

CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

June 2025

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, June 16th 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 gave the invocation. David WD4NC led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 47 members and guests present.

David WD4NC asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the meeting minutes from May's meeting? He asked if there was a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May? Tracy AI4TS moved April's minutes be approved, Juan NK2MC seconded, the club voted in favor by show of hands and the motion carried.

PROGRAM

- Program Discussion: Bob KL7NL provided a CW talk
 - Bob provided a discussion and learning exercise on CW (Morse Code) and some techniques to learn it.
 - Dale AK4YS talked about his experience learning Morse Code
 - Dave KI4W spoke about his history and what CW means (Continuous Wave)
 - Chris KR4I talked about his history and why he learned Morse Code
 - Bob concluded by summarizing the talk and providing some handouts with information on learning Morse Code
- Field Day 2025:
 - 15 club CFARS members met at the SFA compound on June 7th to look at our setup for field day.
 - We then discussed the following:
 - Generators
 - Club members will provide generators
 - Ed N4ESA will be power chief
 - Antennas
 - CW – 80M loop and club tower with hexbeam
 - GOTA – 80M loop and a hex beam
 - SSB – 80-10 EFHW and (possibly a hexbeam)
 - VHF – 6M beam and VHF/UHF vertical
 - Food
 - Saturday morning is on you for breakfast
 - Lunch various folks will be bringing food
 - Evening meal is up for grabs, let us know if you will bring something

- Sunday breakfast is on you
- Lunch – We will be starting to shut down some antennas and towers so food will probably be on you
- Radio Chiefs
 - SSB – Hector KB4LOA
 - VHF – Juan NK2MC
 - CW – David KI4W
 - GOTA – Rick N1GNK

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• DURING MEETING

- Health and Welfare: Dave WD4NC gave the member welfare report
- Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial reports for May.
- Event Coordinator: Rod KQ4FNO:
 - ARRL Field Day June 28 and 29
 - Aug 30 Planetarium visit at Fayetteville State University, Saturday and 3pm
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• REPORTS TO RECORDER

- Membership: KI4W, had 2 new members to vote in
 - Jon KO4OXE
 - Parker KQ4RCC
 - Davis AK4YS made a motion to approve these new members KE4DER Bill seconded, the club voted in favor and the motion was carried
- Swap fest: David KI4W, CFARS 25TH anniversary Swapfest will be held August 9th 2025 at the Shrine Club on Ramsey St.
- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,
 - May net report: **Update Needed**
 - 718 check ins for an average of 23.6
 - 1011 minutes for an average of 32.6
 - 29 pieces of traffic.
- Possum Trot net: Greg NC4GK, PT net continues from 5:00am to 7:00am.
- Repeaters: David K4FXC, repeaters are working
- Newsletter: Any submissions or columns please send to Mike KN4XP by the 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, next VE test session will be August 9th at the Shrine Club, Bring an FRN number. Check the CFARS website for additional details.

- 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: Juan NK2MC no report.
- Emergency Coordinator: Jeremiah N0NV, Greg NC4GK, every 2nd Tuesday night is Skywarn night.

OLD BUSINESS

- USS NC Museum Ships on the air event, 25 CFARS Hams went to the event
- State approved our 501 c(3) now must get it through the Federal government, and IRS.
 - Rod has requested a new EIN number
 - Next we should get a letter from the IRS certifying we are 501 c(3), but no telling how long this will take
 - This will allow the club to get donations that are not available to a 501 c(7) organization.
- We had an EOC drill Saturday 14 June
 - It went well, but we need relay stations for simplex.
 - This can be done from home by anyone so please participate if you have a base 2 meter radio
- Help needed for testing antenna at the shelters (schools).
 - The antennas and coax are already there
 - Take the coax down and test the system and then make a contact with it.
 - Dates have been posted and e-mailed to all members

NEW BUSINESS

David WD4NC asked if the club cared if we bought the paint for the shelter antennas. The club voted and approved the measure.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOOR PRIZES

Don KO4IHM won a flatbed scanner
 Bill KE4JDR won a USB charger, and coax
 Jim K4BUC won a Tool bag
 Rod KQ4FNO won something
 Joe W3OJO won a chocolate bar
 Pete K4QFK won blueberries
 NC4PB won Coax
 KQ4BVV Lone won snacks
 Jeremy KB4D won coax and a pin

Jon KO4OXE won Coax
Bob KL7NL won snacks
Ed N4ESA won a tow ball
Louis KQ2L won a map of NC
Tim W4HDF won a flatbed scanner and a computer case

50/50 DRAWING

\$124 collected, had the winning ticket of 2553 Bill KE4JDR and won \$62

ADJOURNMENT

Tim KO4VEC made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Pete K4QSK seconded, the club voted and the motion was carried. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 PM.

Submitted by: Chris KR4I, CFARS Recorder.