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It is that time again, or so I have been informed. Been a busy month, with a large portion of it being spent by George, KM4ODS, David Hall, KO4RKR, and myself sorting out, testing, and categorizing the equipment picked up at Chucks shack, for sale at RARSFEST later in the month. We will wrap that up towards the 2nd week of April. Oh, by the way we are still looking for volunteers to transport the totes to Raleigh on the 15th of April, and to work the tables at RARSFEST on the 16th of April.

My son and grandson came down on the 26th of March and left on 4 April. I gave him my Cushcraft 9 band vertical antenna, and a bunch of hand me downs to include one of my favorite straight CW keys (as a loan). I told him when he and I have a 13 WPM CW QSO I will give him my Elecraft KX2 transceiver. An abstract concept, at least around here, that suggests one must work for what he wants.

Hopefully we will get over the slump the PT net is in, as well as the Evening Net. There are days when the check-ins on the nets are fewer than the people that run the nets. There is a bug in my head that tells me that is backwards, but they are your nets, and what happens with them is up to you.

Log in the back of your head that Field Day is creeping up on us towards the end of June. Basically, three phases, setting up, operating, and tearing down. The setting up being the most laborious phase, (but not really bad) the operations of the three nets and breaking down. George, KM4ODS, is the head honcho and source of information this year, as well as keeping track of who volunteers for each site: GOTA, SSB, and CW. All sites need operators and loggers for a 24-hour period. The CW site will definitely be looking for CW operators.

The next meeting may be a busy one. We have three people looking at the Constitution, in a better world we should have a minimum of 5 people forming a committee to consider the entire Constitution looking beyond gender and mail/email.

Additionally, we need to try to put the equipment issues to rest. A slight break from our routine procedure is required to allow all to hear the different options there are pertaining to the composition of equipment before we will entertain any motion to accept anything. This is being done to preclude any group railroading an option through before hearing the differing opinions. As we know once a motion is made and seconded, we could wind up with baby carriages in our inventory, as I have never seen a nay vote on anything since I have been in the club. This issue is too important, as we are going to have to live with these decisions for a long time to not have the club aware of the

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different options. Fortunately, we are in a position where cost should not be the over-riding factor on the vote.

I guess I am going to cut this one short so I can get it in to the Editor.

In closing, I am fully aware that a lot of you think I am a horse's butt, however that doesn't bother me at all, as any time you are riding along in a horse drawn carriage, you get to see a lot of the horse's butt, however what you don't see is what the horse is seeing.

73 de Ron K4FET

CFARS VE Testing



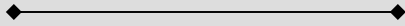
The CFARS VE Team conducted a test session on March 19th. The results of our testing yielded four (4) new technician class licenses, three (3) new general class licenses and one (1) extra class license. Congratulations to all who came out and tested. Enjoy your new privileges. Hope to work you on the bands real soon!

The next test session will be held on June 11th at the Peace Presbyterian church. The testing will take place at this location going forward.

After April 19th the cost for new licenses will be \$35.00. However, as I read the new rules, upgrade to a current license will not be charged.

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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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March 2022 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly club meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held Monday evening, March 21, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC at 7:30 pm.

President Ron K4FET called the meeting to order, welcomed all for coming, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Paul K4PGM gave the invocation. Ron K4FET led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. We had 34

members and 1 visitor present.

Ron K4FET asked if all had an opportunity to read the minutes of the last meeting, Mike K4JWX pointed out that the committee was not tasked with the purchase of hex beam antenna, the motion for radio packages was for two radios. Don KO4RKP and Dale AK4YS moved the minutes be accepted as amended and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: David KO4RKR gave the Treasurer Report, we had money, we added some money, we spent some money, and we still have money left.

Net Manager: Larry N4USB gave the Net Manager report. February was a short month, check-ins, times, and traffic were all down from the previous month.

Health & Welfare: Carl K4CFB was not present at the meeting, but sent a report. There are no new cases needing the connections with Health & Welfare to report.

Repeaters: Mike K4JWX, repeater trustee reported that the repeaters were up and doing fine business.

Membership: David KI4W, membership chairman, reported we had no new members this month, the roster has been updated and is published on the website, we currently have 112 members and have sent over 40 emails to non-renewed members asking them to renew their membership with the club.

Contesting: George KM4ODS reporting on Field Day. It is June 25 and June 26, we need a volunteer to honcho the GOTA station, they have been looking for alternate sites to hold Field Day. This year there will be two towers and two hex beams available. Hector KB4LOA will honcho the SSB station, and Ron K4FET the CW station. A question came up from Fred N4ZCG "Can you operate from home and from the club site for Field Day?" George will ask the question of ARRL.

VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC reported the recent VE Testing session had 9 testers, and resulted in 4 new technicians, 3 new generals, and 1 new extra. Congratulations to these new hams and new upgrades. The next test session will be June 18 at the Peace Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall.

