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**The President's Corner: Ron K4FET**

I guess it is time I sat down and worked on this month's presidents' message, I did this a couple of days ago, but refrained from submitting it. I wrote it the same day that CFARS members failed to rise to the occasion of indoctrinating or bringing in, not one, but three new Possum Trot candidates. I had announced several times during the net that this was going to happen, but nope, WE didn't come through. I wonder what kind of an impression we, CFARS, made on these relative newcomers to the club. That makes me feel bad, and ashamed to be part to the problem. I realize that my popularity isn't high among a segment of the club, and I know why!

This club has incredible potential to excel, but it will only realize that potential, if we all pull together as a team and make it happen. That is totally doable, it is just a frame of mind.

I sent out a message recently stating that due to a change in priorities I was going to step back from the Monday morning PT net effective the 22nd of August. I am going to amend that, the last time I will participate in the PT net is Friday, the 19th of August. I would normally make an announcement of this nature during a meeting, but due to the proximity of the meeting date and my last PT net I want to give more time for someone to step forward. This will require two people, one for Monday and one for Friday, and someone needs to step up and maintain the logs. Rest assured, I am not being run off, I refuse to put up with the juvenile actions of a fairly large contingent of the club, and like I stated earlier, this has more of an impact on the newer members than anyone else.

Again, I want to appeal to the club to step up and finish going through Chucks, KJ4RV, (SK) storage sheds and other areas. This needs to be done. There are three sheds that need going through. It will take several people a good part of a day to accomplish.

Don't forget, we have our annual Swapfest, coming up on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of August.

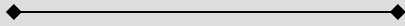
Sorry for the tone of this message, but some things just need to be said, I hope to see all at the Swapfest.

And with that I will bring this message to a close.

73 de Ron K4FET

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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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### July 2022 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday evening, July 18, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall of the Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC.

President Ron K4FET called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country. Will KN4OTA gave the invocation. Ron K4FET led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. We had 34 members present.



Van N4ERM moved the minutes be accepted as published, Carl K4CFB seconded, there was no discussion and the motion carried.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** David KO4RKR gave the Treasurers Report. We had money, we made money, we spent money, and we still have money in the checkbook.

**Net Manager:** Larry N4USB gave the Net Manager report.

**Health & Welfare:** Carl K4CFB gave the report on the Health and Welfare of the society members. He was not aware of any members that were ailing. There was some discussion regarding several of our members from earlier this year and how they were faring.

**Repeaters:** Mike K4JWX reported that the repeaters were up and continuing to do fine business. There is internet access to the repeaters, fans have been place to keep the repeaters cool. There are a few issues with linking the repeaters with the various networks. He is aware the repeaters callsign renewals are in August and is making the necessary actions.

**Field Day:** George KM4ODS will give his report later this meeting.

**Membership:** David KI4W had no new memberships to report. Remember, dues are due at the end of the year (December 31<sup>st</sup>), they are \$15 per year, and if you have not paid by March 31<sup>st</sup> of the year, you are no longer a voting member. Please see the Treasurer to pay your dues, or obtain an application to join the club.

**Contesting:** No report.

**VE Coordinator:** Jim K4BUC has had several testing sessions recently and has passed a number of new ham radio operators. He will continue this at the Swapfest. Exam fee is \$15.00 (ca\$h).

**Swapfest:** David KI4W reminded all of the Swapfest August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Cumberland County Shrine Club. If you need tables call him. We have several vendors who will be returning this year. We will be setting up tables on Friday evening @ 5:00 pm. Please be there to assist him if possible.

**Public Relations:** Dale AK4YS said all was in order. A copy of the Up and Coming with article on our Field Day adventures is at the front table.

**Newsletter:** Mike KN4XP has asked that articles for inclusion to the newsletter be submitted to cfarsnews@gmail.com.

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**Web Site:** Steve KI4EZL has asked that items for inclusion to the website be sent to him.

**ARRL Liasion:** No report.

**Possum Trot Net:** Ron K4FET said that check-ins to the net are running in the low 40's. Ron is stepping away from Possum Trot net on Mondays and needs replacement net controller for Monday mornings.

**Skywarn:** Hector KB4LOA told us a class was held in Hoke County last week and it went well. Contact him for more information about weather.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** - The club needs QSL cards for Field Day. Pete K4QFK and Jim KI4YRH will make up and print cards for immediate use. Send George KM4ODS ideas, pictures, suggestions for QSL design for K4MN cards. George KM4ODS and Ron K4FET will be at the Storage shed at 8:00 am Wednesday to arrange and inventory stuff and request assistance. Help wanted to pick up and take to Cumberland County Shrine Club items to be placed on CFARS table for sale. Jerry Cavalier N8BN needs assistance in moving and resetting his station. David KI4W has been voluntold to chair the nominating committee for the coming year. All current officers will be stepping down at the end of this year. Contact David and/or other Past Presidents to submit yourself to be an officer of the club.

### **Program**

George KM4ODS gave a recap/critique of this past Field Day. 8342 points this year vs. 6800 last year. We worked on our own power for all stations and needs this year. Friday setup was ok. The major equipment was brought in and set up. Saturday setup could have been much better. We need more folks to setup, but all was set up and ready in time for initial power checks. Operations showed we need more operators at the microphones, keyers and computers. We had some down time due to lack of operators. We need operators to put themselves on the schedule and to work their schedule. We need old hams to come and operate. We need new hams to come to field day and operate. We need visitors (we had six visitors to operate). Hector KB4LOA presented George KM4ODS with an Elmer Award (already framed and ready for hanging) for his assistance, guidance, advice, and know-how. Things for next year: another shelter, another 8' table, CHAIRS, and coax for hex beams and loop antenna.

