

CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

May 2026

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, May 18th, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC.

President Rod MacLean KQ4FNO called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Bill KE4DER gave the invocation. Rod led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 37 members and guests present. Jeremy KB4D made a motion to approve January's meeting minutes David WD4NC seconded, the club voted, and the motion carried.

PROGRAM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• DURING MEETING

- Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.
- Health and Welfare: Travis N4BEL provided a report on the health and welfare of our members.
- Event Coordinator Paul NC4PB:
 - ARRL Field day is June 27th and 28th.
 - The next scheduled VE testing session is August 8th at the Swapfest, go to the CFARS website for times, dates, and locations as they are subject to change.
 - May 23rd at Nicholson Creek POTA event hosted by Paul NC4PB
 - June 6th and 7th Museum Ships on the Air please go to the Facebook page and click on I'm going to get yourself on the list. Also contact Rod or David WD4NC to sign up.

• REPORTS TO RECORDER

- Membership: David KI4W
 - Two one new member was presented to the club for membership
 - John Lawson – KQ4VRJ
 - Ed N4ESA made a motion to approve the membership Jeremy KB4D seconded, the club voted and the motion was carried.
- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,
 - Net report for April: 695 check ins, Average of 23.2 check ins with 940 minutes on the air for an average net time 31.3 minutes with 34 pieces of traffic.

- Possum Trot net: Alan KQ4QEM, PT net continues Weekdays from 5:00am to 7:00am. Alen provided a report: 8 new PT Memberships since January 2026. If you would like to sign up to run a PT net, please contact Alan KQ4QEM.
- Repeaters: David K4FXC, not present / no report.
- Newsletter: Any submissions please send to Mike KN4XP by the 24th of April, ideally in Microsoft Word format. cfarsnews@gmail.com
- Web Site: Any submissions please send to Jim K4BUC. jbuccieri@twc.com
- VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC. The next testing session will be at Cumberland County Shrine Club on August 8th, 2026. Check in starts at 9am. Make sure you bring a copy of your license and if you are not licensed bring a copy of your FRN or you will be turned away.
- Public Relations: Hector KT5H, continue posting ham radio and club activity on the CFARS Facebook page.
- ARRL representative: David K4FXC is still working with the ARRL.
- Contest Coordinator: Hector KT5H, Check contestcalendar.com for contests and events.
- AUXCOMM coordinator David WD4NCL; nothing additional to report

OLD BUSINESS

Three 10-80Meter EFHW antennas ordered from Chris Hostetter. Rod spoke to him and these are expected to be delivered in about two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rod KQ4FNO brought up the fact that the club must maintain ARRL membership of at least 50% to continue to be affiliated as an ARRL club. Latest data show we still meet that requirement but just barely.
- B. ARRL Field Day 2026 Start time 1400 EST Saturday 27th June. Ending at 1659 EST 28th June.
 - a. Rod KQ4FNO opened discussions for operating 2A versus 3A or even 5A, the club members discussed the pros and cons of operating in another category and the fact that we had plenty of operators for a larger category. It was recommended by Rick N2GNF that we should look at entering Field Day as an EOC next year.
 - b. Chris KR4I made a motion to operate field day as 2A, Jeremy KB4D seconded and a vote was taken. 5 members voted in favor. Rod KQ4FNO asked who was in favor of operating 5A? Chris KR4I amended his motion to operate Field Day in the 5A category. Jeremy KB4D seconded and the club voted and 13 members voted in favor of operating 5A and the motion was carried.
 - c. Rod next covered the field day staff that we will need
 - i. Field Day Marshal. Travis N4BEL volunteered for this duty.
 - ii. Safety Officer. Stephen, KR4IVL has requested this duty.
 - iii. Food Director. Don WO4SFA volunteered to be the food director

- iv. Front office/Reception. TBD
- v. Station Chiefs.
 - 1. CW. Chris Ray, KR4I for station #1
 - 2. SSB. Hector KT5H and Tyler K4TTN volunteered for station #2
 - 3. GOTA. Tyler, K4TTN Free
 - 4. Digital, FT8/FT4 Mike/Walter, KC4ABE/ KG4JOK #3
 - 5. VHF. (collocated with Digital FT8) Free
 - 6. Digital RTTY/MSK/PSK31/JS8Call etc Corey K9BTR #4
 - 7. SSB Secondary. Rick N1GNF #5
- d. Rod will provide all “cheat sheets” as he did last year.
- e. Rod next presented the bonus points available based on the rules and reviewed what they were and how we might achieve them.
- f. Rod discussed some of the other rules. Outside stations – i.e. those that do not join in at the SF Compound, can add their scores to the Club score for an aggregate total. This includes bonus points. We looked at that and most stations could get a total of 700 bonus points. The biggest drawback would be submitting by website for results and logs. We can help with that. Logs must be turned in by July 28th (A Tuesday). Those operators cannot operate at the SF Compound.
- g. Start time. If we start at 1800 UTC/1400EST then we can operate 27 hours. That means we start putting up antennas and operating immediately. If we come early, 0700 EST and put up antennas and all equipment to operate if we start at 1400 EST then we must have a 3 hour break at night so we only operate 24 hours. Alternative is to start operating at 1700hrs EST and operate continually until 17600 hrs EST Sunday. Best if we stop at night.
- h. Three Club radios, CW, GOTA, SSB (Main)we have two other radios available, but they may not do Digital modes without additional equipment. Members may have to bring additional radios to make 5A.
- i. Regarding a budget Jeremy KB4D brought that we need to vote on a budget. Chris made a motion to make the budget \$275 for food, K4TTN seconded the club voted and the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

DOOR PRIZES

Hector KT5H won a mobile Radio and a HT radio and a book

Don WO4SFA won an ammo can and Mic holder

Don WO4IHM won a wireless router

Bill KE4DER won an Speaker

Jeremy KB4D won a straight key

Pete K4QFK won a mobile antenna

Tracy AI4TS won a Stright Key
Paul NC4PB won a Rotomatic
Rod KO4FNO won a roll of electrical tape
Ben W3GER won a makeup mirror

50/50 DRAWING

\$178 was collected, 6683234 was the winning ticket held by Mike KN4UHI who won \$89

ADJOURNMENT

David WD4NC made a motion to adjourn and Rick N1GNF seconded, the club voted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Submitted by: Chris KR4I, Recorder.