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The President's Corner: David WD4NC

2024 is behind us and we are running head long into 2025. First let's post up what all happened last year at the Eat and Greet.

Jeremy – KB4D won the first ever Chuck Ward Ham of the year for 2024. Jeremy did a ton of work for the club and its members. Helping to get antennas back up, setting up radios, working contest, POTA events, He was there. He did a very hard job of keeping me in line during the meetings with when we needed whatever to keep moving forward. Thank you KB4D for all the help.

Walter – KG4JOK won Mentor of the Year. Walter has called nets, Morning PT nets, Our night nets on the 910 as well as other nets around our local area. He is a fine person that shares knowledge of where to get what at Walmart as well. He also takes care of friends and family in time of need. Great person that does a ton for the club. Thank you, Walter, for all you do.

We had 69 people at Christmas eat and greet. We had good raffle goodies from David KI4W. Pam KO4EHI helped all year with the 50/50. Norman was head of the setup and did a great job and a lot of you stayed and helped clean up. Hector added a great video of club members doing pass events. You can see this on the FB page as well. Thank you all. Another CFARS great event.

Before that we had 13 CFARS members head to the USS NC to help run the radios on the ship for Pearl Harbor Day on Dec 7th. This team knocked it out of the park and got the job done and had fun doing it. The AZ club was a great host and a blessing to work with. CFARS crew knocked out 600 contacts in around 7 hours as KI4BK. Good job group.

Next, we teamed up again and worked the ARRL 10 meters contest. This was a 48-hour contest and we worked as a medium club and that gave us 250 miles to work with. This contest you could sit at your home station or go to a POTA park. CW and Voice. 10 meters was wide open, and I enjoyed working the bands. The big stations were as always getting all the numbers, but I was happy about my 257 and 97x.

Our next upcoming event is Winter Field Day. We will be talking about this event coming up on the 3rd weekend of Jan. We will be 3 indoors for this one and we had a ton of fun doing it last year. We

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had good food, a low noise level and a great antenna set up for the operators.

We also are planning a trip to Grays Creek middle school to work with a STEAM team and put up the go box and antenna and showcase Ham radio. This event will be on the 30th.

I hope to have Marty, W4MY at the next meeting to talk to us about being a bonus station for the NC QSO party. I am looking forward to hearing the news and the rule changes about the event and having Mrs. Amanda at the meeting to talk to us about changes at the EOC.

Always something to do in Ham radio with CFARS. Jump in and be a part of it. Last note. VE TESTING on Jan 11th. Study up and be sure you have your FRN number.

73's

David Winfree, WD4NC



**From The Vice President
Rod KQ4NFO**

2024 has come to an end. I sincerely hope that everyone has had a great Christmas Season and that families got together and enjoyed each other's company. I know we had a great turnout at our "Eatin' Meetin'" and it was one of the best events of the Year!

Next, New Year 2025. I hope everyone has a happy and prosperous New Year and that you can meet all the goals you have set for the year.

I would be remiss if I did not thank all of those that have provided help through out the year in support of the Club. The list is too long to print out, so you know who you are! Be it just showing up in support, or bringing something to eat, or helping raise tents, or operating radios be it on site or remotely, all of you are what make the Club what it is! I have heard that others are calling to find out how to make their clubs more active, or how to encourage others, and this is testament to the work that "YOU" the members do! I look forward to your help, assistance and camaraderie in the coming year!

The Club has done well in almost every way. The history of the Club has been documented well this year, by the Chuck Ward Ham of the Year, Jeremy, KB4D. The finances are well in hand, thank you Mike, KC4ABE. The Club is on track to become 'legal', as soon as the IRS feel comfortable in replying to our letter. The Club has grown, and I believe that is due to the leadership of our President, David, WD4NC. All in all, ready for next year.

The 10 Meter Contest, ARRL, has passed and gone, and I thought it interesting to look at some of the results. Last Year we entered four operators in the Local Division and scored 66,240 points. This year we are entered in the Medium Division and we have had 14 logs submitted! All I can say about that is that I, personally, improved my score from last year! Hopefully I can improve again next year, and we have more folks entering logs too. The Club is alive and is showing itself!!

