



The President's Corner: David KR4OE

First of all I would like to apologize again for missing the Presidents Message deadline last month. Things have been quite busy here on the home front with a major change in lifestyle due to the loss of a family member and there were just not enough hours in a day. Secondly let me wish all a Merry Christmas and all the best for the coming year. I would like to remind everyone about the annual CFARS Eatin Meetin at Grandsons on Ramsey Street at 7:00pm on December 16. As usual there will be plenty of fun and fellowship and also some great door prizes so bring an appetite and extra funds. I would like to thank Jim KI4YRH for making the arrangements for the dinner and thanks to Marty W4MLW who will be handling the door prize drawings

I would like to focus these next comments to our members who have received their amateur radio license within the last three years or so. In looking over the CFARS membership roster about one third of our members have call signs with a KM4 or KN4 prefix and there are some who had those prefixes who now have a vanity call sign. I would like to thank you for being a member of CFARS and for supporting our hobby. There are some of you that have stepped up and became vital parts of keeping the club and the repeaters up and running and we are so thankful to you for fulfilling those roles. During the upcoming year I hope to hear you all on our repeaters and see you at our events. We would like also like to hear from you and hear your ideas. A lot of us have been around for a while and we need to hear from a different perspective. We all get settled in our ways and become resistant to change but change can be positive and it is what we need to keep this club moving forward. Your opinions and ideas are needed and appreciated so please voice them. We just celebrated our 50th Anniversary so let's get to work on the next fifty and with your help we will continue to make this club this successful. Dale AK4YS has stepped up to be the vice president for 2020. Dale will be arranging the programs for the coming year and if there is a topic you would like to hear about let Dale know. I would like to sum it up by saying to you all in this group please be active in the hobby and enjoy every minute of it. You will make some lifelong friends and develop friendships not only across town but across the state and even the world.

As the year comes to a close I would like to thank all who held a club office or committee position over the last year. These are the people who keep this club up and running and in the forefront as one of the most active clubs in this state. I would especially like to thank Larry N4USB for serving as vice president over the last year. Thank you Larry for the past year and good luck with your new position with your church. I ask that you all take a look on the front page of the newsletter where all these positions are listed and take the time to thank these folks when you see or hear them.

As 2020 approaches let's look ahead and make this the best year ever as we start our second half century as

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an organization. We need your support and the first thing you can do to show your support is to get in your dues in for 2020. Your dues help keep our repeaters on the air, fund our events such as the NC QSO Party and Field Day, and cover our liability and equipment insurance for example. The next thing you can do you can do is get on the air and be heard especially on our repeaters. A group within the club volunteered their time, hot hard work, and even their own equipment to get our repeaters up and running at the new location. Please don't let their efforts be in vain. Those repeaters are there for us to use and enjoy. If you hear someone announce on the repeater answer their call. Prior to the internet those repeaters were our internet. If you needed something you just put a call out on the repeater for that connector you needed or information needed about an antenna for example. The evening net was our social media and it is still a viable part of our social media. Also speaking of social media are you a member of the CFARS Facebook page. I am not a big Facebook person but the biggest reason I started using Facebook was amateur radio. There are all types of amateur radio related groups on Facebook and I follow quite a few. We also have a great website and Steve keeps our calendar up to date with various CFARS events and other amateur radio related events.

As the New Year kicks off so does the hamfest season. I hear amateurs say all the time I did not go to the hamfest because I did not need anything. Hamfests have been around about as long as amateur radio and are as much about a social gathering as buying and selling. The old joke among CFARS was about the members who go all the way to the Charlotte Hamfest and bought only a roll of electrical tape. I can't say I have done that, mostly because I buy my electrical tape at Lowes, but I have gone to many a hamfest and spent very little. But while I did not invest monetary value what I invested with my friends that I visited with, priceless. Because of being active not only on repeaters but also on hf I find I run into more people I know from outside the local area that I do from here when I attend a hamfest. Our Swapfest is August 8, 2020 so go ahead and get your red crayon and mark it on your calendar. If you don't attend any other hamfest please support your own clubs event. Check the ARRL Hamfest Guide for all the upcoming shows and attend what you can.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Dinner. Our first meeting for 2020 will be on January 20. If you have a badge with your name and call sign please wear it to the Christmas Dinner and to the club meetings. Some of us need help putting names and faces to the call signs. If you do not have a call sign badge we will have one for you at the meeting so please fill one out and wear it proudly. I look forward to hearing from all of you in the coming year.

