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July 2019 Club Meeting Minutes



On July 17th the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was held in Room of the Keith Allison Building at Methodist University, Fayetteville, North Carolina at 7:30pm. President **David KR4OE** opened the meeting and welcomed all for coming. **David KR4OE** led the *Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag*. **Pete K4QFK** led the invocation. **David KR4OE** led the introductions in the usual CFARS manner.

A motion was made by **Marty W4MLW**, seconded by **Ed N4ESA**, to approve the minutes of the June meeting with the call of **George KM4ODS** corrected. By vote the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: **Chuck KJ4RV** gave the Treasurer's report and apparently we haven't spent all of it.

Repeater: **Ben KM4ODT** gave his report on the repeaters. The 146.91 repeater is down, waiting for the trip to Highsmith-Rainey after some TLC to the equipment and the new tower and antenna. All net business has been being had on the 147.33 repeater at the Soldier Support Center on Fort Bragg. Many of the members have been having issues in hitting that particular repeater. The 6m repeater is not up yet. The 444.400 repeater is up in its new location and is doing fine business. **Mike K4JWX** reported that the tower removal project was under way, the antennae have been removed along with all the coax, two sections have been removed thus far, the crane was not able to get into position to remove the tower, therefore it is being removed manually by climbing the tower. This will be an ongoing project due to the heat. **Marty W4MLW** said that all business was being conducted on the 147.33 repeater, many users have been having issues getting into the repeater and move that net business be moved to the 444.4 repeater, these being the Possum Trot net in the morning and the evening net, until the 146.91 repeater is returned to normal operating status. **Carl K4CFB** seconded the motion. There was some discussion. This was put to a vote and was approved by the members present.

Net Manager: **Chuck KJ4RV** the net check-ins and times were about the sam as last month. Let's keep them busy.

Health & Welfare: **Carl K4CFB** gave the report on Health and Welfare. **Ron K4FET** had been hospitalized and they turned him loose. He is still in Yankee country caring for a friend of his. **David KR4OE** asked him to send a card to the family of **Donnie Smith AD4TL** (SK) a long-time member of the club.

Membership: **David KR4OE** read applications from **Karlo Valenzuela KA4RLO** and **Larry Bradley KG4LHN**. Neither was there to defend themselves so **Chuck KJ4RV** made a motion, seconded by **Marty W4MLW**, to accept them anyway. By vote\the motion carried. David said we currently have 109 members of the club, 59 ARRL members, and 57 Life members.

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Club Repeaters

(PL 100 Hz)

K4MN
 2 m 146.910/146.310
 70 cm 444.400/449.400

K4MN
 6 m 53.810/52.810

WA4FLR
 2 m 147.330/147.930

Club Membership

Dues

CFARS club membership dues are due and payable in January each year. CFARS does offer you the option to pay your dues no later than March. Yearly dues are \$15.00. CFARS offers a lifetime membership option for \$150.00. If your dues are not paid by March you will not be a voting member of the club. The right to vote on issues for the club comes with club membership. PO Box 36106, Fayetteville, NC 28303



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CFARS Club Patches are available for purchase. Contact **Chuck KJ4RV** for your patch today!

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Public Information: **Marty W4MLW** said the radio program he did prior to Field Day was available on the CFARS website if anyone is interested in listening to it.

VE Testing: VE Testing will be at the Swapfest on August 10th and the last VE Test Session for 2019 will be at Methodist University on October 12. Study and upgrade!

Swapfest: **David KR4OE** spoke about the Swapfest on August 10th, told all of us to get our stuff together to take it to the Swapfest, to come hungry and support the kitchen crew, bring friends, talk it up to everyone we know, and participate. He said table reservations were currently a little on the light side, but he expects that they will pick up after the Cary Hamfest. The Swapfest information is on ARRL and QRZ websites. Just in case you have forgotten the 21st CFARS Swapfest will be held on August 10, 2019 at the Cumberland County Shrine Club at 7040 Ramsey Street in Fayetteville. Times will be from 7:30am until noon. Doors will open at 6:30am to start moving in all your fine radio and electronic equipment.