2025, what are we going to do now? First, we are going to have Winter field day! This will be INSIDE and at the SF Association 1-XVIII Chapter Compound at Zinnia Court. Thanks to WO4SFA, Don, for arranging this, and our next event too. This will be our "Warm Up" for our next event which is the NC QSO Party event in February (inside again!) when we will be changing things up a little and being a Bonus Station for the first time. This is an excellent chance to prove ourselves to the radio community in North Carolina. Then on to Field Day. Again, we should be inside, so insects and June bugs will be less of a problem. I expect great things from the Club this year!

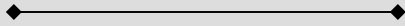
We started to branch out last year and have made contacts with Fayetteville State University and a STEM/STEAM organization to work with children to bring them into the radio world. There are more events like this coming up and it should prove to be a source of inspiration and hopefully new members too. As mentioned before, the operators who are on hand to answer our calls from these events are very important to the whole concept. Without you there is no communication!

So again, thank you for all you have done and accomplished this year. We all look forward to successful events this year too and the growth of our Club and its members! Please remember this is YOUR Club. Join in where you can, offer help to others when able and join us at the meetings. Feel free to give the officers your comments, but if you suggest something also try to provide a plan to accomplish it. OK, we are ready, **Bring On The New Year!**

Rod MacLean, KQ4FNO

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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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December 2024 Club Meeting Minutes

The Annual Eatin' Meetin' of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 6:30 pm, Monday, December 16, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC.

President David Winfree WD4NC called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Bill KE4DER gave the invocation and blessing of the meal. David WD4NC led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There

were 47 members and 22 guests present.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.

Net Manager: Larry N4USB November net report: 760 check ins for an average of 25.3, 998 minutes for an average of 33.3 and 30 pieces of traffic.

Health & Welfare: No report.

Repeaters: No report.

Field Day: No report.

Membership: No report.

Contesting: No report.

VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC, next VE test session will be January 11, 2025 at Peace Presbyterian Church. Bring an FRN number.

Swapfest: David KI4W the next CFARS Swapfest will be Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Cumberland County Shrine Club. This will be our 25th Swapfest.

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

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

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: No report.

Possum Trot Net: No report.

Skywarn: No report.

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Event Coordinator: Rod KQ4FNO Winter Field day is January 25th and 26th 2025 and the NC QSO Party is 23 February 2025

Emergency Coordinator: Jeremiah KO4VRM

Old Business: None.

New Business: None

Program: Certificates of Recognition were presented to Jim Buccieri K4BUC, David McGough K4ZFX, Don Talbot WO4SFA, Mike Grant KC4ABE and David Cowart KI4W for their many great contributions to CFARS. ARRL Mentor Award was presented to Walter KG4JOK. Chuck Ward Ham of the year was presented to Jeremy KB4D.

Door Prize Drawing: Jim K4BUC won a Jetstream speaker. Steve KA4CZL won a Jetstream speaker. Paul W4ZFX won a Nifty radio stand. Paul W4ZFX won a Nifty radio stand. Mike KC4ABE won a Baofeng UV5R. Larry N4USB won a Baofeng UV5R. Tim W4HDF won a Diamond MR77 antenna. Tim KO4VEC won a Diamond X-30 antenna. Paul W4ZFX won a R&L 30 amp power supply. Larry N4USB won a Yaesu FT-4X. Bob KL7NL won a Yaesu FT-60. Nina KN4KUL won a TYT TH-8600 dual band mobile. Rick N1GNF won an Icom IC-2730A dual band mobile. Pete K4QFK won a Yaesu FT-891 Mobile HF radio.

50/50 Drawing: \$260 collected, Paul W4ZFX had the winning ticket of \$260, and donated it back to the club. Winner takes 100% at the Eatin' Meetin' instead of the usual 50/50 split.

Announcements: Norman K4MGZ won the Hamclock, which was donated by Gabe KQ4QAV.

Adjournment: There were 47 members and 22 guests present.

Submitted: Jeremy KR4B
Recorder

CFARS Nets*Upcoming Hamfests*

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

March 7 - 8, 2025
Charlotte Hamfest
Concord, North Carolina
charlottehamfest.org

April 5, 2025
Rarsfest
Raleigh, North Carolina
rarsfest.org

CFARS VE Testing

The 2025 VE exams will take place at one of these two locations -
as noted.



Peace Presbyterian Church
3203 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Cumberland County Shrine Club
7040 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville NC 28311

Dates:

January 11, 2025 - Peace Presbyterian Church
March 15, 2025 - Peace Presbyterian Church
August 9, 2025 - Cumberland County Shrine Club
October 11, 2025 - Peace Presbyterian Church

Jim K4BUC