73 and Merry Christmas,
David KR4OE ... _:_



CFARS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

When - Dec 16, 2019

**Where - Grandson's
3901 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, NC 28311**

Time - 7:00 pm

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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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November 2019 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held Monday evening, November 18, 2019 in Room 121 of Allison Hall at Methodist University. President David KR4OE opened the meeting at 7:30 pm, welcomed all to the meeting, and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our county. Perry N4LBB gave the invocation, and David led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion.

A motion was made by Marty W4MLW, seconded by Jim KI4YRH, to approve the minutes of the October meeting.

By vote the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Chuck KJ4RV gave the Treasurer's report we made some money from the sale of the tower, dues, and donations, spent a little bit, and still have money in the bank.

Repeater: Ben KM4ODT and Mike K4JWX report the repeaters are doing well; there is still some krow to be done on the 146.91 repeater.

Net Manager: Chuck KJ4RV gave the net manager report. The numbers for time and check ins are the best they have ever been and are getting more use out of the repeaters. Great job folks, lets get some use out of our repeaters!

Health & Welfare: Carl K4CFB gave his report on Health & Welfare. Bill Dunlap KN4LBD has some health issues. Bonne KF4LVF appreciates all the cards and letters. Send her some email and make her day.

Membership: David KR4OE introduced a new ham to the club: Don Thomas AF4NR spoke of some of his interests in ham radio. Marty W4MLW and Jim KI4YRH proposed him for membership and Jim was accepted. Jonathan Hairr has a packet for lifetime membership for the club. The next VE test session will be in January.

VE Testing: No report.

Field Day: No report.

Emergency Coordinator: No report.

Possom Trot Net: Ron K4FET is looking for some hip pocket spare net controllers for the Possum Trot net. Throw in your hat and give him a hand.

Old Business: Mike K4JWX has sold the tower and turned in the \$585.00 earned to Chuck KJ4RV. Thanks to the folks who purchased the tower and to Mike for taking care of this for the club. Van N4ERM reminded all that JARSFEST will be in Benson on November 17 and this would be his last hamfest for the club. Marty W4MLW has taken over the mantle for Van. Thanks to you both. Carolyn Smith KE4GZK donated Donnie Smith AD4TL /SK station to the club. It was sold at the Benson Hamfest and Carolyn made a \$200.00 contribution to the club. David KR4OE was at the Myrtle Beach Hamfest and saw several members of the club. Van N4ERM reminded all that the CFARS 50th Anniversary will be from 18-24 November. Get on board, get K4MN out there! We will be working all modes / all bands. Coordinate for digital on the various bands/frequencies. Jim KI4YRH has procured Grandsons Restaurant on Ramsey Street for the December Eatin Meetin on December 16 at 7:00 pm. Come hungry; bring friends and relatives, and lots and lots of money. Marty W4MLW assures us there will be a lot of fine door prizes to be offered. George KM4ODS reported on the 10-10 Summer SSB and CW contests. CFARS was number 7 World-wide in the contests. Go Team! Individual operators took 9 of the 10 top spots. Contact George about getting the Possum Trot Chapter of 10-10 International back on the air. David KR4OE introduced Pete K4QFK and Ben KM4C, both

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charter members of CFARS and presented each with a plaque commemorating the 50th Anniversary and a QSL card from the event. Both conveyed their thanks and related some of their recollections of the founding of the Club.

