

CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Meeting Minutes — 17 August 2026

The monthly meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 17, 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 then led introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 35 members and guests present. Dale, AK4YS, made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. David, WD4NC, seconded the motion. The club voted, and the motion carried.

Committee Reports

- **During Meeting**

- Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE was not present, and Rod gave the financial report provided to him by Mike.
- Health and Welfare: Travis N4BEL mentioned a member was SK, more details later, Barry W4IKS is having some issues and requested prayers.
- Event Coordinator: Paul, NC4PB, reported on upcoming events.
 - Rod and Paul have started planning the Singletary Lake event for October 16 through October 18. Events will include POTA, Winlink, a foxhunt, and other activities. More information will be provided as plans are finalized.
 - The NC POTA event will be held during the second weekend of September. In past years, the event has been a contest; this year, the goal is to activate all North Carolina parks. If you do not have a radio or would like to participate with a group, contact David, WD4NC, to find out where groups will be activating, no matter your license class.

- **Reports to Recorder**

- Membership: David KI4W
 - Mathew McGinnis
 - Wayne Bruster
 - Robert Hicks
 - Robert Nece
 - David requested a motion to vote on these prospective members. Don, WO4SFA, made the motion, Paul, NC4PB, seconded, the club voted, and the motion carried.
- Swapfest: David, KI4W, recognized the volunteers who helped at the CFARS Swapfest held on August 8. This was a great year, and the event continues to grow year over year. David mentioned that the Shriners have noticed that we are

a club supporting the community, so they have graciously donated their space free of charge for future hamfests as long as we continue the event. This hamfest added about \$1,500 to the CFARS finances.

- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,
 - Net report for July: 586 Check ins, 953 Minutes, 36 pieces of traffic
- Possum Trot net: Alan KQ4QEM, PT net continues Weekdays from 5:00am to 7:00am.
- Repeaters: David K4FXC, no report.
- Newsletter: Any submissions please send to Mike KN4XP no later than the end of the month, ideally in Microsoft Word format. cfarsnews@gmail.com
- Web Site: Any submissions please send to Jim K4BUC. jbuccieri@twc.com
- VE Coordinator: Jim, K4BUC, reported that the next testing session will be held at Peace Presbyterian Church, 3203 Ramsey Street, on October 10, 2026. Check-in starts at 9:00 a.m. Applicants should bring a copy of their license, if currently licensed. Unlicensed applicants should bring a copy of their FRN; otherwise, they will be turned away.
- Public Relations: Hector KT5H, continues posting ham radio and club activity on the CFARS Facebook page.
- ARRL representative: David K4FXC, no updates provided
- Contest Coordinator: Hector KT5H, Check contestcalendar.com for contests and events.
- AUXCOMM coordinator David WD4NC

Program

- Field Day after-action reports or recommendations should be sent to Rod, KQ4FNO.
- Jared, KR4EKK, discussed a youth program. Viki Carns, AD3I, has a program that Jared's son joined and thoroughly enjoyed. Viki and others took several youth to a Huntsville event, where Jared helped another young ham and his son attend. The youth participated in many fun events in Huntsville. Jared would like to do more outreach events to interest children and youth in ham radio and other STEM activities. Suggested events included foxhunts, pico balloons, and similar activities.
- Hector KT5H spoke about the 10-10 International. He received a letter from them. He read some highlights that the letter contained.
- Rod reminded the club that CFARS has a 10-meter net on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. The time may change; if it does, notice will be provided through Facebook, Discord, and the local repeater nets.

- The committee working on the three digital station equipment packages includes David, K4FXC, and Jared, KR4EKK. They are continuing to develop the equipment list, and David provided a briefing on some of the equipment and costs. David also investigated a grant for a Starlink system through the ARDC organization, but the organization had run out of grant money for the year. Rod will reach out to Starlink directly to see if the company might donate a system to the club.
- Rod announced that Bill Morine, N2COP, Vice Director Roanoke Division, will be addressing the Club at the September meeting. There will be a Question/Answer period.
- Christmas Party: The last two Christmas parties have been held at the church. A suggestion was made to consider a different location. Rod requested that members send venue suggestions to him so they can be discussed at future club meetings and planning can begin.
- Jim, K4BUC, mentioned that technicians who recently tested with CFARS and received their applications receive a one-year membership in CFARS.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Announcements

None

Door Prizes

Norman K4MGZ won a desk stand radio.

Josh Jones, KR4EKJ, won an SWR meter.

Don, WO4SFA, won a CB radio.

Paul, AI4PB, won a CB radio and a monitor.

Samuel, WP4WPX, won an ammo can.

Chris, NA4ES, won a CW key.

Lou, KR4LAF, won a monitor.

50/50 Drawing

\$153.00 was collected. The winning ticket, 815356, was held by Don, WO4SFA, who won \$76.00.

Adjournment

Tim, KO4VEC, made a motion to adjourn, and Dale, AK4YS, seconded the motion. The club voted, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Chris, KR4I, Recorder