**Door Prize Drawing:** David KI4W held the door prize drawing. George KM4ODS won the special prize drawing (for those who were present at Field Day) which was a Yaesu FT-7900 radio. George will present this to the operator from Field Day who posted the most points. This radio was donated by Becky Ward, XYL of Chuck Ward KJ4RV (SK). Rick N1GNF won a 2m circular array VHF antenna. Ron K4FET and Pete K4QFK won blueberries donated by Larry N4USB. Hector KB4LOA won a code key from KJ4RV (SK). Jeremy KN4JUY won a VHF/UHF mobile antenna. David KO4RKR won a box of Arduino pieces and parts. Jeremiah KO4VRM won book Amateur Radio Unsung Heroes. Ferguson KK4MCY won a battery charger. Don K4SFA won a monitor. David K4FXC, Ed N4ESA, Will KN4OTA, Norm K4MGZ all won hanks of 550 Paracord.

**Adjournment:** Having all the fun to be had, Ron K4FET adjourned the meeting at 8:35 pm. Our next get together will be Swapfest on August 13, 2022 at the Cumberland County Shrine Club. Our next meeting will be here on August 15, 2022.

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
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

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>**

**Estate Planning Tips for Ham Gear**

After leaving an estate sale one day, I found out that the family had thrown away hundreds of dollars' (or more) worth of ham radio equipment that didn't sell. Because of scenarios like this, it's important for us to make sure our families know what to do with our ham gear when we're gone. Here are some things you can do to help them:

- 1** Mark and label everything, including equipment manuals, so they can easily find things.
- 2** Draw a diagram of your station for your family to give to the next owner to help them successfully operate with it.
- 3** Leave instructions for your family to give to your local club, as the club will likely remove unwanted equipment without charge.
- 4** Save your technical books, as they can be very valuable to the right experimenter. The older ones are written in simpler language, and the laws of physics haven't changed.

I hope these preparations provide your family with direction, and help them understand how to handle the distribution of your radio equipment.

Patrick Hamel, W5THT  
 Long Beach, Mississippi

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*Upcoming Hamfests*

**August 13, 2022**  
 CFARS Swapfest  
 Fayetteville, NC  
 Cfarsnc.org

**September 2, 2022**  
 Shelby Hamfest  
 Shelby, NC  
 shelbyhamfest.com

## ELMERS

By  
George KM4ODS

Contained within the service of amateur radio (HAM radio), there is an unofficial group of people that help would-be hams to amateur radio. Members of this unofficial group are sometimes called “Elmers.”

This help usually comes in the form of teaching or tutoring the would-be HAM (a.k.a. potential amateur radio operator) although this is not the only function that an “Elmer” might do.

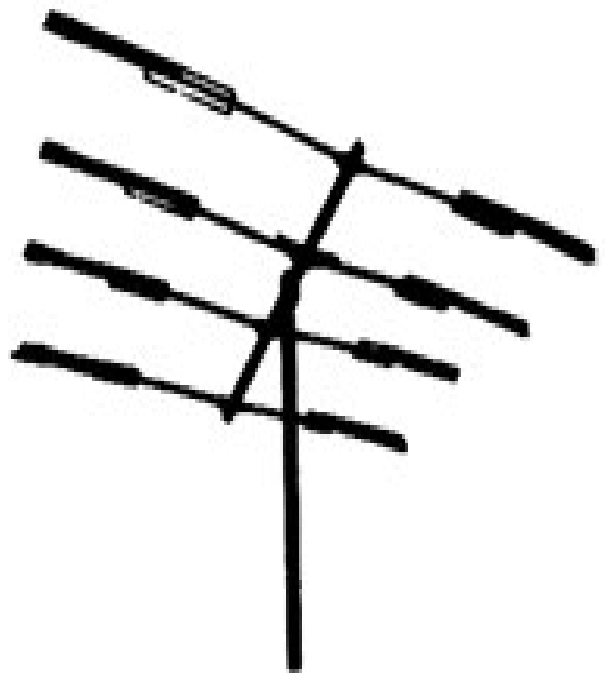
Sometimes “Elmers” help the new comer to understand the rules, taking the test to get their first license, sometimes as an advisor to the hobby.

One important thing to keep in mind is that “Elmers” are learning too, and sometimes the “Elmer” has an “Elmer” that they go to. Regardless of your length of time as a Ham, there is generally something that you have learned and do well and could assist others in whatever that subject or endeavor may be.

In short, almost everyone that is a HAM (amateur radio operator) is (or should be) an “Elmer”, because we are all friends and we help each other.

We have a lot of new Hams this year in CFARS. Have you reached out and welcomed them to the community? Do they know that you are there should they have questions, encounter obstacles or have problems?

Are you an Elmer? Are you doing your part?



*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**

**Information and Table Reservations: David KI4W kr4oe@nc.rr.com  
(910)910-624-1394**

**ARRL VE Testing: Jim K4BUC jbuccieri@twc.com  
(910)309-5218**

**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!!!**