



Club Officers	2
Repeaters	2
Club Minutes	3 - 4
CFARS Nets	5
VE Testing	5
Upcoming Hamfests	5
CFARS 440 Repeater	6
CFARS VE Team In Action!	7
POTA - CFARS Style	8 - 9
CFARS Radio Outing	10

The President's Corner: Dale AK4YS

Happy thoughts of Spring. I want to thank everyone who came out to the meeting. We had a great turnout. We talked about the State QSO party and finalized planning and looking for a great turnout, good propagation and ultimately a good time. Thanks to Greg NC4GK for the coordination and planning.

Your club officers are working hard to inspire and motivate everyone, trying to build on the experience and knowledge of all the members yesterday and today.

Again, looking forward to seeing and working with all this new year. Please feel free to send me a text with questions, comments, and ideas to improve your club.

POTA:

Look to see more in the way of Parks on the Air, POTA. Looking at Mike KN4XP, he has more than 50 parks activated, 200 plus park activations, 25000+ qso's, and hunted over 3000 parks with almost 12000 hunted qso's. What did you do on POTA?

CW:

Greg NC4GK and I made a start and will continue to meet at least once a week. Tuesday @ 8pm on 28.150. Slow cw ops are welcome for a no pressure, fun time as slow and as long as you need.

Thank you.

73

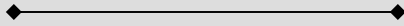
Dale AK4YS

910 723-2195

mohrd57@gmail.com

CFARS Officers

PresidentDale AK4YS mohrd57@gmail.com
 Vice Pres.....Hector KB4LOA hectorj.gonzalez@live.com
 Sec./Treas.....Bill KJ4OFD kj4ofd@arrl.net
 Recorder.....Jeremy KN4JUY jeremygilchrist4@gmail.com



Coordinators

Newsletter Editor...Mike KN4XP kn4xp@yahoo.com
 Membership.....David KI4W kr4oe@nc.rr.com
 Net Manager.....Larry N4USB lte67@charter.net
 EmergencyJohn Ray KF4JDR jdray.jr88@gmail.com
 ARRL Coordinator..David KI4W kr4oe@nc.rr.com
 Repeaters.....Mike K4JWX k4jwx@outlook.com
 Sky Warn.....Jeremiah KO4VRM jdjfbncphone@gmail.com
 Field Day.....Greg NC4GK gkhamrhead@gmail.com
 Health & Welfare...Carl K4CFB carlbeene@gmail.com
 VEC..Jim K4BUC jbuccieri@twc.com
 SwapfestDavid KI4W kr4oe@nc.rr.com
 Public Info.....Dale AK4YS dale.mohr@yahoo.com
 Contest Coord.....Vacant
 Webmaster.....

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

The Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society News is the official newsletter of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society. It is published monthly as a PDF. The newsletter is emailed monthly when the latest version is available. Please provide your email address to the Newsletter Editor. The CFARS News welcomes articles and other contributions. **Please email submissions to the newsletter to cfarsnews@gmail.com.** The Editor reserves the right to edit any and all pieces. **The submission deadline for each month's News is the last day of the preceding month.** The views expressed in the CFARS News are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor or CFARS.





March 2023 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday, March 20, 2023, in the Fellowship Hall of the Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC.

President Dale Mohr AK4YS called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Larry N4USB gave the invocation. Dale AK4YS led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 42 members and guests present.



Van N4ERM moved February's minutes be approved, Paul K4PGM seconded, and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Bill KJ4OFD gave the financial report.

Net Manager: Larry N4USB gave the net statistics.

Health & Welfare: No report.

Repeaters: Mike K4JWX and David K4FXC repeaters are working well. Greg NC4GK motioned to extend the 440 repeater's connection to 10 pm. Motion carried.

Field Day: No report.

Membership: David KI4W motioned to accept new members not present and mail their certificates. The motion was carried. Jim motioned to approve Norman K4MGZ's membership, and a membership certificate was presented.

Contesting: Greg NC4GK gave an after action review of the NC QSO party, SSB station made 773 QSOs, CW station made 488 QSOs. Appreciation given for David WO4ROG donating two coffee makers, Hector KB4LOA and Dale AK4YS's planning, Bill KJ4OFD and Fergie KK4MCY for setting up tower, David K4FXC brought computers for logging and all who pitched in for set up and tear down.

