

CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

April 2026

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, April 20th 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. Don KO4IHM gave the invocation. Rod led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 47 members and guests present. Rick N2GNF made a motion to approve January's meeting minutes Bill KE4DER seconded, the club voted, and the motion carried.

PROGRAM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• DURING MEETING

- Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.
- Health and Welfare: Nina KN4KUL provided a report on the health and welfare of our members.
- Event Coordinator Paul NC4PB:
 - August 8th is the next scheduled VE testing session, go to the CFARS website to see the for times.
 - April 25th there will be a fox hunt, David WD4NC had an idea. Mike KC4ABE, and Ty N4TTN will be the fox for a simulated injury or lost person type scenario. They will go out someplace and transmit. Base station radio operators will be needed to listen to help triangulate them to a general area then mobile and portable operators will be sent out to track them down. Davied WD4NC provided a brief overview of the event.

• REPORTS TO RECORDER

- Membership: David KI4W
 - Two new members were presented to the club for membership
 - Cody Frasz – Not present at the meeting
 - Lilly Tigney – KR4LAF
 - Bill Ivey KJ4OFD made a motion to approve these memberships Jeremy KB4D seconded, the club voted and the motion was carried.
- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,
 - Net report: Stay tuned to the local 2 meter net for net reports. 667 contacts, Average of 21.8 check ins for an average net time of 30 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: January had an average of 40 check ins per day. February 39 March 41. 5 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 WD4NCI; nothing additional to report

OLD BUSINESS

Rookie Round Up: David WD4NC briefed the results of the Rookie Round Up. 3 hams showed up at his station and took part in the ARRL sponsored contest.

Three 10-80Meter EFHW antennas ordered from Chris Hostetter. A check was sent to get those ordered, they should be delivered in the next few weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Radiograms and Message handling: Joe W3OJO briefed traffic handling and how to fill out a radiogram. The ARRL has lots of types of Radiograms and they all have a specific purpose. Some are for handling basic messages, congratulations, routine, etc. Contact Joe if you would like to send a radiogram or wish to participate in sending them.

Field Day. A discussion regarding the class of our field day event ensued. Rod asked for the club to think about which class we might like to be in other than 2A. Some discussion about using class 3 or 4 or even 5 for our field day event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

DOOR PRIZES

Lannie KO4BVV won a radio
Tim won a Radio

Paul AI4PB won a Radio
Tim won an dual band mobile antenna
Don KO4IHM won a desk stand
Don WO4SFA won a ammo can and
KL7NL Bob won a stack of ham magazines
Jeremy KB4D won a propane gauge
John Whinery (no license) won a speaker

50/50 DRAWING

\$166 was collected, 3109 was the winning ticket held by Don WO4SFA who won \$83

ADJOURNMENT

Jeremy KB4D made a motion to adjourn and Norman K4MGZ seconded, the club voted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted by: Chris KR4I, Recorder.