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**The President's Corner: David KR4OE**

The year sure got off to a good start with another overflow crowd at the first meeting of the new year. It sure is great to see a lot of new faces and hearing new voices on our repeaters and also on hf. After the Ten Ten SSB Contest the first weekend of February it appears that the Possum Trot Chapter will have some new members. If you are a new ham, a ham who has recently moved here, or a ham who has been in our area for a while but not a member of CFARS please come out and join us. Your support by becoming a member will be greatly appreciated and your membership dues will help fund all the fun things we do during the year and help keep our repeaters on the air. Speaking of repeaters have you used them lately as they are performing very well. Our handheld coverage is the best it has ever been and the prices of handheld radios have fallen drastically so use them and use them often.

On Saturday, February 29 we will be setting up at the cabins at Smith Lake in preparation for the North Carolina QSO Party which will occur the following day on Sunday, March 1. The contest begins at 10:00am and concludes later that day at 8:00pm. We will be in a different category this year so we will have two stations running the duration of the event. One station will be operate cw and the other ssb. We strongly encourage all to come out especially all the new hams. New ham or old I guarantee you will learn something new and if nothing else you will just have fun. Hope to see you there.

The Charlotte Hamfest will be March 13-14. The club has tables there so if you have an item or two you are looking to sell bring them to Charlotte. Contact Marty W4MLW and he can fill you in. The following weekend on March 21 we will have a test session at Methodist University. Please mark both events on your calendar.

Our next meeting is February 17. I hope you will make plans to attend. Until then stay radioactive.

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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



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

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### January 2020 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held Monday evening, January 21, 2020 in Room 121 of Allison Hall at Methodist University at 7:30 pm. 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.



Marty W4MLW appended the minutes to reflect Charlotte Hamfest dates to 13 and 14 February dates and Bob KK4TBD moved to accept the minutes of the December meeting and the minutes were accepted as amended. By vote the motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Chuck KJ4RV gave the Treasurer Report, we made some money dues, and donations, spent a little bit, and still have money in the bank.

**Net Manager:** Chuck then 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. Elton Hendricks W4VGW is in rehab at CFVH and is doing well. Keep him in your prayers and visit him if you can.

**Repeater:** Mike K4JWX had nothing new to report on the repeaters.

**Membership:** David KR4OE introduced Steve KO4AKV for membership to CFARS. Steve gave his background. Marty W4MLW and Dale AK4YS moved to accept him for membership and the club approved. Doug AI4EW was accepted for Life Membership.

**Swapfest:** David KR4OE said our Swapfest will be August 8, 2020 at the Cumberland County Shrine Club and is listed on the ARRL website.

**Emergency Coordinator:** Mike K4JWX reported on the Emergency Coordinator and is looking for ARES volunteers.

**VE Testing:** David KR4OE reported VE Testing would be held on March 21, 2020. Study up and upgrade your ticket.

**Public Relations:** Marty W4MLW reported on Public Relations and is looking for assistance with Hamfests. Ed N4ESA will assist him for the Charlotte Hamfest on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** David KR4OE spoke of the search for generators. Marty W4MLW and Steve KA4CZL both reported they had 5KW generators and they would donate them to the club. Paul K4PGM made a motion to accept the donations of both generators and the motion passed. Ryan KN4WNH will make any repairs needed on the generators. Van N4ERM said the NC QSO party will be March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will be operating as mixed low power station but there will be no longer be a category for North Carolina clubs. There was some discussion and the club will still operate. Van will get us two cabins at Smith Lake for the competition. There will be no bonus stations, but there will be 7 1x1 stations. Carl K4CFB and Mike K4JWX moved to take the cabins and the motion carried. George KM4ODS gave a recap on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of K4MN. He reported that all contacts have been posted on QRZ, and LOTW. Chuck KJ4RV had an extra qsl cards for anyone that wanted one. George KM4ODS is now the 10-10 point of contact and reported that on February 1

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and 2 would be the Winter SSB contest, and said he will try to get the local 10-10 nets changed to a couple weekdays and after the 2m Evening nets to get more participation.

David KR4OE recapped the Annual Eating Meeting and said the Marty W4MLW has taken over the door prizes. David KR4OE reported that this weekend is the Winter Field day if anyone would like to participate. David KR4OE appointed Chuck KJ4RV and Bob W4WHV to conduct the annual audit of club property, they will report at the February meeting.

**Program:** Dale AK4YS gave the program for this evening addressing new hams and new members. What do I do next? We had 4 guests, 6 technicians, 5 of these had radios. If you have questions, come visit any of our members with general or above tickets, and operate with them to get a feel for ham radio.

We will set up a station at the Cumberland County Shrine Club for anyone wishing to participate with the 10-10 SSB contest. For more information see the ARRL and CFARS websites at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org) and [www.cfarsnc.org](http://www.cfarsnc.org)

**Door Prize Drawing:** Marty W4MLW drew numbers for the door prize drawing. David KR4OE donated a Kobalt razor knife which was won by Ron K4FET.

Jim KI4YRH and Bobbi N4KAY moved to adjourn the meeting and David KR4OE closed the meeting at 8:45 pm. By vote the motion carried.

Submitted:

Bill KJ4OFD, Recorder

We had 37 members and 5 guests present.

## *Upcoming Hamfests*

**March 13, 2020**

Charlotte Hamfest  
Concord, North Carolina  
[charlottehamfest.com](http://charlottehamfest.com)

**April 11, 2020**

Raleigh Hamfest  
Raleigh, North Carolina  
[rarsfest.com](http://rarsfest.com)

## *VE Testing*

CFARS will be conducting VE Testing again in 2020. Testing is held at Methodist University.

March 21, 2020

June 13, 2020

October 10, 2020

Check in begins at 9:00 am

Testing begins at 9:30 am

If you have any questions, please contact Pat by email at [n4ughpat@aol.com](mailto:n4ughpat@aol.com) or phone 425-8994.

