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The President's Corner: David WD4NC

First off, let me send prayers up to the OBX and to our Mountains. Both have been hit hard this month and they have a long road to recovery. Our NC Mountains were hit the hardest and it was a time for Ham Radio to shine. It was good to see hams helping out by sending traffic and taking calls for Wellness checks. I do think this has opened the eyes to a lot of people in the EOC networks to just how much a good operator and a good system can make a difference.

With all the storms and issues, we were seeing. It seemed a good time to practice a ECOM Drill with CFARS and SARC. 10/05/24 CFARS hosted a ECOMS Drill where we had 15 Hams helping from all around the County. Stedman, Cedar Creek, Spring Lake, Grays Creek, Parkton, Stoney Point, West area by Pine Forrest Middle School, Rockfish and Coats were all on the air and checking in.

This drill showed us what we could do by handling traffic and doing relays on Simplex as well. Why did I add Simplex to the Drill? What if we lose the repeater and only have simplex? Time to see what we can do. The drill showed where we were strong and our weak areas that need another relay point. We can work that out and come up with a good plan. I hope to see more of you working with us on our ECOM test. Thanks to KN4JUY, KM4ODS, W4HDF, KO4VEC, KM4CWI, K4BUC, KQ4QEM, KC4ABE, KQ4FNO, KQ4QWH, K4TTN, KQ4NTM, KQ4IIX, WD4NC AND KO4EHI for working this event and taking the time to be ready when we are needed to handle that traffic.

The club also took some time to go back to Singletary Lake State Park. Fun was had by all, and Rod and I picked up 340 QSO and that pushed me up to a Kilo for that park. With a low noise level and good bands. We had a ton of fun and some training as well. Thanks to Chico for cooking the burgers and Hotdogs! That is one of my favorite places to work POTA.

Be sure to get your tickets for our Eat and Greet coming up in Dec 16th. If you are planning on coming out and want to sit and eat. You are going to need a ticket. Rod, KQ4FNO can help you out with that.

Last part, we had a fun outing to Fayetteville State. It was good to work with the students and show them how Ham radio works. Travis, Rod, Mike, Mark and me. I set up the Go Box and made some

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good contacts and answered a lot of good questions from the group. Mike KC4ABE was our relay for the students to talk to on the 2m HT and Jim K4BUC was on standby to help if needed. Thank you all for going to the event.

As you can see, CFARS is staying busy, and Contest season is coming up fast. WFD is in Jan, NC QSO Party in Feb. It is time to start working these OP's and start training to work the Pile ups.

73's

David Winfree, WD4NC

From the Vice President:

Well, here we are in Fall having made it through Summer! Hurricane Helene came and left, with over 100 deaths in NC and untold damage and destruction. The only glimmer of light is that ham radio operators have been able to provide communications to remote areas of NC and provide communications to the outside world. This makes us a valuable part of the system and we need to learn from this. In order to help we need to have the proper certifications unless we volunteer to help known organizations as operators. Raleigh is looking for operators to work shifts to call nets used for emergency traffic. Another direct result is, David WD4NC is arranging a quick test of our communications capability on 2 meters on Saturday October 5th. We will see how that works out. Bear in mind, at this time, there is another hurricane that may threaten the United States.

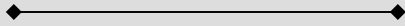
Raffle tickets are available for the ham clock, at \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Christmas dinner, aka "Eatin' Meetin", tickets are available for \$7 per person. Both tickets can be purchased from Rod at 910-977-0248, at any time and you can use Zelle, Facebook or club internet pages to make your payments. I will email the ticket number(s) when payment is received. I can deliver or mail your tickets with prior arrangements if needed.

We had our Singletary Lake outing the week of 28 September. Forgive me, I failed to have a sign-in sheet and did not record our visitors. Suffice it to say we had 3 radios going and 6 to 9 operators at any given time. Hamburgers and hotdogs were cooked and eaten, and a good time was had by all. Cub members having fun! Our next published activity is helping the Azalea Club in Wilmington to operate the USS North Carolina on Pearl Harbor Day December 7th. If you want to participate, please let David WD4NC know so we can arrange car pools.

De KQ4FNO, Rod MacLean

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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 \$20.00. CFARS offers a lifetime membership option for \$200.00. 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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September 2024 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday, September 16, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC.



President David WD4NC called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Bill KE4DER gave the invocation. David WD4NC led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 23 members and 2 guests

present. Chris KR4I moved August's minutes be approved, Mike KC4ABE seconded, and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.

Net Manager: Larry N4USB gave the net report.

Health & Welfare: Travis N4BEL, reported that Steve KA4CZL was hospitalized and is now back home.

Repeaters: David K4FXC, repeaters are working well as of the last check.

Field Day: No report.

Membership: No report.

Contesting: Juan NK2MC gave a list of upcoming contests.

VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC, next VE test session will be October 12 at Peace Presbyterian Church. Bring an FRN number.

