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The President's Corner: David KI4W

I sure missed seeing you all at Field Day due to the circumstances but I don't know about all of you but I sure enjoyed it anyway. It was nice to be inside out of the heat but I had much rather been under the tent with my CFARS cw brothers otherwise known as "The Dream Team." Maybe they will make a tv special on us like ESPN did on the real 1992 Olympic Basketball Dream Team hihi. I had a blast here working all cw on Field Day and the pileups at times were huge. I guess that is what it is like to be a dx station and have the whole world calling you. I mainly worked 40 and 80 meters with 40 yielding the most contacts. I would have loved to work 20 but my antenna was not very efficient on that band however I did have a couple of good runs on Sunday morning on 10 and 15 meters and ended up with 440 cw contacts. I can't wait until next year. If you operated Field Day get those logs in so CFARS will get credit for them.

Last month we were able to meet in person for the first time since February. I think everyone enjoyed being together again and were rather pleased with the meeting location however we could have done without the rain. For July we will again meet at Peace Presbyterian Church. Please thank Bob WA4WHV for making the arrangements for us to use the fellowship hall there at the church. If the governor extends his order for everyone to wear a mask please bring one with you to the meeting.

As you know by now the CFARS Swapfest in August has been cancelled. That was a painful decision but given the state of affairs it was the right decision. This would have been our 22nd year so number 22 will have to wait until next year. I have been asked about alternatives to the Swapfest. One idea would be to have a Traders Net one night on our repeater or to list items on our Facebook page. Other options are the monthly newsletter or email your items to our newsletter editor and let him compile the list and email them out. This works well for one of the national qrp cw groups which some of us are members. We will talk about it at the meeting so let's hear your input.

Since the last meeting CFARS lost one of our most active members on the hf bands. We lost Gene Tyree N4ANV who was the best ssb operator I have seen operate. There was always a friendly rivalry between the cw station and ssb station at Field Day. When Gene showed up the qso count at the ssb station skyrocketed. Gene could run a hundred contacts an hour with no problem. It was a treat just to sit back and watch him operate. Gene was also an avid dxer with a country count well over 300 and he had pretty much worked all the countries in the world. Additionally Gene was very active with the county hunters and was a member of the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club(MARAC). Gene has worked every county in the United States if memory serves me correct three times over. If that weren't enough Gene had also transmitted from just about county in the United States. I worked Gene all around the country and I thought that was pretty neat. Gene was also active in the Ten Ten ssb contests however there was one particular Ten Ten CW Contest back around 1994 or so give or take a year and Gene wanted to work a cw contest. Gene ordered an AEA Morse Machine Three. If you are familiar with these this is one of the best or maybe the best memory keyer ever made. They are no longer made and are highly coveted. Well Gene ordered one just to work that

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(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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June 2020 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at Peace Presbyterian Church located at 3203 Ramsey Street at 7:30 pm, Monday evening, June 15, 2020.

President David KI4W opened the meeting and welcomed all for coming, and thanked Bob WA4WHV for making arrangements for us to use the church for our meeting. David KI4W led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Paul K4PGM gave the invocation. David KI4W led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion.



David KI4W asked if all had an opportunity to peruse the minutes of last month's meeting. Marty W4MLW corrected the minutes of last month's meeting to indicate that Ron KD4QMS donated the batteries for the door prize and moved to accept the minutes of the February meeting. Jim KI4YRH made the second, and the motion carried to accept the minutes as corrected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Chuck KJ4RV gave the Treasurer's report, we had money, we collected some dues, we spent some money for the website fees, and we have money left in the bank.

Net Manager: These are our repeaters, let's make the best use of them we can.

April vs May
 QNI 1055 | 872
 QTC 30 | 32
 QND 1319 | 1257

Health & Welfare: Carl K4CFB was not available for the Health and Welfare. Elton W4VGW has had hip replacement surgery. William KI4QBI had rotator cuff surgery. Bill Kelchner KU4W passed away since our last meeting. Let's keep our friends and families in our prayers.

Repeater: Ben KM4ODT gave the Repeater Manager report. The repeaters are working fine; the 6m repeater is still a work in progress.

Membership: David KI4W gave the membership report. We have 114 members currently.

AF4NR	Donald Thomas	Life Member	
KD4GAA	Yoshiko Todd	Life Member	
NI4SR	Stephen Russ	Honorary Life Member	
K4CFB Carl Beane			
KB4LOA	Hector Ganzalez		KK4FKR Gary Wood
KO4AJC	Tanner Staley		KO4AJD Jay Staley
W4EKO	Christopher Loranger		WN4JIF Jill Crafford

David KI4W asked the following hams to come to the front and introduce themselves, which they did in fine fashion.

