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The President's Corner: David KR4OE

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020. However before I move forward to the New Year I would like to look in the rear view mirror and thank all who attended the CFARS Christmas Dinner. A great time of fun, food, and fellowship and some lucky folks got to leave with some nice Christmas gifts. CFARS had a great 2019. We again picked up another first place finish in the NC QSO Party, a very successful Field Day, another great Swapfest and probably the biggest accomplishment of the year was the relocation of the CFARS repeaters. Those machines sure are sounding great and coverage has never been better. CFARS celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary with a weeklong on the air special event station. These were just some of the highlights.

So here we are now in 2020 and for those of you with good eyesight the good ole eye doctor says you have 20/20 vision. A lot of us don't have 20/20 vision any longer but when it comes to this club I ask you what your vision is for CFARS as we begin 2020. Think about it and let me know. What are your ideas as we begin the next fifty year journey?

OK, we have talked about the past, the vision for the coming year and now I ask what can you do to help us move forward? Only you can answer that question but I can give you a few ideas. First off get your dues in and continue to be a member of this great club. Your dues help us fund our events such as the NC QSO Party, Field Day, insurance fees, and keep our repeaters up and running among others. Let us hear from you and you can do that in a number of ways but one way without leaving your house is get on our repeaters and talk to us. Equipment prices have never been what they are now. Thirty years ago a two meter mobile would have been upwards of four hundred dollars and now you can get a Kenwood two meter mobile for \$119.95. I know because I just bought two we gave away at the Christmas Dinner. As cheap as handhelds are these days you should never be an arms length away from one. I have two of those Chinese dual band handhelds as well as several others (you can't have to many). The Chinese handhelds were \$21.95 each so if I drop one off the pier at my place, oh well. Since we relocated our repeaters handheld coverage has been greatly extended so please join us on the air. Please join us at our monthly meetings and help us make decisions for the club as we move forward. Also come out and be with us for our operating events such as Field Day and you can also join in on our efforts in the various Ten Ten contests without even leaving your house. We have several nets so again let us hear you on them. We all know about the CFARS Evening Net and the Possum Trot Net on two meters but we do have a couple of hf nets. On weekday mornings beginning at 8:10am there is the ADY (Ain't Dead Yet) Net on 3.852 and on Tuesday and Thursday there is the CW Fix Net on 3.555 at 7:30am. I better stop rambling and move on but I think you can see where I am going.

If you are reading this and you are not a member of this club I cordially invite you to come out and join us especially if you are a ham living in Cumberland County or the surrounding area. Please feel free to contact me by email or phone and I will be more than glad to talk to you about CFARS. My cell number is listed on the ARRL website. All ham clubs need your support as well as the repeaters they sponsor. If you are not a member of a club I urge you to join one and support their efforts to keep amateur radio alive and well in North Carolina. I am member of three NC clubs as I support two clubs on the southeast coast of NC as I enjoy using the great repeaters they have on the air in that part of the state.

We have another fun filled amateur radio ahead of us so I look forward to seeing and hearing from each of you as the new year moves along. The next meeting is January 20 and there is a VE Test Session on January 11. Additionally the Winston Salem Hamfest is also January 11 where they kick off the hamfest season.

See you on the radio.
73 de kr4oe ... _ _

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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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December 2019 Club Meeting Minutes

The Christmas Annual Eating Meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at Grandsons Buffet Restaurant on Ramsey Street on Monday Evening, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm. President David KR4OE opened the meeting at 7:45 and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country. Perry N4LBB gave the Invocation. David KR4OE led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion.



David KR4OE asked Jonathan Hairr KD5ICT to stand and introduce himself and was voted for membership into

CFARS. David KR4OE introduced the officers for 2020 and thanked them for the great jobs they have been doing. He also recognized thanked all those who had a big part in the events of the past year especially those that hold a head a committee position and those members who are always there to help.

David KR4OE said to think about the following for the January meeting: new generator and the NC QSO party. After the door prizes were handed out, David KR4OE closed the meeting at 8:45. We had 45 members and several guests in attendance.

DOOR PRIZES

- Yaesu FT-Y250D Dual Band Mobile Radio
- Kenwood TM-281A 2M Mobile Radio
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- TYT TH-8600 Dual Band Mobile Radio
- TYT MDUV-380 Dual Band Analog/DMR HT
- Yaesu FT-4X Dual Band HT
- Jetstream 30A Power Supply
- Baofeng UV-6R Dual Band HT
- Baofeng UV-6R Dual Band HT
- Jetstream G5RV Antenna
- MFJ 281 External Speaker
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- Linda KC4SWY
- Ed N4ESA
- Ron KD4QMS
- Albert KI4WDX
- John W4RDU
- Bob KK4TBD
- Doug AI4EW
- Bobbi N4KAY
- Mike K4JWX
- Fred N4ZCG
- Mitch KN4UNH
- Larry N4USB

Secret Santa Gifts

- K1EL Code Keyer
- Harley Davidson Glass Decanter
- Baofeng VHF/UHF HT
- 20V 4-in-1 Combo Tool Kit
- Hand Crochet Doily/Dishrag
- Spectrum Chart
- Hand Crochet Doily/Dishrag
- World Map

- Mitch KN4UNH
- Jon KD5ICT
- Van KG6HYJ
- William KD4DCR
- Will KN4OTA
- Will KN4OTA
- Mike KN4XP
- KO4AJC Tanner

Submitted by **Bill KJ4OFD**
CFARS Recorder

Leland Strother KN4AHK - Silent Key



Leland Dewey Strother of Raeford went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at home, at the age of 65. Leland was born in Moore County on April 21, 1954, to the late Robert Dewey Strother and Bessie Rorie Strother Parks. He was preceded in death by his sister, Angela Ray. He was a member of Raeford First Baptist Church where he served as deacon, a choir member and on other committees within the church. He and his wife are the owner and operator of Strother Land Surveying in Raeford. His hobbies were amateur radio operator, skydiving and flying skydivers and riding his Harley Davidson with his wife and the Patriot Guard. Leland was a retired volunteer firefighter with the Crestline, North Raeford and Pinehill Fire Departments where he was serving on the board of directors at the time of his death. He also served on the Hoke County Board of Education for 12 years and a past president of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors. Above all enjoyed spending time and traveling with his family.

Leland is survived by his wife, Judy Daniels Strother of Raeford, NC; a daughter Amy Strother Harvey and husband Larry of Raeford, NC; a son Graham Dewey Strother and wife Ashley of Morehead City, NC; three grandchildren, Lauren Elizabeth Harvey, Lillie Grace Harvey and Avery Lynn Strother; a sister Betty Jordan of Wilson, NC; Several nieces, nephews and lots of loving family members.

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

VE Testing

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

January 11, 2020
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 or phone 425-8994.



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