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**The President's Corner: Rod KQ4FNO**

Well, how quickly 2025 went! The Club has had a great couple of years under the leadership of David, WD4NC. I promise to do the best to keep that going this year too. What happened at the Eat 'n Meeting? The following were recognized for their volunteer work promoting the Club:

KI4W, David – Membership and Swapfest  
NC4GK, Greg – PT Net Control  
K4FXC, David – ARRL and Repeater Maint.  
K4BUC, Jim – VE Coord and Web Master  
N0NV, Jeremiah – AUXCOM

N4USB, Larry – 2Meter Net Control  
KQ4QEM, Alan – Pt Net Control  
KN4XP, Mike – Newsletter  
KB4LOA PA and contesting  
N4BEL, Travis – Health and Welfare

Unfortunately not everyone was there for the evening. Then we recognized all those nominated for Ham of the year:

NC4PB, Paul  
KB4D, Jeremy

N4USB, Larry  
K4BUC, Jim

N0NV, Jeremiah  
K4RI, Chris

Jim K4BUC was awarded the Elmer of the Year Award. He has done so much to help the Club, including being the VE Coordinator and the Webpage Master. Added to that, all his work helping others get their equipment working! We are lucky to have him here. Thanks to all that voted for me for Ham of the Year – I just hope I don't mess up this year!

However, it is folks like this that make the Club what it is. There is always something you can do to help out.

Now for this year, we are already starting to get ready for Winter Field Day. I would like everyone to read the rules, so we know what we are doing. Paul and I had read them, but when we got together to work on some planning we found we had to go back and check on some areas. We have scheduled meetings on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM on our DISCORD server in meeting Room 1. I would like to see as many as can make it, especially section Chiefs. We will look at the rules, who are needed to fill roles and prepare for the next meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM at the Special Forces Compound at Azalea Place. I am hoping to keep this short and sweet, and just plan for antenna placement and site locations.

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When that is all over, we get to prepare for the NC QSO Party! Never let it be said there is nothing to do! I ask that everyone take their share and do something to help the Club grow and be successful, and that we accomplish much next year. May we all have a Prosperous New Year!

Rod KQ4FNO

**From The Vice President  
Paul NC4PB**

Well, 2025 is behind us and now it's time to start climbing that hill that is 2026!

I would like to start off by saying how honored I am to be a part of the CFARS team, and I am especially honored to be able to serve its members as the vice president for 2026. David WD4NC and Rod KQ4FNO have done a fantastic job with the club over the past two years, and now that Rod has moved up to the big chair, I will have some very big shoes to fill. I look forward to working with each of you at our events throughout the year, starting with Winter Field Day, which is already upon us. Let's all work together to make 2026 a great and fun year for the club. Remember, Teamwork Makes The Dream Work!

I'm here to help in any way I can so feel free to reach out anytime you need to. My phone number is 910-578-3914. Please keep in mind that I work 10-hour shifts during the day so I may not be able to answer right away. If you do call, please leave a message, as I have my phone set up to screen spam calls. The best method to reach me quickly would be text message or direct message on Discord.

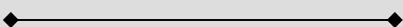
73,

Paul Bridgeman NC4PB



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### Club Repeaters

(PL 100 Hz)

2 m	<b>K4MN</b>
70 cm	146.910/146.310 444.400/449.400
6 m	<b>K4MN</b>
	53.810/52.810
2 m	<b>WA4FLR</b>
	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



## 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 6-7, 2026

Charlotte Hamfest  
Concord, North Carolina  
[charlottehamfest.org](http://charlottehamfest.org)

### March 14, 2026

AB4OZ Hamfest  
Ridge Rd Baptist Church  
2011 Ridge Rd.  
Raleigh, North Carolina

### April 4, 2026

RARSFEST  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
[rarsfest.org](http://rarsfest.org)



## CFARS VE Testing

The 2026 VE exams will take place at

Peace Presbyterian Church  
3203 Ramsey Street  
Fayetteville, NC 28301

### Dates:

January 10, 2026 - Peace Presbyterian Church  
March 14, 2026 - Peace Presbyterian Church  
August 8, 2026 - 7046 Ramsey St. - Cumberland County Shrine  
October 10, 2026 - Peace Presbyterian Church

## 2026 New Years Week Support Your Parks



January 1 - 7, 2026 are the scheduled dates for the POTA New Years Week Support Your Parks event. The event will start at 0000z on the 1st (Wednesday night at 7pm local) and run until 2400z (Wednesday night at 7pm local) on the 7th. Awards are available for both hunters and activators. This will be a busy week so get your rig ready to activate or hunt many parks. An activator can go to the park and just hunt park to parks. Get your 10 contacts minimum and you will earn both awards! The bands will be a hopping with many parks...will you get out and activate or hunt? A good time is awaiting! Don't miss out! Hope to work you on the air. Start your year off with Ham Radio and Parks on the Air!!!



## December 2025 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly and Holiday Dinner Meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 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. Don KO4IHM gave the invocation. David WD4NC led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion which also included introduction of families present. There were 60 members and guests present.



### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** No report.

**Net Manager:** No report.

**Health & Welfare:** No report.

**Repeaters:** No report.

**Field Day:** No report.

**Membership:** Jim K4BUC had 2 new members to vote in Sean Brost – KR4FGZ and Joe James. Chris KR4I made a motion to approve these new members David WD4NC seconded, the club voted in favor and the motion was carried.