Swapfest: David KI4W announced the CFARS 2th anniversary Swapfest will be held in 2025.

Public Relations: Hector KB4LOA, continue posting ham radio and club activity on the CFARS Facebook page.

Newsletter: Any submissions please send to Mike KN4XP by end of month, ideally in Microsoft Word format. cfarsnews@gmail.com

Web Site: Any submissions please send to Jim K4BUC. Jim asked that anyone having pictures to put on the website send them to him. jbuccieri@twc.com

ARRL Liaison: David K4FXC is still working with the ARRL.

Possum Trot Net: Greg NC4GK, PT net continues 5:00am to 7:00am.

Skywarn: No report.

Event Coordinator: Rod KQ4FNO, Sep 28 Singletary Lake State Parks CFARS meet up hosted by David WD4NC. If you are going to ensure there is adequate food please RSVP. December 7th

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Pearl Harbor Day at the NC Battleship...POC David WD4NC. December 16th Eatin' Meetin' at Peace Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Setup will be at 6 pm with food served at 6:30 pm.

Emergency Coordinator: Jeremiah KO4VRM, Greg NC4GK, every 2nd Tuesday night is Skywarn night.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Discussion of the NC QSO Party bonus station was held. David WD4NC presented a Q & A of CFARS operating as one of the NC QSO Party bonus stations. Dale AK4S made a motion, seconded by Don WO4SFA, that CFARS operate as a bonus station in the NC QSO Party. By vote the motion carried. If and when CFARS is selected as a bonus station, K4MN will not be able to compete. Individual club members may operate individually but not using K4MN. The Eatin' Meetin' meal will be Smithfield's BBQ. Don WO4SFA made a motion, seconded by Norman K4MGZ, for the club to pay half the cost of everyone's plate for food to come from Smithfield's. By vote the motion carried. Tickets will be \$7. Tavis N4BEL made a motion, seconded by Don WO4SFA, that the official title of the ham of the year award be "Chuck Ward Ham of the Year Award." By vote the motion carried.

Program: Jason Kabbes, professor at UNC Fayetteville State University introduced himself. Kabbes has interest to establish a relationship with CFARS for educating students at FSU. Joe runs a STEAM event on Saturday afternoons with middle and high school students at FSU.

Door Prizes: Jeremy KN4JUY won a set of GMRS radios. Bill KE4DER won an ammo can and a 10m whip antenna. Chris KR4I won an aluminum clipboard. Don WO4SFA won a 6m whip antenna and a Yuengling glass.

50/50 Drawing: \$52 collected, Don WO4SFA had the winning ticket of \$26 and donated it back to the club to buy Hamclock tickets..

Announcements: Raffle tickets are available for the Hamclock. Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5. Chuck Ward Ham of the Year award votes were taken. Hector KB4LOA discussed development of the CFARS Contest Club. Hector will organize participants for contests. Van N4ERM brought many publications to distribute to whoever would like one. The October meeting will be officer elections for 2025. Rod KQ4FNO announced the club is now set up with Zelle to accept donations, dues payments, purchase raffle tickets and Eatin' Meetin' tickets.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm. There were 23 members and 2 guests present. Norman K4MGZ motioned to adjourn.

Submitted: Jeremy Gilchrist KN4JUY
Recorder

2025 CFARS Club Officers Elections

At the October 21st club meeting, David KI4W Past Presidents Committee Chair will entertain motions for the slate of club officer for 2025. If you are interested in running for President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasures or Recorder please contact David KI4W or any of the Past Presidents of CFARS. A list of past presidents is posted on cfarsnc.org. The new officers will be elected at the meeting.

CFARS Nets

Net	Day (s)	Time Local	Band / Freq
Evening Net	Daily	1900	146.910 Repeater
Possum Trot	M - F	0500 - 0700	146.910 Repeater
ADY Net	M - F	0810	SSB 3.855
CW Fix Net	Tues / Thurs	0730	CW 3.555
DMR Net	Sunday	2000	TGIF 910 Talkgroup

*Upcoming Hamfests***October 12, 2024**Rock Hill Hamfest
Rock Hill, South Carolina
ycars.org**November 17, 2024**Jarsfest
Benson, North Carolina
jars.net**CFARS VE Testing**

CFARS VE team held its final testing session for 2024. Jim and his team of willing and capable VE's came out to test new and upgrading candidates for the ham licenses. A good time was had by all.

Now for the results of the testing session:

Total Test Candidates	10
Technician	6
General	2
Extra Class	1
Failed	1

As this was the last testing session of the year for CFARS, Jim can close the books for 2024. Never fear, as CFARS will post a 2025 testing schedule very soon. If you have been thinking about upgrading your license, get in the books and we will see you at an upcoming test session. As always, CFARS is radio active! Come join us. If you are interested in becoming a VE, contact Jim K4BUC for more information.