

# CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

## NOVEMBER 2024

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday, November 18, 2024, 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 52 members and guests present. Steve KA4CZL moved October's minutes be approved as amended with changes to the count in attendance, Jeremy KB4D seconded, and the motion carried.

### PROGRAM

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### • DURING MEETING

- Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.
- Health and Welfare: KN4KUL, N4BEL, Don's dad Donald is hospitalized after a fall, DC WP4TGK's nephew is hospitalized in a coma after a carjacking.
- Event Coordinator: Rod KQ4FNO:
  - December 7 Pearl Harbor Day at USS NC Battleship. POC David WD4NC.
  - December 16 6:00 PM Eatin' Meetin' at Peace Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. Setup will be 6:00PM, food served at 6:30PM.
  - Winter Field day is January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2025
  - NC QSO Party is 23 February 2025
- Cape Fear ARS Contest Club, Hector KB4LOA, ARRL 10m contest is in December.
- Membership: David KI4W, presented three new members, Ken Wright, Bobby Richardson, David Dryer, Dale AK4YS motioned they be accepted, Mike KN4XP seconded and the motion carried.
  - *Note from David KI4W about membership: According to the latest CFARS Roster we have 127 members which includes the latest members who were voted in at the November meeting. Emails were sent out to amateur operators who had a valid email address on [qrz.com](http://qrz.com) and who are not members of CFARS earlier this year and it did generate a couple of responses. [qrz.com](http://qrz.com) currently shows 913 licensed amateurs in Cumberland County. Don't read into this that there are 913 active hams in Cumberland County. There are silent keys who are still listed until their license expires as well as club and repeater call signs. Also there are many whose licenses have expired and are still listed because they are still in the two year window for renewal. If any current or prospective*

*member needs any information on CFARS send an email to [davidki4w@gmail.com](mailto:davidki4w@gmail.com)*

- **REPORTS TO RECORDER**

- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,

October net report:

765 check ins for an average of 24.7

1021 minutes for an average of 32.9

31 pieces of traffic.

- Possum Trot net: Greg NC4GK, PT net is running well and adding a few members monthly.
- Repeaters: David K4FXC, repeaters are working well as of last check, David will be working on the repeaters likely this week.
- Newsletter: Any submissions please send to Mike KN4XP by end of month, ideally in Microsoft Word format. [cfarsnews@gmail.com](mailto:cfarsnews@gmail.com)
- Web Site: Any submissions please send to Jim K4BUC. Jim asked that anyone having pictures or historical stories to put on the website send them to him. [jbuccieri@twc.com](mailto:jbuccieri@twc.com)
- VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC, next VE test session will be January 11, 2025 at Peace Presbyterian Church. Bring an FRN number.
- Public Relations: Hector KB4LOA, continue posting ham radio and club activity on the CFARS Facebook page.
- Swap fest: David KI4W, the next CFARS Swapfest will be Saturday, August 9, 2025 at the Cumberland County Shrine Club. This will be our 25th Swapfest. When the ARRL solves their website issues it will be posted on the hamfest listings on [arrl.org](http://arrl.org).
- ARRL representative: David K4FXC is still working with the ARRL.
- Contest Coordinator: Juan NK2MC gave a recommended website to check out upcoming contests. <https://www.contestcalendar.com/fivewkcal.html>
- Emergency Coordinator: Jeremiah KO4VRM, Greg NC4GK, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday night is Skywarn night.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

ARRL grant is still in the review status, and we should hear something soon.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Rod KQ4FNO announced that our club has not filed any taxes or tax notices for at least the last 10 years and is suspended. The club has a choice to not do anything regarding this

issue or should we pay a fee of less than \$300 to the IRS. Motion from Don WO4SFA and 2<sup>nd</sup> from Greg NC4GK to pay the fee and be current with the IRS.

Don WO4SFA made a motion to update the club representative with the NC Secretary of State, Greg seconded and the motion carried. Club nominated Rod KQ4FNO to take on this roll.

David has been paying for plaques and other items out of his own pocket. This is getting expensive and asked that the club pay for these items totaling \$100 for this year. Motion from Don WO4SFA, Laird seconded to pay for the plaques out of the club funds.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rod- 50 hamclock tickets have been sold.

Sold 52 dinner tickets- deadline is for purchasing Eatin' Meetin' tickets is December 1.

There will be a desert contest at the Eatin' Meetin', bring a good desert!

NCQSO Party: David talked to Marty W4MY President of RARS at the JARS fest recently and they talked about the upcoming NCQP and CFARS will be the bonus station for the 2025 NCQP with the call sign K4MN. Marty W4MY will be at our January meeting to take any questions that we might have.

Greg NC4GK gave out new Possum Trot numbers for members that achieved that prestigious award.

David announced Fayetteville Library home school section has asked that we demonstrate Ham Radio. We will do this at a future date, need operators on both ends so if you can be available for a contact, please do so.

## **DOOR PRIZES**

Jeremy KB4D won a multimeter.

Larry N4USB won an ammo can.

Gabe KQ4QAV won a piece of coax.

Hector KB4LOA won a pair of two ounce throwing weights.

Time W4HDF won an exhaust tip.

Leon N2OYV won a piece of coax.

Jerry KY4JS won a piece of coax.

Tracy KF4KFL won a piece of coax.

Mark KQ4NTM won a piece of coax.

Lani KQ4BVV won a beer stein.

## 50/50 DRAWING

\$136 collected, Paul W4ZFX had the winning ticket of \$68.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34PM. There were 52 members and guests present. Paul K4PGM motioned to adjourn.

Submitted: Jeremy Gilchrist KB4D, Recorder.

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| KB4LOA | KK4MCY | KQ4WGW | WP4PRX | KQ4LQV | KB4D   |
| KI4W   | WD4NC  | N4CDJ  | KF4KFL | KA4CZL | KQ4NTM |
| N4DOS  | N1BBS  | W4ZFX  | KQ4FNO | K4QFK  | KO4VEC |
| W4HDF  | N4USB  | KK4TNO | K4MGZ  | KN4XP  | KR4I   |
| N2OYV  | KQ4VFM | KC4ABE | K4BUC  | KE4DER | KN4UHI |
| KK4CKJ | WP4TGK | KO4IHM | KN4KUL | K4PGM  | KN4ZZ  |
| N1GNF  | KQ4QAV | NC4GK  | WO4SFA | KY4JS  | WA2COU |
| AK4YS  | KQ4WHX | KQ4BVV | KD4DCR | KQ4IIX |        |

Paula Snead

Mike Lumpkins

Dave Dreyor

Levi Wright

N4CDJ's son.