New Business: Dale AK4YS asked all members of the club to become officers. The following folks were nominated to become the leadership of the club:

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| President | David KR4OE | Mike K4JWX/ Bobbi N4KAY | accepted / elected |
| Vice Pres | Dale AK4YS | Marty W4MLW / Jim KI4YRH | accepted / elected |
| Sec/Treas | Chuck KJ4RV | Marty W4MLW / Jim KI4YRH | accepted / elected |
| Recorder | Bill KJ4OFD | Paul K4PGM / Bobbi N4KAY | accepted / elected |

Van N4ERM talked about the new rules changes for the NC QSO party on March 1, 2020. There will be no more bonus stations. There will be no more club categories. There will be 7 special event stations worth 50 points each. Points are available for spelling TARHEEL and there is a monetary prize for a 100 county sweep. Stations will be mixed low power, mixed high power, and ssb low power. Do we want to keep doing the contest as a club? Do we want to rent cabins? This topic has been tabled by David KR4OE until January. More information can be had at the NC QSO Party website at <http://ncqsoparty.org>

Program: Larry N4USB introduced this months program: Show and Tell

Van N4ERM showed a couple of homebrew balun / ununs and gave a brief what/why/how of toroids. More information can be had at <https://www.kitsandparts.com>

George KM4ODS showed off a go kit he made up from a Pelican case he found at the local trash collection site and what he made of it. Good job George.

Door Prize Drawing: Marty W4MLW held the door prize drawing. And the winners were:

A Baofeng dual band HT from Carl K4CFB to Pat (K4PGM sister/aunt/female relative). A Baofeng dual band HT from Jon KD5ICT to Ferguson KK4MCY. Flashlight and batteries from Fred N4ZCG to Ron K4FET. Flashlight and batteries from Fred N4ZCG to Bob WA4WHV. 2 bundles of blueberry plants from Larry N4USB to John W4RDU. 2 bundles of blueberry plants from Larry N4USB to Jorge KN4PTN.

A motion was made by Jim KI4YRH, seconded by Marty W4MLW, to adjourn the meeting, By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next club meeting will be December 16, 2019. We had 43 members and guests present.

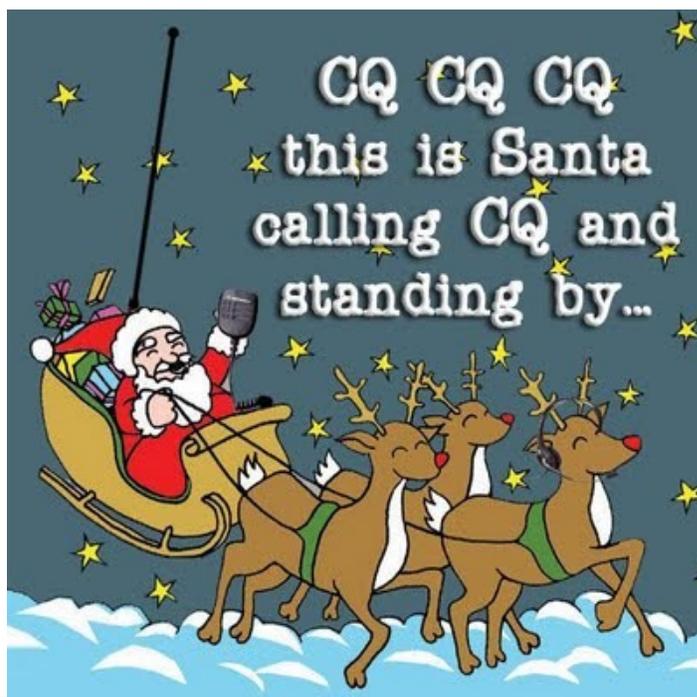
Submitted by **Bill KJ4OFD**
CFARS Recorder

Upcoming Hamfests

January 11, 2020
W4NC First-Fest
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
w4nc.com

March 13, 2020
Charlotte Hamfest
Concord, North Carolina
charlottehamfest.com

April 11, 2020
Raleigh Hamfest
Raleigh, North Carolina
rarsfest.com



CFARS at the Jarsfest



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