K4DOL	Jeffrey Carroll	KO4BEP	Kevin Nord
W4LEA	Leanne Bulger	KN4JUY	Jeremy Gilchrist

Marty W4MLW moved to accept them as new members, second by Fred N4ZCG and they were accepted as new members.

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Swapfest: David KI4W mentioned that all the hamfests in the state thus far have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the closing of businesses and said we should cancel our Swapfest in August for the same reason. There was some discussion about whether to proceed or cancel. Paul K4PGM moved to table the discussion and a decision was made to wait until the Governors announcement later this month on the next phase of reopening the state..

Emergency Coordinator: Mike K4JWX reported there was nothing current concerning Emergency Preparedness, but that we still needed to do shelter checks, but due to the shutdown this is not currently possible.

Newsletter: Mike KN4XP spoke about the CFARS Newsletter, invited anyone with articles or ideas to get up with him to have them included in future newsletters. He indicated that he has had several emails bouncing back. If you are not getting the newsletter contact him at cfars_newsletter@gmail.com to get on the distribution list.

Public Relations: Marty W4MLW, our public relations chair is sending letters and invitations to various print and media outlets inviting them to Field Day. He is also sending letters inviting our government officials to the Field Day.

VE Testing: Pat N4UGH has cancelled VE Testing for the past several months due to the current health situation. Our next VE session may be at the Swapfest in August if it happens, otherwise the next testing session will be October 10th.

Field Day: David KI4W presented some options: RARS has cancelled their Field Day, and have set up member competition between theirs. Methodist still iffy for Field Day, Public not allowed at University. A second option is to have it at the Cumberland County Shrine Club. Discussion followed: Paul K4PGM recommended to book club for advertising, etc. Marty W4MLW ditto Paul maybe donate to CCSC if Methodist a no-go David KB4FXC reserve club is a great idea. Larry N4USB has 2 20x20 frame tents and we could set up barriers just in case needed. Perry N4LBB is in favor of club. George KM4ODT moved to accept shrine club Marty W4MLW 2nd David KI4W called for a vote and we will go with the Shrine Club if Methodist University falls through. Dale AK4YS updated the Governor's phase 2 gathering to no more than 50 persons. David KI4W will get up with George KM4ODS to look over shrine club for antenna placement and station sites.

Public Relations: Marty W4MLW asked all to visit the club's website. He gave kudos to Steve KI4EZL for the great job. He also said Facebook is a good place to look for information.

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Webmaster: Steve KI4EZL was not present for the Webmaster report. The fees for the next year have been paid. If you have anything to submit for inclusion on the website, contact him at webmaster@cfarsnc.org

Possum Trot Net: Ron K4FET talked about the Possum Trot Net, we are currently having around 50 checkins for the Possum Trot Net each morning. Remember that if you don't have your very own coveted Possum Trot number one can be obtained by checking into the Possum Trot net every morning, Monday thru Friday between 5:00 - 7:00 am. 5 checkins in a row, or 10 checkins scattered will give you your very own Possum Trot number, and a certificate suitable for hanging on the south wall of your shack.

Old Business: Old Generators - Ryan KN4WNH has ordered parts and trying to find someone local for special parts for the generator he has. Marty W4MLW has his old generator getting checked out. Needs to get serial number to KJ4RV. He also has a 5kw Kawasaki if the others are not working. If the generators are working get them to Van KG6HYJ the week prior or sooner. 10-10 - George KM4ODS says we can

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reschedule 10-10 nets when we decide ssb one week cw the next. Contest results are in we won. Top call area 4. No 1 chapter. Thanks for 12 people who listed 10 are in the top 10. He reported the Stay-at-home stir crazy contest winners. Fred N4ZCG won. John KF4JDR won technician Winners are getting a DX Engineering gift certificate. Meetings - David KI4W has been in touch frequently with contact at Methodist University. All depends on governor action. There may be an in-person meeting in June possibly depending on governor actions between now and then. Chuck KJ4RV has generator available as well. New Additions for members: James Conrad N4WFP is not on spreadsheet. George KM4ODS will honcho Field Day. Question re: Is the GOTA station necessary if there is no public? Larry N4USB some are going GOTA. John KN4JDR suggested by invitation only? KF4JDR will honcho GOTA. David KI4W will check with Mike KN4XP and Bonne KF4LVF for VHF. George KM4ODS will get up with other station managers for setup sites, etc..

Old Business: George KM4ODS talked about the current status of the 10-10 chapter. We can change our nets to whenever we decide. There was some discussion and it was decided to have the 10-10 local net on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm, with SSB and CW nets alternating each week. David KI4W is still in contact with Methodist University concerning our use of the buildings, and when we may get back to our usual locations. Field Day at Methodist University is not in the cards, we will have our Field Day activities at the Cumberland County Shrine Club June 27 and 28th.

