

CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

November 2025

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, November 17th 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. Bill KE4DER gave the invocation. David WD4NC led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 40 members and guests present. Don WO4SFA made a motion to approve August's minutes, Tyler K4TTN seconded, the club voted, and the motion carried.

PROGRAM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• DURING MEETING

- Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.
- Health and Welfare: Bill KJ4OFD volunteered to take on the role of Health and Welfare coordinator
- Event Coordinator Rod KQ4FNO:
 - Winter Field Day, NC QSO Party (NCQP), and Summer Field Day are not too far in the distant future. Please read the rules to help the club be compliant. There are changes that you need to be aware.
 - The ARRL Summer Field day results are in:
 - K4MN was 2nd over all in class 2A, number 1 in NC, and number 1 in the 4th call area.
 - We could score number 1 if we switched categories. The club should consider being an EOC station, or maybe another category.
 - Museum Ships on the air coming up in December, be sure to check in to the nets on the CFARS repeaters, check Facebook, and Discord for details.
- Christmas Party
 - Tickets are on sale at a cost of \$7 per plate. Deadline is the 8th of December to purchase tickets. You can pay in cash to Rod KQ4FNO or on Zelle, be sure to put in the notes on Zelle that it's for the Christmas Party.
 - Location will be Peace Presbyterian Church at the December 15th meeting.

• REPORTS TO RECORDER

- Membership: David KI4W no report

- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,
 - October net report: 717 check ins
- 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. Alan provided a report on the possum trot check in numbers. We have had some increases in the last month.
- Repeaters: David K4FXC
- Newsletter: Any submissions please send to Mike KN4XP by end of 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, the next testing session will be at Pease Presbyterian Church on January 10th 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. The last testing went well. Several new hams passed their technician test and some upgrades. One candidate was expired extra that retested to get their extra license back again.
- Public Relations: Hector KB4LOA, 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 KB4LOA reported on several upcoming events. The contest this October 25th and 26th. Check Contest Calendar on the web to check out additional upcoming contests.
- Emergency Coordinator: Jeremiah N0NV let the club know, every 2nd Tuesday night is Skywarn night.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Repeaters. WA4FLR repeater is currently set at 30 watts output and reaches about 40 miles. Work continues, duplexers still need to be worked out so the power can be turned up.
 - a. David mentioned possibly running a NET on the WA4FLR 147.330 repeater on Tuesday nights. Check Facebook, Discord, or on the 146.910 7pm nets for details

NEW BUSINESS

1. David WD4NC, opened a discussion on go boxes and talked about the ones brought to the meeting for display. Each box has a radio, power supply, battery, and a charge controller to switch from battery or shore power. These will support our efforts with AUXCOMM with Cumberland County and whatever you want to use it for. If anyone needs help building one of their own the parts list are on Facebook and you can also ask him, Mike KC4ABE, Jeremiah N0NV for help.
2. Vote for club to fund half the cost of Christmas party.
 - a. David WD4NC

- i. Dale AK4YS, made a motion to use club funds to help pay for the Christmas Party. Rod KQ4FNO seconded the club voted and the motion was carried.
 - ii. This will be limited to \$1200
- 3. BSA event
 - a. We had a team at Camp Bowers, showed the scouts how radio works, thanks for all the stations that answered the calls from the event.
- 4. Field day things to consider
 - a. Noise at the SF Compound, someone noted they know some folks at the airport and will get with Don WO4SFA to scout the compound with a spectrum analyzer
 - b. Consideration of the use of a shorter call for the GOTA station should be given for next years field day, it will make calling and responding to exchanges much easier
- 5. DMR repeater internet costs \$120 a year.
 - a. The DMR repeater is down, the internet that was on loan was turned off. The internet cost is \$10 a month, would the club be willing to pay for this?
 - i. Ed N4ESA made a motion to pay for this service, Paul NC4PB seconded the club voted and the motion was carried.
- 6. NC QSO party Award, Cost \$50
 - a. Would the club like to sponsor one of the awards for this event at a cost of \$50.
 - b. Dale AK4YS made a motion to sponsor this event, Hector KB4LOA seconded, the club voted and the motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOOR PRIZES

Ron K4FET won a small horse and carriage made of brass

Tim W4HDF won an sun shield for a car window

Don KO4IHm won a role of paracord

Rod KQ4FNO won a sun shield for a car window

Harold KR4CLM won a repeater directory

Jeremiah N0NV won a magazine

Tyler K4TTN won a shirt

50/50 DRAWING

\$166 was collected, 2872 was the winning ticket held by Tim W4HDF won \$83.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by: Chris KR4I, Recorder.