4OTA** won a Jetstream 14-amp power supply. **Bill KN4LBD** and **Joe W3OJO** won Jetstream external speakers. **Jim KI4YRH** won 2 each 3 foot coax jumpers. **Carl K4CFB** and **David KR4OE** won multimeters. **Fred N4ZCG** won a NASCAR collectable truck. **Bobbi N4KAY** won a six-pack of Petty Longneck Pepsis. **Gene N4ANV** won a pair of AA batteries and finally **Leland KN4AHK**, won an HF Sloper dipole antenna.

A motion was made by **Gene N4ANV**, seconded by **John W4ESU**, to close the meeting. By vote the motion carried. There were thirty-seven (37) members and twelve (12) guests present.

David KR4OE closed his last meeting for this year at 7:45 pm.

Submitted:

Bill Ivey KJ4OFD Recorder

Upcoming Hamfests

February 2, 2019

Frostfest
Richmond, Virginia
frostfest.com

February 2, 2019

Charleston Hamfest
Charleston, South Carolina
wa4usn.com

March 8, 2019

Charlotte Hamfest
Concord, North Carolina
charlottehamfest.org

March 24, 2019

Winterfest
Annadale, Virginia
Viennawireless.net/wp/events/winterfest

FT-8 Operating Guide

If you operate FT-8 this 78 page operating guide is almost a "must read". The link for the pdf document is here: http://www.g4ifb.com/FT8_Hinson_tips_for_HF_DXers.pdf. It is not your normal click this and that how-to startup guide. He provides operating experience garnered from other operators, He explains how to operate split, and up your qso rate. The various boxes and pull-down menus are explained and how they improve your operating experience.

VE Testing Session

CFARS will hold a VE Testing Session on Saturday, January 12th at Methodist University. The testing session will be held in Room 212 of the Hendricks Science Complex. Registration will start at 9am and testing will begin at 9:30 am. Cost for testing is \$15.

Bring the following items to the testing session:

A legal photo id. Students/minors may bring a school id, minor's work permit, report card, or their legal guardian may present a photo id. Social Security Number or your FCC issued Federal Registration Number is required to be submitted with your license application form. If applicable, bring either a photocopy of your current Amateur Radio license or a reference copy printed out from the FCC website. Bring the Original and photocopy of any Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination you may hold from a previous exam session. Two (2) number two pencils with erasers and a pen. A calculator with the memory erased and formulas cleared is allowed.



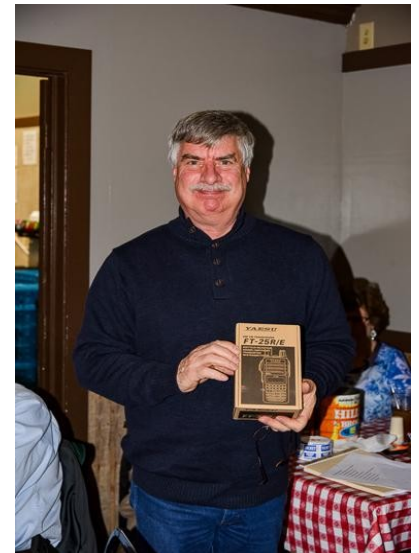
Call for Newsletter Contributions

CFARS is looking for someone who has an interest in writing. If you would like to have a column in the newsletter let Mike KN4XP Editor know. It would not have to be every month. You can submit articles and photos for inclusion with your article. You may be just the person who has knowledge in an area that someone is wanting to experiment with. People are looking to branch out in amateur radio but not sure where to turn. You may be just that person. Do you operate FT-8, Six meters ssb or cw, DMR radio or have experience with station grounding. These are just a few areas you might have expertise in. So take a few minutes and drop an article for YOUR NEWSLETTER.

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