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The President's Corner: Rod KQ4FNO

Thank you to all that came out last month for the September CFARS Meeting, there were 42 at the meeting. As one of the first orders of business, we asked for and received nominations for the Officer Positions for next year. So far, we have Mike Grant KC4ABE, and Rick Shanks K4DT, for President, Chris Ray KR4I, and Jared Jones KR4EEK, as Vice president and Stephen Collopy KR4IVL as Recorder. I would love to see more names before next month, and even then, there will be time to add names before the election. Don WO4SFA and Laird WA2COU have agreed to be the election voting referees, They will gather and tabulate the results for the Club.

The Club has voted to procure new coax, and we will be purchasing this shortly. Some of this will be used for the Winlink hubs, and we will be reimbursed by the County for that amount. This will give us enough coax for the three Club radios. We will also be purchasing the equipment for the Winlink hubs, so that it is completed before the start of next year.

In addition to the election next month, we must decide on avenue and menu for the December Eatin meeting. We have held it at the Church for the last couple of years. I think that is a good venue, we are by ourselves, not competing with others to be heard and it has worked well for us. As to the menu, I think we need to discuss the possibility of changing the menu, unless everyone is happy with the current choices. I would say that the price we have had before, (after substantial support from Club funds covering much of the cost), may have to be discussed also.

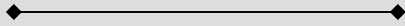
Another important issue in October is the nomination and election of the "Ham of the Year". Please start to think of which of our Club members has provided the best service to the Club and should be recognized for it. The Award will be made at the Christmas Meet and Greet meeting in December. In October, we are looking to have the "Annual Singletary Lake' outing. Please keep a lookout on Facebook and Discord for an agenda on that. It will also be promoted on evening nets. Currently the proposed dates are 16th (1600hrs) to 18th October (1400/1500hrs).

Until the next meeting, please be radioactive and have some fun on the radio. There are contests available, satellites that need to be exercised, mountains to climb and Parks to be activated or hunted.

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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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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

October 3, 2026

Rock Hill Hamfest
Rockhill, South Carolina
ycars.org/hamfest

October 11, 2026

Maysville Hamfest
Maysville, North Carolina
maysvillehamfest.org

November 7, 2026

37th Annual Jarsfest
Selma, North Carolina
jars.net

**CFARS VE Testing**

The 2026 VE exams will take place at

Peace Presbyterian Church
3203 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301

Dates:

October 10, 2026 - Peace Presbyterian Church



September 2026 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 21, 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. A chaplain gave the invocation. Rod then led introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 42 members and guests present. Dale Mohr AK4YS, made a motion to approve the minutes

from last month as published in the newsletter. A member seconded the motion. The club voted, and the motion carried.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.

Net Manager: Larry N4USB - Larry N4USB net report for August with 611 check-ins, 19.7 average check-ins, 31.6 minutes average, for a total of 980 minutes and 41 pieces of traffic

Health & Welfare: Travis N4BEL - no report.

Repeaters: David K4FXC no report.

Field Day: No report.

Membership: David KI4W - no report.

Contesting: Hector KT5H - no report.

VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC - no report.

Swapfest: David KI4W - no report.

Public Relations: Hector KT5H - no report.

Emergency Coordinator: David WD4NC - no report.

Newsletter: Any submissions please send to Mike KN4XP by end of month, ideally in Microsoft Word format. cfarsnews@gmail.com. Emails and .pdf files are difficult to format for the newsletter.

Deadline for submissions is the last day of the month.

Web Site: Jim reported that Stephen Collopy KR4IVL, has taken over as CFARS Webmaster. Please direct any website changes to Stephen.

ARRL Liaison: David K4FXC - no report.

Possum Trot Net: Alan KQ4QEM - PT net continues Weekdays from 5:00am to 7:00am.

Skywarn: No report.

Event Coordinator: Paul NC4PB - no report.

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AUXCOM: David WD4NC - no report.

Old Business: Coax Purchase: Dale AK4YS made a motion and Don WO4SFA, seconded to authorize the purchase of 1,000 feet of coax. The motion carried.

New Business: 910 Repeater Internet: The club discussed the internet outage at the 910 repeater site due to Brightspeed rate increases and the retirement of copper DSL service. A motion was made by Dale AK4YS and seconded by Don WO4SFA, to switch to Starlink. The motion carried.