VE Coordinator: Next VE session will be August 12, 2023 at the Cumberland County Shrine Club.

Swapfest: August 12, 2023.

Public Relations: No report.

Newsletter: Any submissions please send to Mike KN4XP. cfarsnews@gmail.com

Web Site: Any submissions please send to Dale AK4YS. cfarsncweb@gmail.com or mohrd57@gmail.com

ARRL Liaison: No report.

Possum Trot Net: No report.

Skywarn: No report.

(Continued on Page 4)

(Continued from Page 3)

Old Business: K4MN QSL cards have been purchased.

New Business: None.

Program: Hector KB4LOA had a program on Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation. Hector KB4LOA reviewed the "CFARS Farewell to Winter" event at Carver's Creek State Park, the event was a success with many activating their first park with the Parks On The Air program.

Upcoming Events: April 15 "Brunch N Radio" at the John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center (7489 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, N.C. 28304).

April 16 ARRL SSB Rookie Roundup at David WO4ROG's QTH. (volunteering to host max of 5 at his QTH-coordinate with him first).

May 13 0900-1700 Singletary Lake State Park activation and Meet and Greet. (6707 N.C. 53 E., Kelly, NC 28448).

Date TBD Fox Hunt

Door Prizes: Norman K4MGZ won a dual band mobile transceiver, George KM4ODS won a calendar, Jim KI4YRH won a Swiss army knife, Larry N4USB won a fishing kit and NC WRC information packet, Greg NC4GK won books, and Bob KK4TBD won 40m traps.

Announcements: George KM4ODS presented 10-10 Possum Trot Chapter membership certificates to WO4ROG, K4PGM, KJ4OFD, NC4GK, WO4SFA with 10-10 Possum Trot Chapter numbers. Certificate of recognition given to George KM4ODS for leading the 10-10 International PT chapter. Certificate of recognitions were presented to Paul K4PGM, David WO4ROG, and Dom NC4XL for being VE's and to Nina KN4KUL, Jeremy KN4JUY, and Fergie KK4MCY for their first park activation.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. There were 42 members and guests present. Jim K4BUC motioned to adjourn, Tim KO4VEC seconded.

Submitted: Jeremy Gilchrist KN4JUY
Recorder

CFARS Upcoming Events

- April 15 "Brunch N Radio" at the John E. Pechmann Fishing Education Center (7489 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, N.C. 28304).
- April 16 ARRL SSB Rookie Roundup at David WO4ROG's QTH. (volunteering to host max of 5 at his QTH-coordinate with him first).
- May 13 0900-1700 Singletary Lake State Park activation and Meet and Greet. (6707 N.C. 53 E., Kelly, NC 28448).
- Date TBD Fox Hunt

CFARS Nets

Upcoming Hamfests

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
DMR Net	Sunday	2000	TGIF 910 Talkgroup

April 8, 2023
 Rarsfest
 Raleigh, North Carolina
 rarsfest.org

April 15, 2023
 Winston Salem Springfest
 Winston Salem, North Carolina
 w4nc.com

May 6, 2023
 Chris Keen Memorial Unfest
 Goldsboro, North Carolina
 k4cyp.com

CFARS VE Testing

The CFARS VE team, led by Jim K4BUC, will once again be administering VE exams in 2023. Here is the scheduled exam sessions.

Date	Location	Time
August 12 th 2023	Cumberland County Shrine Club 7040 Ramsey St. Fayetteville, NC 28311	9:00AM
October 14 th 2023	Peace Presbyterian Church 3203 Ramsey St. Fayetteville, NC 28301	9:00AM

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>.

Membership Dues

CFARS club dues were due no later than March. If you haven't paid your dues, you are no longer a voting member of the club and as such you will no longer receive a club newsletter. If you are a life member, you will continue to enjoy all of the benefits of club membership. Please keep in mind it takes money to keep the club up and running. There are various expenses each month. So if your dues have lapsed please contact the Club Treasurer and get back up to date. CFARS need you!!

THE CFARS 440 REPEATER***Try it and you will like it!***

Okay fellow Ham Radio Operators. I wanted to write an article regarding the CFARS 440 repeater. This repeater has not gotten a lot of press and if you are not a regular attender to the monthly meetings, you probably are not fully aware of how this repeater is linked.

Currently, it is linked to the East Coast Reflector in the mornings and there is some good content that you may enjoy.

