

CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

Meeting Minutes — September 21, 2026

The monthly meeting was held at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 21, 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. A chaplain gave the invocation. Rod then led introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 42 members and guests present.

Dale Mohr, AK4YS, made a motion to approve the minutes from last month as published in the newsletter. A member seconded the motion. The club voted, and the motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Treasurer: Mike Grant, KC4ABE, gave the financial report.
- Health and Welfare: No report.
- Event Coordinator: No report.
- Membership: No report.
- Swapfest: No report.
- Net Manager: Larry N4USB net report for August with 611 check-ins, 19.7 average check-ins, 31.6 minutes average, for a total of 980 minutes and 41 pieces of traffic
- Possum Trot Net: No report.
- Repeaters: No report.
- Newsletter: Information will be included in the newsletter coming out shortly after the beginning of next month.
- Web Site: Jim reported that Stephen Collopy, KR4IVL, has taken over as CFARS Webmaster. Please direct any website changes to Stephen.
- VE Coordinator: No report.
- Public Relations: No report.
- ARRL Representative: No report.
- Contest Coordinator: No report.
- AUXCOMM Coordinator: No report.

Program

Bill Moraine, N2COP, Vice Director of the ARRL Roanoke Division, presented on the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act (HOA antenna relief bill). He discussed the history of the bill, the negotiated antenna scenarios of a horizontal wire, a vertical antenna on the back of a house, and a flagpole installation, and the importance of contacting Congressman Richard Hudson to move the bill out of the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology. He also provided an overview of ARRL awards, including Ten Band DXCC,

Triple Play, and Trident. Additional topics included the Marconi Project for club revitalization and the Radio Alpha online museum.

Old Business

- Coax Purchase: Dale Mohr, AK4YS, made a motion and Don Talbot, WO4SFA, seconded to authorize the purchase of 1,000 feet of coax. The motion carried.

New Business

- 910 Repeater Internet: The club discussed the internet outage at the 910 repeater site due to Brightspeed rate increases and the retirement of copper DSL service. A motion was made by Dale Mohr, AK4YS, and seconded by Don Talbot, WO4SFA, to switch to Starlink. The motion carried.

Officer Nominations:

- President: Mike Grant, KC4ABE, and Rick Shanks were nominated for President.
- Vice President: Chris Ray, KR4I (incumbent Recorder), and Jared Jones, KR4EKK, were nominated for Vice President.
- Recorder: Stephen Collopy, KR4IVL, was nominated for Recorder.
- Treasurer: Position remains open.

The floor will remain open for additional nominations until next month's election.

Announcements

- Certificates of recognition for the 10-meter SSB net were awarded to Travis Bell, N4BEL, and Stephen Collopy, KR4IVL.

Door Prizes

- Ammo Can: Van Peterson, K4QFK.
- Adapter Kit: Max Stolnik, KR4MHM.
- Ten Meter Radio: Bill K4EDR.
- Scanner: Chris Niece, NA4ES.
- Microphone: Lani Owens, KQ4BVV.
- ARRL Book: Don Talbot, WO4SFA.

50/50 Drawing

\$150.00 was collected. The winning ticket was held by Michael Jones, KN4UHI, who won \$75.00.

Adjournment

Lani Owens, KQ4BVV, made a motion to adjourn, and Norman R. Zanders Jr., K4MGZ, seconded the motion. The club voted, and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Chris Ray, KR4I, Recorder