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The President's Corner: David KR4OE

It appears we went straight from winter to summer with only a brief stint of spring this year. That is North Carolina weather for you. I am hearing talk on the repeater of several who have antenna and tower work going on. If you like post pictures of your results of your antenna projects and any other projects on the CFARS Facebook page and give us some ideas. Now that summer is on the way please mark your calendar for two very important CFARS events. The first is Field Day which will be held June 22-23 at our usual location at Methodist University. We will be setting up beginning around noon on June 21 so please come out and assist with the set up if you can. The second event is the 21st Annual CFARS Swapfest held at the Cumberland County Shrine Club on August 10. Information can be found on the CFARS webpage. If you need tables or any other information please contact me by email or phone.

We lost one of our life members since this column was last published. John Covington W4CC was a long time member of our club. John grew up here in Fayetteville and became a ham in his early teenage years. Although John relocated to the Charlotte area after college graduation he still very much supported CFARS and had tables at our Swapfest yearly. John was also a former North Carolina ARRL Section Manager and held various other league titles over the years. John was also a net control for many years on the North Carolina Morning Net on 3.927 which meets daily at 0745 local.

As I write this we are having a pretty good thunderstorm down here on the Intracoastal Waterway. The rain is coming down to the point where it is difficult to see across the waterway. It is the season so please remember to follow all safety rules as it applies to storms and properly taking care of your equipment and yourself.

The next club meeting is on May 20. I hope you all can be there. There are number of folks who haven't got in there 2019 club dues. If you have not paid this year you are no longer a member of CFARS so please help support amateur radio and CFARS by being a member of a club. There is strength in numbers and CFARS and is very well respected in the amateur radio community.

Until next month

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David 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

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April 2019 Club Meeting Minutes

On April 15th the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was held in Room 221 of the Science 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*. **Paul K4PGM** led the invocation. **David KR4OE** led the introductions in the usual CFARS manner.



A motion was made by **Paul K4PGM**, seconded by **Carl K4XFB**, to approve the minutes of the March meeting. By vote the motion

carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Chuck KJ4RV gave the Treasurer's report, we have money, made money, and spent money and are still solvent.

Repeater: Ben KM4ODT reported that all the repeaters were up. **David KR4OE** has been in contact with Methodist University, the tower will be taken down the end of May, after school is out for the summer. The Repeater committee will meet to make the move of the repeaters to Highsmith-Rainey before May 31.

Net Manager: Chuck KJ4RV We have had a couple of good months with the nets.

Membership: David KR4OE stated we had two new applications for membership, neither of which were present.

Newsletter: No report.

Health & Welfare: No report.

Public Information: Marty W4MLW reported he has added a reminder to the repeaters to invite all to our monthly meetings.

VE Testing: Pat N4UGH was not present for the VE Coordinator report, **David KR4OE** reported that American Legion Post 832 was having classes at their location and had many of their people who would like to join CFARS.

Swapfest: David KR4OE reminded us that our Swapfest will be held at the Cumberland County Shrine Club on August 10, 2019. **Carl K4CFB** said the swapfest was not listed on the ARRL website, but will put it in for us. Get your stuff together and lets make wonderful things happen.

Announcements: Mike KN4XP and **Steve KI4CZL** were not available for Newsletter or Website reports. Both would appreciate any input from the membership for content for either. **Mike K4JWX** was not available for the Emergency Coordinator report. **Ron K4FET** reported he has several *Possum Trot Certifikates* to give out. All you new Possums get with Ron and get your Cerifikate.

Old Business: David KR4OE reminded us that the CFARS 50th Anniversary will be in November and asked for volunteers to get the ball rolling for the anniversary, to put together a special event station, obtain a 1x1 callsign for the event, and to make arrangements to celebrate the event. **Paul K4PGM** moved that we hold the event, second by **Van KG6HYJ**. There was some discussion, we need more operators than we had for **N4B**. **Chuck KJ4RV** will make out QSL cards. A vote was held to hold the event. **Van KG6HYJ** mentioned that the tower still has some issues. He and **Bill KJ4OFD** will see that it is in working order for Field Day.