There are two nets:

The Morning Brew from 8:00 to 9:00

The Second Cup from 9:00 to 10:00

Each of these will usually have a subject each morning and the subjects have quite a range of interest.

The following is a complete list of nets that are available on the 440 repeater.

The CFARS 440 repeater is linked as follows:

- Weekdays (except holidays): Link to the East Coast Reflector Morning
- Brew net from 8AM to 9AM. The Second Cup from 9AM to 10AM.
- Weekdays: Link to Carolina440 from 12PM until 4PM.
- Tuesday: Link to the East Coast Reflector weekly net at 8PM until about 11PM.
- Thursday: Link to the WVFHA swapnet at 8PM until completed.
- Friday: Link to the WinSystem TechNet at 9:30PM until about 11PM.

This is a great option for Operators at the Technician level to interact with folks from around the world during these nets. Give it a try and I think you will be pleased.

These club repeaters are there for your use. There is a lot of work to keep these repeaters up and operational. Please use them. The 440 repeater should be programmed as follows:

70cm K4MN
444.400/449.400E
PL Tone is 100.0

73 de Jim K4BUC

CFARS VE Team In Action

March 18, 2023, the CFARS VE Team sprang into action. The business at hand was to provide candidates the opportunity to gain their technician license or to sit for an upgrade of their current license. The test was held at Peace Presbyterian Church at 3203 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina.



Jim K4BUC, accompanied by a great team of volunteer examiners eagerly awaited the candidates arrival for testing. The candidates did come, in fact there were six (6) candidates sitting for a variety of tests.

At the end of the testing session, the results were great! We ended up with five (5) people passing exam elements. We now have two (2) new Technicians, one (1) General and two (2) new Extra class operators! Congratulations to all who had a role in this VE Test session.

Now just to wait a short time until those upgrades are in the FCC database. Until they show up, enjoy your new operating privileges with the appended call signs! The wait won't be long. Years ago when a person tested they had to wait until they had their license in hand before they could operate. Now it's a quick process.

The CFARS Team could not function without a crew of volunteers who are willing to come out and help others get licensed. If you are a general or higher class licensee and are interested in becoming a member of the VE Team, contact Jim K4BUC to find out how you can become involved.



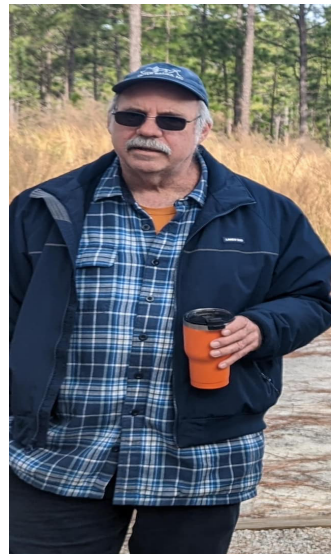
The next VE Testing session is scheduled for the CFARS Swapfest to be held at the Cumberland County Shrine Club. The Shrine Club is located at 7040 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, North Carolina. The testing will begin at 9 am.

So if you have the desire to upgrade, get in the books, look at the apps or use online methods to study for the upcoming exams. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming exam sessions.

CFARS POTA



CFARS POTA





EVERYONE is invited. You do not need to have a ham radio license. On April 15, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Special Forces Association Chapter I-XVIII. It is located at 1509 Zinnia Court, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28306. CFARS will have a POTA hunters workshop. You will be able to go from scratch on how to properly get the activators in your log. You will also have the opportunity to contact Volunteers on the Air (VOTA) sponsored by the ARRL. There will be opportunities to work DX stations. We will show you available tools and resources to assist you in your ham radio journey. All you need to bring is a paper log, pen or pencil and an eagerness to learn! We will have brunch, cold drinks and coffee on site.

For the team members willing and able to bring their portable/mobile stations the site will be open at 8:30 a.m. There will be plenty of chairs and tables on site. Nothing is too far from the parking area. It is all within walking distance. There are plenty of parking spaces on site. Bathrooms are nearby.

Yes we are thinking about you. So give us a try. Come find out how to make a difference in your Amateur Radio Career. Join us as we will continue to create some excellent memories and training opportunities to sharpen your skills.

Thanks to Don Talbot WO4SFA for giving us access to this magnificent venue.

Hope to see you there!!!