Swapfest: David KI4W, Swapfest chair, is looking for table reservations for the Swapfest, it will be August 13 this year, at the Cumberland County Shrine Club, 7040 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville. Look around, see what you have to sell/trade/barter/donate...

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Public Relations: Dale AK4YS has stepped up to be the new Public Information Officer/Public Relations.

Newsletter/CFARS Web Site: No report.

Possum Trot Net: No report.

Old Business

Fred N4ZCG reported the committee for radio recommendations determined the best radio at present is the Yaesu FT-DX10, due to time constraints and current lack of stock and possible shortages, they have purchased 3 of these radios for \$4347.00 and have them in hand presently. They still are in discussion regarding power supplies (Ashton 5530AC, Jetstream 30), band pass filters, tuners. The CW station needs a long wire antenna. Another Hex Beam antenna has been ordered for the second tower. There was a bit of discussion regarding the radio purchase, the lack of a member vote to allocate the funds necessary, a need to update/revise the club bylaws and policies and procedures (specifically changing "mail" to include "email") to call for changes to be made. Van KG4HYJ called for a motion to ratify the purchase of the radios, second by David KO4RKR, and the motion carried. Paul K4PGM and Mike K4JWX called for the committee to return next month with recommendation for the club for the purchase of power supplies for the stations, and if there is a need for the bandpass filters and tuners with the new radios.

Ron K4FET reported that there was a large quantity of material removed from Chuck KJ4RV(SK) home and is being sorted and will be offered for sale at the JARSFest on April 15/16. The club has 8 tables, Ron K4FET and George KM4ODS, Fred N4ZCG and Carrie KE4DEV, will help handle the tables and sales, but still need more folks to step forward with assistance. There are presently 13 totes (heading towards 20+) of material for said JARSFest.

George KM4ODS spoke of the necessity of revising the Constitution of the club, the Bylaws and Policies and Procedures of the club, (again, specifically "mail" for notification of members, publication of the newsletter, etc.) George KM4ODS and David KO4ROG called for a committee to be established to research and establish these changes and the motion carried.

Program

David KF4FXC gave a presentation/demonstration of webSDR.org. It was interesting and informative.

Door Prize Drawing: David KI4W held the door prize drawing. The bulk of materials for this month's drawing were donated by Fred N4ZCG. Jim K4BUC won a safety harness, Paul K4PGM 2 hanks of paracord and a mini-screwdriver tool kit, Jeremy KN4JUY a Blue Microphone, Don KO4RKP a ball cap, 2 hanks of paracord, and a speaker. Ron K4FET, John W4RDU took home ball caps. Berry W4IKS took home a ball cap and a t-shirt. Billie KF4IKS took home a ball cap. Hector KB2LOA also took a ball cap and t-shirt. Norman (awaiting call sign) took home a wall map. Mike K4JWX and Bobbi N4KAY both took home Lenten Roses. Plants were also won by Jeremiah KO4VRM, Jeremy KN4JUY and Van N4ERM.

Adjournment

Fred N4ZCG and Jim KI4YRH called for us to go home, and Ron K4FET closed the meeting at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be here at Peace Presbyterian Church on April 18. We had 35 members and visitors present for the meeting.

Submitted: Bill Ivey, KJ4OFD, Recorder/Secretary

CFARS Nets

Net	Day (s)	Time Local	Band / Freq
Evening Net	Daily	1900	146.910 Repeater
Possum Trot	M - F	0500 - 0700	146.910 Repeater
ADY Net	M - F	0810	SSB 3.855
CW Fix Net	Tues / Thurs	0730	CW 3.555
PTN 10-10	Tuesday	2000	CW 28.150
PTN 10-10	Wed	2000	SSB 28.345
DMR Net	Sunday	2000	TGIF 910 Talkgroup

CFARS VE Testing

The CFARS VE team will offer VE Testing in 2022.

Testing will be held at the following location:

Cumberland County Shrine Club
7040 Ramsey Street (US Hwy 401 N)
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28311

Testing Dates

June 11
August 13
October 8

REMINDER: Exam candidates are REQUIRED to register in the FCC CORES system and receive a Federal Registration Number (FRN) before exam day. <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/user>

Upcoming Hamfests

April 16, 2022

Raleigh Hamfest
Raleigh, NC
rarsfest.org

2022 Ten-Ten QSO Party Schedule

Events	Dates	Post Mark
Spring Digital	April 23 - 24	May 2
Spring CW	May 7 - 8	May 16
Open Season	June 4 - 5	June 13
Weak Signal	July 9 - 10	July 15
Summer Phone	August 6 - 7	August 15
Sprint	October 10	October 18
Fall CW	October 15 - 16	October 24
Fall Digital	November 12 - 13	November 21

KJ4RV SK Estate Sell



23rd Annual Ole Fashioned

CFARS SwapFest

Sponsored by the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Saturday

August 13, 2022

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

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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 KI4W for tables.
Table Reservations recommended.
Tail Gating available - - also FREE!!!**