**Contesting:** Hector KB4LOA reported on several upcoming events. No report, follow Facebook and Discord for additional information.

**VE Coordinator:** Jim K4BUC, the next testing session will be at Peace Presbyterian Church on January 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Swapfest:** No report.

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

**Emergency Coordinator:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Any submissions please send to Mike KN4XP by end of month, ideally in Microsoft Word format. [cfarsnews@gmail.com](mailto: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:** Any submissions please send to Jim K4BUC. Jim asked that anyone having pictures to put on the website send them to him. [jbuccieri@tvc.com](mailto:jbuccieri@tvc.com)

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

**Possum Trot Net:** Alan KQ4QEM, PT net continues Weekdays from 5:00am to 7:00am. If you would like to sign up to run a PT net, please contact Alan KQ4QEM.

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**Skywarn:** No report.

**Event Coordinator:** Rod KQ4FNO - Winter Field Day and NC QSO Party (NCQP), are coming soon.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** David WD4NC welcomed everyone and their families. With this being the Christmas eat and greet the agenda will be somewhat different for this meeting. There will be several hams recognized for awards and we will line up and eat afterwards. The following awards were given: Medals and certificates were given out to the following outstanding volunteers:

- David KI4W
- Larry N4USB
- Jim K4BUC
- Hector KB4LOA

Several hams were recognized as nominees for Ham of the Year. Certificates and Medals were handed out for each ham nominated. Elmer of the Year - Jim K4BUC was awarded Elmer of the Year Certificate and Plaque. Ham of the Year - Rod KQ4FNO was awarded Ham of the Year Certificate and Plaque.

**Program:** None.

**Announcements:** None.

**Door Prize Drawing:** David KI4W drew for and handed out the door prizes. Ed N4ESA won a Custom made pencil holder and electronics desk holder, Pete K4FET won a Custom made pencil holder and electronics desk holder, Ken KO4VRM won a Custom made pencil holder and electronics desk holder, Jeremy KB4D won an external speaker, David WD4NC won an external speaker, Rod KQ4FNO won a Diamond HT antenna, David KI4W won a Baofeng HT, A ham won a Baofeng HT, Ken's Wife KQ4VFM won a Comet dual band mag mount antenna, Ken KQ4VFM won a TYT DMR HT, A ham won a G5RV Junior antenna, Chris KR4I won a power supply, A ham won a Comet GP1 dual band base antenna, Don N4DOS won a TYT TH-8600 mobile radio, David WD4NC won a TYT TH-8600 mobile radio, David KI4W won a Yaesu FT-891 which was donated to the club.

**50/50 Drawing:** Jeremy KB4D pulled a ticket for the 50/50 drawing. \$268 that was collected, the winning ticket held by Don WO4SFA who won \$238. The club provided a prize for the following club members which were also drawn from the 50/50 ticket pool: Jerimah N0NV won \$100, Ron K4FET won \$50 and Ken KQ4VFM won \$25.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Bob KL7NL to close the meeting and was seconded by Chris KR4I the club voted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM.

Submitted: Chris KR4I  
CFARS Recorder

**AUXCOMM / EOC - 2025 Year in Review**

As we begin a new year, the Emergency Management Office would like to recognize the continued dedication and progress of the partnership we have with Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society (CFARS). Throughout 2025, CFARS played a key role in strengthening emergency communications readiness and supporting countywide preparedness efforts. CFARS remains a vital component of Cumberland County's emergency management framework, providing redundancy, resilience, and technical expertise when it matters most.

**2025 Highlights****Planning & Program Development**

- Conducted multiple communications tests and exercises to validate redundant emergency communications capabilities.
- Recently met to review and discuss a draft CFARS Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), advancing clearer roles, activation processes, and expectations.
- Continued integration of CFARS planning into shelter operations, exercises, and broader Emergency Management planning efforts.

**Equipment & Infrastructure Improvements**

- Held discussions with MCA regarding the installation of coaxial cabling, supporting improved connectivity and system reliability.
- Completed the purchase of new equipment, expanding operational communications capability.
- Updated and tested radio and communications equipment at shelter locations, supporting shelter readiness.
- Conducted inventories and equipment reviews to ensure accountability and operational readiness.

**Training, Testing & Coordination**

- Supported and participated in communications tests throughout the year to validate systems, procedures, and interoperability.
- Assisted with WebEOC exercises and EOC-related activities, reinforcing coordination between communications and situational awareness.
- Supported Disaster Communications Week, highlighting the importance of interoperable and redundant communications.

**Partnerships & Engagement**

- Strengthened coordination between CFARS, Emergency Management, and surrounding county partners.
- Continued collaboration with regional, state, and local stakeholders to support a whole-community approach to emergency communications.

**Looking Ahead**

In 2026, Emergency Management looks forward to:

- Finalizing and implementing the CFARS SOP
- Continuing equipment upgrades and infrastructure improvements
- Expanding training, testing, and exercise opportunities
- Further integrating CFARS into countywide planning and response efforts

The Emergency Management Office sincerely thanks the members of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society for your time, expertise, and commitment to public service. Your contributions in 2025 strengthened Cumberland County's emergency communications capability and laid the groundwork for continued improvement in the year ahead.