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The President's Corner:

Dale KI4WOH

It was good to see everyone at the July CFARS meeting! We have new faces and call signs coming to the meeting. Welcome all!

Keep in the back of your mind...how about a practice Field Day during the NC QSO party in February.

We hope to have new events for the rest of the year and early next year. I want to thank all for the support and participation.

I am looking forward to a successful Swapfest. At the August meeting we will see the pictures from Field Day!

73 de Dale KI4WOH



July 2012 Club Meeting Minutes:

On June 15th the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by **Dale KI4WOH**. **Dale KI4WOH** led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. **David, KR4OE** led the invocation. **Dale KI4WOH** led the introductions in the normal CFARS style.

The minutes of last months meeting were discussed. **Jim KR4YRH** made a motion, seconded by **Bill KU4W**, to approve the minutes as read. By vote the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer; Chuck, KJ4RV gave a report on income and expenses. Our solvency continues!.

Repeater; Bill KU4W gave a report on the status of our repeaters. We still have noise on the 2 meter repeater. The 6 meter repeater is still in the shop. We are working on a couple of issues with the 440 repeater.

Advertising: Nothing new to report.

Health & Welfare; Mya gave the health & welfare report. She received a couple of names to send out cards to.

Net Manager; Chuck, KJ4RV gave the net report.

Membership: David KR4OE reported that our club is growing. An application for membership was received from **John Fields**. **Kelly N4EWG** made a motion, seconded by **Bonnie KF4LVF** to accept **John** into CFARS. By vote the motion carried. Welcome **John**!

Swapfest: David KR4OE reminded everyone that the Swapfest is August 4th. Everybody come and join in on the fun! **Don KI4ZL** asked if the directions to the Swapfest could be improved on by the ARRL magazine for our ad there. **David KR4OE** informed us that ARRL only lists the street address. The college only uses one address for the whole college. Reeves Auditorium doesn't have a separate address, therefore no way to Mapquest it. **David KR4OE** added that he would see if the building name could be added.

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THE CFARS NEWS IS NOW PUBLISHED AS A PDF DOCUMENT OBTAINABLE ON THE CLUB'S WEB SITE AT WWW.CFARSNC.ORG/NEWS.PHP

CFARS Finances

Individuals have expressed concerns about our financial information being accessed via electronic media eavesdropping. This might be possible because of the email delivery now used to supply the newsletter to many of the club members. To avoid this possibility the club financial information will no longer be published in the newsletter and we will continue to present a financial information report at each monthly club meeting.

Club Repeaters

	K4MN
2 m	146.910/146.310
70 cm	444.400/449.400

	W4EBM
6 m	53.810/52.810

	WA4FLR
2 m	147.330/147.930

CFARS needs YOU!

- KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT
- Promote amateur radio each time you get the chance
- People see what you do more than what you say
- Be a good example of what amateur radio is and should be



CFARS Meetings

Club meetings are normally held on the 3rd Monday of each month on the campus of Methodist University

Projected Programs for 2011

August 20	Surprise	David KR4OE
September 17	Open ???	
October 15	Show'n Tell	Members
November 19	Election - New Officers	Dale, KI4WOH
December 17	Christmas Eat'n Meet'n	Dale, KI4WOH

See you at the meeting!

Amateur Radio License VE Testing Schedule 2012

VE testing and location are confirmed for 2011. Testing takes place in the Science Building on the Methodist University Campus in rooms S-222 & S-207. The schedule is arranged and confirmed by Pat, N4UGH, n4ughpat@aol.com. Bring a handheld calculator, a photocopy or original current FCC issued license, any CSCE's and \$15 for the exam fee.

Check-in begins at 0900
Testing begins at 0930

The following Saturdays are scheduled:

October 13, 2012

CFARS Needs You

If you have pictures of CFARS activities or would like to put an article in the newsletter please send them in to cfars_newsletter@yahoo.com.

The newsletter is published monthly and all contributions are welcomed.



Antenna work in progress for a great Field Day 2012!!!



Where is the pond?



Antenna work in progress!!!!

Gene N4ANV and Leighton KN4ZZ working on the SSB antenna. Chuck KJ4RV and David KR4OE operate CW.





CFARS Swapfest 2012 Wrapup

It was good to see all those who came out and supported the 14th Annual CFARS Swapfest. It is hard to believe that this was the fourteenth year we have done this. It was good to hear positive comments from some of the folks who came in from other areas. I have not been able to attend hamfests the last two years as I did in the past and most of you know the reason for that. However, the comments from the folks who came in from other areas of the state were telling me that for the last several years our event has grown larger than some of the other hamfests in eastern North Carolina that have been in existence many more years than ours. We have a core group of attendees who come to Fayetteville every year and support us by attending our Swapfest. The area where we have grown larger is in the amount of stuff we have for sale. We have more merchandise for sale than these other events and we have done that the last two years without having a dealer attend. However, I would like to apologize to those of you who were not happy about the fact we had no dealers at our Swapfest. There are reasons we do not have a dealer. One is that there is a much, much larger full blown hamfest in Berryville, Virginia the same weekend. It is hard to compete with that. Our dealer that was supporting us prior to our date change told me several times the profit they made by attending our show at times did not even cover their expenses to come to Fayetteville. Additionally we had to move the date so as not to interfere with students returning to Methodist University for the fall semester. Please keep in mind that this is the most logical date to have our event as we have to avoid conflicts with Methodist University, the dates of other hamfests, and other ham related events like Field Day for example. It boils down to if we do not hold it on this date we will not be having one. Also keep in mind we have a great air conditioned, handicapped facility to hold our Swapfest and pay absolutely nothing for it. Now there is another side to the equation dealing with the growth of our Swapfest. We have grown, as stated earlier, in the amount of merchandise for sale at our Swapfest but the number of attendees has not risen. Unfortunately our attendance has suffered the last three years. That is something we will have to work on for next year. If you are a CFARS member please come out and support your hometown Swapfest. We could pretty much pack the place with CFARS members along with their friends and family. I would like to thank all those who played important roles in the CFARS Swapfest. They are as follows:

