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**The President's Corner: David WD4NC**

This is the time of year that I look back at where we were and how far we have come. I have to say we have had a great year for the Club. As we are coming up at our "Eat and Greet", I cannot wait to pass out the Awards and honor some of our great hams. We are blessed with some great Operators.

I am the kind of person that likes to win, but I do not sit back, I start looking for ways to get better. Seeing the club grow, seeing the club doing the events, the contest and the main part is the fellowship. We are finding who works best together, finding that person who does well at one thing or another. Main thing is it takes all of us. We had 45 people on the radio at Field Day and a lot more helping as well. Our committee heads do a great job with little guidance. They just get the job done and ask nothing in return. That is 15 Club members that are helping and doing great things for the club. Then our Net Ops show up on time and run the nets. Working together to fill in when needed. KN4KUL/ WG4JOK/ KB4D/ N4USB and many others just sitting there ready to fill in without being asked. The morning Crew that gets up at 4AM to call the PT net. It shows the strength of the club and is not overlooked.

As President of the club, I can't thank you all enough for all you do. You guys and gals knock it out of the park and most of the time it is a Grand Slam Walk off. We have a lot of Hero's in the club, and I am waiting to see some of you walk in with a cape on.

Now as we get ready to move into another year. Let's keep doing what we do best. Work together, Grow, Take care of one another, Fellowship. That is what makes this club the best.

Let's enjoy our eat and greet. Shake hands, welcome back old members and help new ones learn the hobby. Then train up, Think through what we can do better. Contest season is here. We have Winter Field Day in Jan. NC QSO party in February, this year we will be a bonus station as K4MN. I think this is going to be a huge challenge for us all. It is still a contest, and we are up against some heavy hitters. I know we will do well.

I hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and have a Merry Christmas. Think about where you fit into the club and what you can do to help. You just may be one of the ones that ends up wearing a cape. Or get Ham of the year. Maybe Mentor of the year? Thank you for allowing me to be a part of it.

73's

David Winfree, WD4NC

**From The Vice President  
Rod KQ4NFO**

Well, once again we blinked, and time has flown by! I must say I am impressed by the number of folks that have come to the meeting in the last two months – over 50! I think that this bodes well for our future, as both older members and new members are coming to the meeting. Please encourage everyone to attend, we need your input and help to keep the Club active and in the forefront of Radio! Thank you, Hector KB4LOA, for keeping our Facebook Page active with all sorts of radioactive stuff! Let us have more posts from our members about what they do, have done or are planning on doing. Another great thing to see is the mentoring of others. We have a great deal of knowledge in the Club and passing it on helps everyone.

I apologize, but as of now we have not heard if our request for a grant has been granted, either partially or fully, nor has it yet been denied. We wait, with bated breath, for the answer. Hopefully it comes as a Christmas present, and we can start to engage our youth in programs to promote ham radio.

Upcoming events include the USS North Carolina on 7th December. Contact David, WD4NC, if you want to go. This is where we go down and assist the Azalea Club in activating the ship. We have done it before, and they appreciate our attendance. Watch FB for David's event page on this. Followed by our Christmas Eat 'n Greet meal at the Church. If you haven't bought your tickets, please email me, message me or call me and I will get a ticket to you. Deadline is 1 December. Then we move onto Winter Field Day. Rules are available online (Winter Field Day 2025 on Google will find them). Please look at the Digital requirements, all modes except FT4/FT8 are admissible. We need RTTY, JS8Call, MSK, PSK or Olivia operators for this mode. I have tried, and made 1 QSO, using JS8call, but need to use it more before WFD! Also look at the Objectives & Multipliers. This is historically what we, as a Club, do well. Then soon after we have the NC QSO Party!! We are a Bonus Station, and we are very proud of that, but it means a whole new mindset to both provide the best service to all the other hunting stations and to be the best of the bonus stations. I will leave that discussion to David!

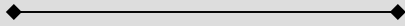
So have a great Thanksgiving! And amongst the thanks for our family and friends please remember all those on active duty, unable to come home, all those LEOs and First Responders at their Stations ready to help if needed, and all those pets that provide us so much love.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Christmas Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024!!

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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### **November 2024 Club Meeting Minutes**

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday, November 18, 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 47 members and 5 guests

present. Steve KA4CZL moved October's minutes be approved as amended with changes to the count in attendance, Jeremy KB4D seconded, and the motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.

**Net Manager:** Larry N4USB gave the net report, October net report: 765 check ins for an average of 24.7, 1021 minutes for an average of 32.9 and 31 pieces of traffic.