New Business: We will meet at the Peace Presbyterian Church next month.

Program: Field Day this year will be at the Cumberland County Shrine Club on Saturday June 27th and Sunday June 28th. We will start setting up on Friday June 26th at noon. George KM4ODS is the head honcho for the Field Day. Things to do: We need to get the club equipment from its current location at KU4W's place as soon as practical. Marty W4MLW is doing his part for Public Relations, inviting public officials and media outlets to come. Larry N4USB has two 20'x20' high top tents available for use. We will set them up Friday afternoon. John K4JDR will be coordinating the GOTA activities. All new hams in the past licensed in the last 12 months or hams who have been inactive are encouraged to take part with the GOTA stations. Bill KJ4OFD and Joe W3OJO will handle message traffic for Field Day. Please get with these individuals with messages to send for our points. They will also send the ARRL officials traffic. Van KG6HYJ and Ferguson KK4MCY will take on the satellite traffic and contacts. Chuck KJ4RV will handle the Solar Power situation. Educational Activities will be ad hoc, bring your children or grandchildren, your neighbors younguns and give them a taste of ham (radio). If you operate from home, send your logs to ARRL with K4MN as the club affiliation so we can get credit for your efforts. Operating from home your report will be <callsign> 1D NC There is no wifi available at the shrine club. If you need wifi bring your zumspot, your phone, for internet service. The home operator who submits the highest score will win a DX Engineering gift certificate.

Announcements: On the subject of nets, the CFARS 2m Evening net is held every evening on the 146.91 repeater at 7:00 pm. If you would like to call the net, contact the net manager Chuck KJ4RV.

Door Prize Drawing: Marty W4MLW took collections for chances to win the following fabulous prizes, and indicated that due to the lack of meetings that the pickings for the Christmas Party might be a little shy, so be as generous as you can so we can have a great Christmas. Bonne KF4LVF donated an AEA MBA-RO Morse|Baudot|RTTY|ASCII reader. This was won by Bill KJ4OFD. Ron KD4QMS donated some gel cell batteries. These were won by Will KN4OTA. Kasi Gibson one of our visitors and prospective members donated a plate of homemade brownies. These were won by Ron KD4QMS who didn't want to share. Bob WA4WHV donated a 2018 ARRL repeater directory. This was won by Jon K4JDR. Marty W4MLW thanked everyone who donated prizes and took part, and asked for donations from anyone to keep things going.

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David KI4W asked for a motion to adjourn, Mike KN4XP heartily made the motion, seconded by Jim KI4YRH. David KI4W thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 8:40 pm. Lets see everyone at Field Day! We had 34 members and 3 visitors present.

Submitted:
Bill KJ4OFD, Recorder

Gene Tyree N4ANV SK



C. Gene Tyree, beloved family man and friend, joined Jesus at the seat of the Father on Saturday, June 20, 2020. Gene was born July 8, 1939, in Cullman, AL. He was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings; his son, Clyde; and his grandson, Edward. Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Pat; son, Dallas (Jamie); daughter, Lynn, granddaughter, Julia; two great-grandsons, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and several dear friends.

Gene worked for the Civil Service for 30 years. He enjoyed many hobbies including photography, hunting, and golf. He was also an avid ham radio operator and talked to someone in every county in the United States three times over. His greatest pursuit was his relationship with his precious Savior, Jesus Christ, to whom he was faithful and loyal. He was often heard sharing his faith with both strangers and friends.

The family will receive visitors at Village Baptist Church on Wednesday from 12-1:30 with the funeral following at 1:30. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Camp Oak Hill at 1528 Oak Hill Rd, Oxford NC 27565 or online at www.campoakhill.org or Face 2 Faith, care of Village Baptist Church at

Pat Tyree KC4TBS SK

It is with great sadness we report Pat Tyree KC4TBS became a silent key on July 13, 2020. Arrangements will be announced once they are finalized.

The President's Corner: David KI4W

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particular Ten Ten CW Contest. Gene worked the contest that weekend and then packed that new keyer back in the box and said that was it for him and said it was for sale. I told him I would take it and picked it up from him one Saturday morning at breakfast. I still have it and it sure got a workout for Field Day. Gene was a Volunteer Examiner as well and had many, many test sessions to his credit. Gene was a former president of our club. Gene will be missed by CFARS and the amateur radio community.

I look forward to seeing you at the July meeting and talking to you on one of our repeaters. The repeaters are there to use and I encourage you to do so. Until next month see you on the radio.

73 de ki4w ... _ _

Items For Sale / Wanted

- TYT MD-380 440 DMR handheld \$45.00
David KI4W
- Looking for 2 or 3 tower sections.
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