Kelly N4EWG for selling the door prize tickets
Irv K3IRV for helping get the word out especially on the website
Bill KJ4OFD for the coffee and refreshments tables
Pat N4UGH and the CFARS VE Team
Don KI4ZL for passing out the flyers at the Cary Swapfest and for the use of his cart
Mike KN4XP Newsletter Editor for helping get the word out
Bill KU4W for the use of his handtruck
Bill N3GTY for the use of his heavy duty wagon
Thanks to all who helped with the clean up at the conclusion of the Swapfest

Additionally I would like to thank Evan, KG4TKE, who donated many items to the Boy Scout Troop who were in attendance. One of the troop leaders is a licensed amateur along with another member of his family so we may have two new club members soon. Evan's one act of kindness portrayed the true spirit of amateur radio and CFARS. I would like to also mention that the week following the Swapfest I overheard many positive comments about the Swapfest not only on our repeater but more importantly on a couple of hf nets. One comment on an hf net was, "I could not believe how much I sold there. I sold more than I did at Cary." Another comment was how down to earth and friendly it was and I will be back next year.

Next year will be our fifteenth year. The date will be August 3, 2013. SEE YOU THERE!!!!

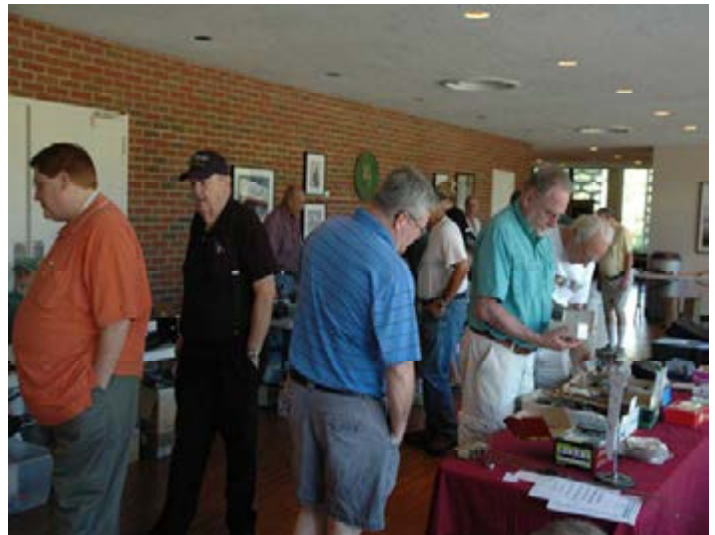
Views from the 2012 CFARS Swapfest



Reeves Auditorium...CFARS Swapfest style



Kelly N4EWG enjoying the Swapfest



Hams looking for that one item that you just can't live without. You can find it at the CFARS Swapfest!!!



W3OJO talking to swapfest attendees



CFARS VE Test



The CFARS VE Team conducted a test session on August 4th in conjunction with the Swampfest.

The VE's that administered exams were **Pat N4UGH**, **Gene N4ANV**, **Chuck KJ4RV**, **Van N4ERM** and **Bonnie KF4LVF**. There were 8 applicants present for testing. We now have 5 new technician class operators from this test session.

Gene N4ANV told the applicants that in the old days you had to drive to a central location where the FCC was offering exams. You even had to wait at least one full month between the exams. Gene told a story of one lady who he passed several times between exams. One day she waived him down to tell him she passed her exam. Exams are administered locally now. It is easier for the prospective ham to find a local exam!

Our next scheduled VE Test session is October 13, 2012. This is the last scheduled exam for 2012. Please bring original of license, a copy of the license, any CSCE's earned and \$15 cash if you plan on testing.



Right this way to take your Amateur Radio Exam.

Applicants waiting to take their exams...



Gene N4ANV talks to applicants at the VE test.

VE's waiting to grade exams.

CFARS Items for Sale:

Icom 718
Z100 Tuner
SEC 1223 Power Supply
Triband Yagi
60' Rhon Tower (must be dissembled)

Bob K4LGN
Home 910-875-4169 Cell 910-336-9780

Membership Reminder

Club dues are due no later than March of each year. CFARS uses monies collected from membership dues to keep the club up and running. If your dues are delinquent you will not receive a newsletter.

Moore County Amateur Radio Display

The Moore County Amateur Radio Society (MOCARS) will have an active display of amateur radio capability at the Moore County Fair each evening August 27 through September 1, 2012. Everyone is welcome to visit our display and learn of the communications capabilities of amateur radio. Club meetings are held the third Thursday of each month 7:00pm at the Moore County Health Department, 705 Pinehurst Ave, Carthage NC and are open to all. MOCARS holds periodic courses for FCC licensing and conducts licensing examinations on the third Saturday of odd months, contact Charles Wackerman 910-947-2707 for details. MOCARS also hosts 2 meter nets at 8:00pm on Wednesdays and Sundays at 147.240MHz + 600MHz offset +91.5HMz tone and a 6 meter net on Mondays at 7:00pm on 53.150MHz - 1Mhz offset, no tone. All licensed amateurs are welcome to participate on the nets. For more club information contact Jim Johnson 910-400-3019.

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