Old Business: We need to get information out the ARRL website concerning the 50th Anniversary of CFARS. **Carl K4CFB** graciously accepted the challenge. There was discussion of QSL Cards being designed and printed, how we could operate for the widest coverage. **Fred N4ZCG** took the floor and spoke on the missing generator replacement issue. **Van KG6HYJ** was the other member of the committee was not present. Fred presented his choice of generator, but asked the discussion until next month when Van would be present to offer alternative choices. This was tabled until next month. Chuck will check on the insurance issues and report back next month as well. **Mike K4JWX** stood and addressed the gin pole issues from last meeting. The company who made the former gin pole was no longer in business, and he would see if he could find alternatives. This was tabled until next month. The 10-10 Possum Trot Manager position is available, **Bill KU4W** is stepping away. Please give this some thought and get back with Bill so he can show you the ropes and make the turn-over. We will be having a 10-10 contest the first weekend of August. Get them 10 meter antennas up and let's be Number 1! **Ben KM4ODT** said he was pleased with the club participation with the Boy Scout event held on Fort Bragg last week. There was some discussion of ways to make it even better next year.

Program: **Larry N4USB** gave a rundown on the recent Field Day. Everything was about on par with last year's event. **George KM4ODS** has compiled all the information and presented a lot to the club. Larry asked that we all ask ourselves "What more can I do?" **Jim KI4YRH** gave an interesting slide presentation of the Field Day experience.

Door Prize Drawing: **George KM4ODS** won the Field Day Prize of a power supply and an Kenwood TM281A 2m radio. Congrats George! **Matt KN4UUK** won a SDR radio dongle. **Ben KM4ODT** won a quart of fresh blueberries just picked from **Larry N4USB** field. **David KR4OE** won a **N4ERM** mystery gift. It was a Sony DVD player. **John KN4ROM** won a **N4ERM** mystery gift. It was a robot kit. **Ben KM4ODT** won 4 pair of Swampdog tickets good till the end of the season. **Ed N4ESA** won a Portable Antenna Classics book donated by **N4ERM**. **Alan W4AGH** won a gooseneck desk light and a multi meter. **David KR4OE** won a flashlight and a multi meter. We need more to keep things going. Make your donations to **Marty W4MLW** ASAP.

A motion was made by **Jim KI4YRH**, seconded by **Fred N4ZCG**, to adjourn the meeting, By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next club meeting will be August 19, 2019.

Submitted by **Bill KJ4OFD**
CFARS Recorder

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Upcoming Hamfests

August 10, 2019
CFARS Swapfest
Fayetteville, North Carolina

October 12, 2019
W4NC Fallfest
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
W4NC.com

August 30, 2019
Shelby Hamfest
Shelby, North Carolina
shelbyhamfest.org

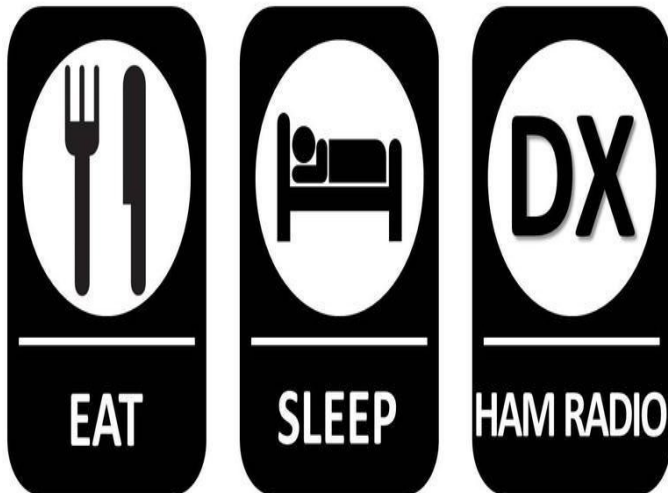
November 30, 2019
Jarsfest
Benson, North Carolina
jars.net

CFARS DMR Information

CFARS now has a DMR talk group on the TGIF network. According to **Mike K4JWX** the talk group is 910. So if you have a dmr hotspot, set it up on the TFIG network. Let's make this group one of the busiest talk groups on TGIF. TGIF also has a Facebook page for more information. You can also go to their web site at tgif.network.



LIFE IS SIMPLE



VE Testing

Testing takes place in the Hendricks Science Complex on the Methodist University Campus in room 122. Check-in begins at 09:00. Testing begins at 9:30.

Dates

August 10, 2019
October 12, 2019

If you have any questions, please contact Pat by email at n4ughpat@aol.com or phone 425-8994.

August 10th testing will be held at the Swapfest.