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New Business: David KR4OE received an email from NC0I regarding the USA Region 2 Radio Direction Finding Championship in Raleigh July 27 thru August 4. More information can be had at <http://ardf.us>. The RARSFest is Saturday April 20th. CFARS has two tables. Bob WA4WHV and Larry N4USB will take our stuff up and sell it there. Larry has an extra ticket, give him a call to pick it up. Van N4ERM talked about the keyer kit/soldering practice kit. The cost to members will be \$20 per kit if we order more than 10 kits, we also get free shipping. A list was passed around the room for those interested to sign up. Bob WA4WHV has invited all to his basement to build the kits. Dale AK4YS reminded all of us that the 10-10 Digital Contest will be April 27 - 28. Get your radios warmed up and let's win this one as well.

Program: Larry N4USB gave the program for the evening on the early days of Ham Radio. The presentation came from a book The World of Ham Radio: 1901-1950 by Richard A. Bartlett. He presented many of the things he found interesting.

Door Prize Drawing: Will KN4OTA drew numbers for prizes. Larry N4USB donated a Transporter Collectible and this was won by Carl K4CFB. Larry also donated a NASCAR phone which was won by Van KG6HYJ. Van N4ERM donated a multimeter which was won by Howard KZ8L. A set of ear buds was won by George KM4ODS. Paul K4PGM, George KM4ODS and Ben KM4ODT each won an iris plant, donated by the XLY of Larry N4USB.

A motion was made by Carl K4CFB, seconded by Jim KI4YRJ, to adjourn the meeting. By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. We had twenty (20) members and one (1) guest present at the meeting. The next club meeting will be May 20, 2019.

Submitted by **Bill KJ4OFD**
CFARS Recorder

Upcoming Hamfests

May 25, 2019

Durham Hamfest
Durham, North Carolina

June 15, 2019

Manassas Hamfest
Manassas Park, VA

July 6, 2019

34th Annual Firecracker Hamfest
Salisbury, North Carolina

July 20, 2019

Mid-Summer Swapfest
Cary, North Carolina

CFARS is looking for someone who has an interest in writing. If you would like to have a column in the newsletter let Mike KN4XP Editor know. It would not have to be every month. You can submit articles and photos for inclusion with your article. You may be just the person who has knowledge in an area that someone is wanting to experiment with. People are looking to branch out in amateur radio but not sure where to turn. You may be just that person. Do you operate FT-8, Six meters ssb or cw, DMR radio or have experience with station grounding. These are just a few areas you might have expertise in. So take a few minutes and drop an article for **YOUR NEWSLETTER.**

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 09:30

Dates"

June 8, 2019

August 10, 2019

October 12, 2019

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

Items For Sale

- Kenwood 480HTX \$800.00
200 Watt HF 6 thru 160
- Icom 91AD Handheld \$100.00
6 Watt Dual Band 2mtr 440mtr D-star
- Daiwa HF tuner Legal Limit \$100.00
- Zum Hot Spot \$ 50.00
- Yaesu Ft 7900 \$300.00
Dual Band 65 Watt 6 Months Old

Contact Joe W3OJO 910 366 9674
W3OJO @ TWC.COM



TYT-9000 2 Meter Mobile
(New with Box)
\$75.00

- Output Power: 10W/25W/60W
- CTCSS/DCS setting & scanning
- High/Mid/Low power selectable
- Voice compander
- Contact book
- Battery voltage display
- DTMF/2 tone/5 tone
- ANI ID
- Wide/Narrow band setting
- Channel name editing
- 200 memory channels
- FM radio
- CTCSS/DCS
- DTMF/2 Tone coder

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- LDG YT-1200 Auto Tuner for sale. \$180.00



QRPworks Side Kar Plus
\$220



K1EL WKmini USB Keyer
\$50

Contact Fred N4ZCG

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
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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!!!***