

CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

February 2026

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, February 16th 2026, in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC.

Vice President Paul NC4PB called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Don KO4IHM gave the invocation. Paul NC4PB led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 45 members and guests present.

Dale AK4YS made a motion to approve January's meeting minutes Tracy AI4TS seconded, the club voted, and the motion carried.

PROGRAM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• DURING MEETING

- Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report. Ed N4ESA moved to accept the financial report, David WD4NC seconded, the club voted and the report was approved.
- Health and Welfare: Travis N4BEL provided a report of the health and welfare of our members.
- Event Coordinator Paul NC4PB:
 - Several ham fests are coming up including RARS and Charlotte.
 - There are several POTA events coming that the club will be participating, we encourage new hams to attend
 - There are plans for a Fox Hunt in April and another in October.
 - Museum Ships on the air is scheduled for June 6 to 8. There are plans for CFARS to participate at the USS NC in Wilmington.
 - David WD4NC mentioned the rookie roundup would be hosted at his house this April 19th and he would encourage anyone interested to contact him.
 - Hector noted March 7th is ARRL international DX contest

• REPORTS TO RECORDER

- Membership: David KI4W presented one prospective ham for membership
 - Seven - KR4IVL
 - Rick N1GNF made a motion to vote him into the club, N4BEL Travis seconded, the club voted and the motion carried.
- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,
 - December net report: Stay tuned to the local 2 meter net for January's net report.

- 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.
- Repeaters: David K4FXC, not present / no report. Some discussion was devoted to the need to upgrade the 910 repeater to one that would support echo link. We would need to bring this to David.
- 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 March 21st 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.
- Public Relations: Hector KT5H, 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 KT5H, announced several upcoming contests, check contestcalender.com for additional info on radio contesting.
- AUXCOMM coordinator David WD4NC talked about an event with several hams on the air this past 14th and 15th. Jeremiah N0NV is the deputy and Colt is the backup if you need to contact anyone regarding AUXCOMM
 - Amanda the Cumberland County Emergency Planner thanked the club for sending in information from the last two winter weather events
 - The Ham shack is under construction at the EOC is expected to be completed by June.
 - David WD4NC would like anyone interested in calling the Skywarn NET to please let him know, everyone should know how to call the net. It's only once a month on the 910 K4MN and the 045 WB4TQD repeaters.

OLD BUSINESS

Winter field days results are in, CFARS got 1st in NC and in other areas. Check out the Winter Field Day website results page to see the results.

NEW BUSINESS

NC QSO Party is coming March 1st. Hector KT5H has a signup sheet for the SSB station, Chris KR4I noted that anyone that wants to operate CW for this event to let him know. Mike KC4ABE is running the Weak Signal Showcase. If you want to operate the digital station, get with Mike KC4ABE

Paul NC4PB reviewed the rules with the club and highlighted our operating modes and stations. Points for each mode were reviewed along with the bonus points for the 10 rarest

NC counties. For working at least 5 of the 10 rarest NC counties there is a 500 point bonus. We need to be on the lookout for these counties on the spot pages.

The budget needed for the NCQP is about \$500. Aaron AI4KC made a motion to approve the budget and Travis N4BEL seconded, the club voted and the motion carried.

David WD4NC brought up Fayetteville State University is looking for radio donations to help setup a club station at FSU.

David WD4NC suggested putting a digital Gateway in the same building as the current club K4MN 2 meter repeater. Jeremy KB4D has one at his home that works well out toward his area. David will work on a budget and continue looking into this. There is also some planning to get the 910 repeater capable of echo link. This will need to be upgraded to make this work. David K4FXC does have a repeater for this and will change it out soon, he was not able to make it to the meeting for personal reasons. We may need to do some fundraising to fund this upgrade.

Chris KR4I noted that the antenna building workshop is setup for sometime in April. Date TBD. If you are interested building a an End Fed Half Wave HF wire antenna please get with Chris KR4I@arrl.net.

Paul NC4PB opened it up to the club to have any comments or suggestions from the club members for what they want to see the club doing.

Jarrod KR4EKK, asked if there was anything he could do to get his son involved with Ham radio. David WD4NC mentioned there is a STEM event coming soon and that he could also come to the NCQP event. Mike KC4ABE mentioned bringing the younger more introverted kids to the digital station, they could operate the computer and make some contacts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

DOOR PRIZES

AI4PB won an ammo can and a speaker

Don KO4IHM won a Emergency Raio

Don won a fanny pack

Lannie KQ4BVV won a back pack

Jim won a flood light

Ed N4ESA won a flood light

Luis NE2L won a flood light

Pete won a canvas bag

Ron K4FET won a sticker

50/50 DRAWING

There was no 50/50 drawing at this month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Cory K9BTR motion to adjourn and Tyler K4TTN seconded, the club voted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by: Chris KR4I, Recorder.