Program: Bill Morain, N2COP Vice Director of the ARRL Roanoke Division, presented on the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act (HOA antenna relief bill). He discussed the history of the bill, the negotiated antenna scenarios of a horizontal wire, a vertical antenna on the back of a house, and a flagpole installation, and the importance of contacting Congressman Richard Hudson to move the bill out of the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. He also provided an overview of ARRL awards, including Ten Band DXCC, Triple Play, and Trident. Additional topics included the Marconi Project for club revitalization and the Radio Alpha online museum.

Officer Nominations - 2027 CFARS

President: Mike Grant KC4ABE and Rick Shanks were nominated for President.

Vice President: Chris Ray KR4I and Jared Jones, KR4EKK were nominated for Vice President.

Recorder: Stephen Collopy KR4IVL, was nominated for Recorder.

Treasurer: Position remains open.

The floor will remain open for additional nominations until next month's election.

Announcements: Certificates of recognition for the 10-meter SSB net were awarded to Travis N4BEL and Stephen KR4IVL.

Door Prize Drawing: Ammo Can: Van Peterson, K4QFK, Adapter Kit: Max Stolnik KR4MHM, Ten Meter Radio: Bill K4EDR, Scanner: Chris Niece NA4ES, Microphone: Lani Owens KQ4BVV, ARRL Book: Don Talbot WO4SFA.

50/50 DRAWING: \$150.00 was collected. The winning ticket was held by Michael Jones KN4UHI who won \$75.00.

Adjournment: Lani Owens KQ4BVV, made a motion to adjourn, Norman Zanders Jr.K4MGZ, seconded the motion. The club voted and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: Chris KR4I
CFARS Recorder

CFARS Singletary Lake Parks on the Air Weekend

Hello all,

Just wanted to share a few details about the upcoming Singletary Lake event that will be taking place from Friday October 16th starting at 4:00 PM through Sunday October 18th around noon. The 17th and 18th happens to coincide with the fall POTA Support your Parks weekend. We will have a couple of radios set up at all times for POTA activation and hunting, so come on out and get on the air.

On Saturday the 17th at 10:00 AM we will have a fox hunt. Don, WO4SFA has his fox all fed up and ready to go. He will be hiding the fox earlier that morning in preparation for the hunt. Rules and specific details for the hunt will be provided by Don just before start time. After the fox hunt at around noon the plan is to burn some hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill. All are welcome to come and partake! If you are planning to come for lunch on Saturday please reply to cfars.info@gmail.com with your name and a headcount by Wednesday, October 14th so we will know how many dogs and burgers to get.

For those of you that have been asking about setting up Winlink and other digital platforms, I will have a radio set up to practice on. We will try sending some peer to peer (P2P) Winlink emails as well as sending through a gateway, with and without ICS forms. As time allows we can also set up and demonstrate other digital platforms such as VarAC and JS8Call. Also, if you would like to set up and configure Winlink on YOUR radio and laptop, bring it along. I will have an antenna and power supply there, all you would need to bring is your HF rig with power cable and the laptop or PC you use.

The cabin has a total of 8 beds (or cots), 2 of which are already spoken for. If you are planning to stay overnight at the cabin let Rod or myself know so we can reserve your spot. You will need to bring your own linen or sleeping bag and pillow.

With the weather finally cooling off this should be a great weekend to get together as a club to do some POTA, hunt the fox, or just hang out and fellowship and talk radio. Looking forward to seeing lots of CFARS members there!

Paul NC4PB

EOC Happenings

Let's Exercise Our Capabilities

Cumberland County Emergency Management would like to bring our AuxCOMM partners together for a planning meeting to develop an upcoming AUXCOMM exercise focused on activation and setup, PACE plan implementation, EOC-to-field communications, operational message handling, and communications redundancy.

We'd also like to use the opportunity to establish communications with local shelter locations and partner agencies, while exploring opportunities to expand the exercise regionally. This could include attempting contacts with partners such as surrounding counties, Kinston and the State EOC, while ensuring we successfully establish and maintain communications locally.

The goal is to move beyond a traditional radio check and create a realistic opportunity to deploy equipment, pass operational traffic, experience simulated communications failures, and transition between communications methods.

If you're interested in helping plan or participate in the exercise, please reach out to Emergency Management. We'll be working to schedule a planning meeting soon.

Let's test the plan before we need the plan.

Amanda Scheck