CFARS Tower Removal

As you all know CFARS has had our repeater located on the Campus of Methodist University for many many years. Countless hams have used our repeaters over the years. A few months back we were informed by Methodist University the tower needed to come down. The issue was the guy wires were not secure. We were unable to replace the guy wires due to either needing to tie them into the roof structure of the Hendricks Science building or have raised anchor points with lots of concrete.

So the university decided the tower must be removed. What was CFARS to do? Where would we relocate our repeaters? Through the tower removal and reinstallation committee a replacement location was found. The repeaters have been removed at this point in time.

Over the period of July 15 through 24 our tower was taken down. As with all things there were other things going on. The university scheduled an asbestos removal from the Hendricks Science building. So the tower crew had to use ladders to gain roof access. Temporary guys were attached to the tower during the times they were working. At the end of the day the temporary guys were removed so that no one would walk into them. The next day the temporary guys were replaced. As the tower came down, the temporary guys were moved down the tower. This was a slow tedious process but was required for safety of the tower crew/ The temperatures during this time were extremely hot with the usual North Carolina humidity. The tower crew worked tirelessly to finish up this job.

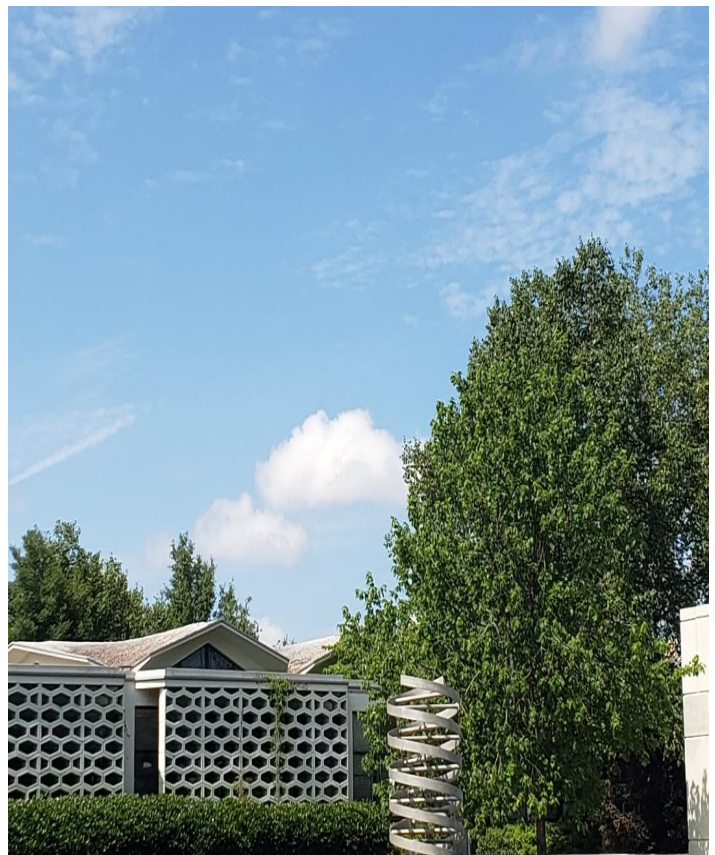
The Hendricks Science building doesn't look the same without the tower. But as all good things must do, they come to an end. CFARS appreciates all the years Methodist University allowed us to have a home for our tower. We will continue to meet at the university for club meetings and VE testing. Alan Pier and his crew were great to work with.



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21st Annual Ole Fashioned

CFARS SwapFest

Sponsored by the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Saturday

August 10, 2019

8:00am to 12:00 noon

**Cumberland County Shrine Club
7040 Ramsey St (US Hwy 401 N)**

**No Admission!! No Fee for Tables!!!
Please help us keep this event free
by placing a monetary contribution in
the donation box so we can cover the rent
on the building!!!**

Talk-in: K4MN Repeater 146.910 (-) CTCSS 100Hz

VE Test Session Walk-ins Only Registration 9:00am Testing 9:30am

**Information and Table Reservations: David KR4OE kr4oe@nc.rr.com
(910)624-1394**

**ARRL VE Testing: Pat N4UGH n4ughpat@aol.com
(910)425-5994**

Set-up begins at 6:30am. If you need tables please call or email in advance. On the morning of the Swapfest see David KR4OE for tables.

**Table Reservations recommended.
*Tail Gating available - - also FREE!!!***