**Health & Welfare:** Nina KN4KUL, N4BEL, Don's dad Donald is hospitalized after a fall, DC WP4TGK's nephew is hospitalized in a coma after a carjacking.

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

**Field Day:** No report.

**Membership:** David KI4W, presented three new members, Ken Wright, Bobby Richardson, David Dryer, Dale AK4YS motioned they be accepted, Mike KN4XP seconded and the motion carried. According to the latest CFARS Roster we have 127 members which includes the latest members who were voted in at the November meeting. Emails were sent out to amateur operators who had a valid email address on [qrz.com](http://qrz.com) and who are not members of CFARS earlier this year and it did generate a couple of responses. [qrz.com](http://qrz.com) currently shows 913 licensed amateurs in Cumberland County. Don't read into this that there are 913 active hams in Cumberland County. There are silent keys who are still listed until their license expires as well as club and repeater call signs. Also there are many whose licenses have expired and are still listed because they are still in the two year window for renewal. If any current or prospective member needs any information on CFARS send an email to [davidki4w@gmail.com](mailto:davidki4w@gmail.com)

**Contesting:** Juan NK2MC gave a recommended website to check out upcoming contests. <https://www.contestcalendar.com/fivewkcal.html>. Hector KB4LOA, ARRL 10m contest is in December.

**VE Coordinator:** Jim K4BUC, next VE test session will be January 11, 2025 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.

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**Newsletter:** Any submissions please send to Mike KN4XP by end of month, ideally in Microsoft Word format. [cfarsnews@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jbuccieri@twc.com)

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

**Possum Trot Net:** Greg NC4GK, PT net is running well and adding a few members monthly.

**Skywarn:** No report.

**Event Coordinator:** December 7 Pearl Harbor Day at USS NC Battleship. POC David WD4NC. December 166:00PM Eatin' Meetin' at Peace Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Setup will be 6:00PM, food served at 6:30PM. Winter Field day is January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2025. NC QSO Party is 23 February 2025.

**Emergency Coordinator:** Jeremiah KO4VRM, Greg NC4GK, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday night is Skywarn night.

**Old Business:** ARRL grant is still in the review status, and we should hear something soon.

**New Business:** Rod KQ4FNO announced that our club has not filed any taxes or tax notices for at least the last 10 years and is suspended. The club has a choice to not do anything regarding this issue or should we pay a fee of less than \$300 to the IRS. Motion from Don WO4SFA and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Greg NC4GK to pay the fee and be current with the IRS. Don WO4SFA made a motion to update the club representative with the NC Secretary of State, Greg seconded and the motion carried. Club nominated Rod KQ4FNO to take on this roll. David has been paying for plaques and other items out of his own pocket. This is getting expensive and asked that the club pay for these items totaling \$100 for this year. Motion from Don WO4SFA, Laird seconded to pay for the plaques out of the club funds.

**Program:** None

**Door Prize Drawing:** Jeremy KB4D won a multi-meter. Larry N4USB won an ammo can. Gabe KQ4QAV won a piece of coax. Hector KB4LOA won a pair of two ounce throwing weights. Tim W4HDF won an exhaust tip. Leon N2OYV won a piece of coax. Jerry KY4JS won a piece of coax. Tracy KF4KFL won a piece of coax. Mark KQ4NTM won a piece of coax. Lani KQ4BVV won a beer stein.

**50/50 Drawing:** \$136 collected, Paul W4ZFX had the winning ticket of \$68.

**Announcements:** Rod – 50 ham clock tickets have been sold. Sold 52 dinner tickets- deadline is for purchasing Eatin' Meetin' tickets is December 1. There will be a desert contest at the Eatin' Meetin', bring a good desert! NCQSO Party: David talked to Marty W4MY President of RARS at the JARS fest recently and they talked about the upcoming NCQP and CFARS will be the bonus station for the 2025 NCQP with the call sign K4MN. Marty W4MY will be at our January meeting to take any questions that we might have. Greg NC4GK gave out new Possum Trot numbers for members that achieved that prestigious award. David announced Fayetteville Library home school section has asked that we demonstrate Ham Radio. We will do this at a future date, need operators on both ends so if you can be available for a contact, please do so.

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**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm. There were 47 members and 5 guests present. Paul K4PGM motioned to adjourn.

Submitted: Jeremy Gilchrist KN4JUY  
Recorder

### 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

**March 7 - 8, 2025**  
Charlotte Hamfest  
Concord, North Carolina  
[charlottehamfest.org](http://charlottehamfest.org)

**April 5, 2025**  
Rarsfest  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
[rarsfest.org](http://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