

CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 2025

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday, April 21st, 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. Don KO4IHM gave the invocation. David WD4NC led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. Tim KO4VEC moved March's minutes be approved, Tim W4HDF seconded, and the members voted and the motion carried.

PROGRAM

Club pictures were taken at 7pm prior to the meeting.

W4MY was at the meeting to present the club with the winning plaque for the North Carolinda QSO party. The club received the top score for the Club Weak signal category and the Bonus Station category. Juan NK2MC received the award on behalf of the club for weak signal category event. Rod KO4FNO received the award on behalf of the club for the bonus station for 1st place.

Marty also gave out a special Chairmans Award to David WD4NC for the outstanding ham for this year's NCQP.

Amanda Scheck provided a brief on behalf of the Cumberland County EOC. They have procured some new ham equipment that needed to be setup and tested. She also mentioned that we may be invited to man a fire station or shelter during an activation. She has two new opportunities: at the eastern branch EOC, an amateur radio open house in Kenston NC May 13th. This is an opportunity to see how their region works and meet with our counterparts in Emergency Management. Cumberland County is hosting a communications training event Oct 14 through 17th. You must have ICS 1, 2, 7, and 8 and be a licensed Armature Operator to attend the communications training.

Chris Hofstetter KO4FSZ was present to brief antennas and briefed some information on wire antennas that he builds. Club members looked at antennas and antenna building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **DURING MEETING**

- Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE will give the report at the next meeting.
- Health and Welfare: KN4KUL gave the welfare report. (names
- Event Coordinator: Rod KQ4FNO:
 - FSU STEAM in April. 26th 1 to 4, David/Joe
 - Working with C 1-18th SFA, David / Done just need to move the trailer
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- **REPORTS TO RECORDE**

- Membership: KI4W, no report.
- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,

March net report: needs updated

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 5:00am to 7:00am.
- Repeaters: David K4FXC, No Report
- 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. Jim asked that anyone having pictures or historical stories to put on the website send them to him. jbuccieri@twc.com
- VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC, next VE test session, check the CFARS website for details on the next testing session.
- Public Relations: Hector KB4LOA, continue posting ham radio and club activity on the CFARS Facebook page.
- Swap fest: David KI4W, CFARS 25TH anniversary SwapFest will be in August 9th this year.
- ARRL representative: David K4FXC no report
- Contest Coordinator: Juan NK2MC no report
- Emergency Coordinator: Jeremiah, Greg NC4GK, every 2nd Tuesday night is Skywarn night.

OLD BUSINESS

Rod asked if everyone read the newsletter regarding the benefits of the 501 (c)(3) asked if the club wanted to change from 501 (c)(7) in favor of 501 (c)(3), Don WO4SFA made a motion to approve the change and Paul NC4PB and Tracy AI4TS

seconded, the members voted and the motion was carried. Rod will begin to work on this change with the IRS.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOOR PRIZES

Tim N9OUS won a piece of coax

Nina KN4KUL won a cable stripper

Chris KO4FSZ won a piece of coax

Paul NC4PB won a piece of coax

Bob KL7NL won a piece of coax

Rob KR4CLP won a Monitor

50/50 DRAWING

\$66 collected, Tyler drew ticket number 2466, Don WO4SFA had the winning ticket of for \$33.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8PM. There were 57 members and guests present.

Submitted: Chris Ray KR4I, Recorder