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The President's Corner: Dale AK4YS

I want to thank everyone who came to the meeting, there was a great turnout. We talked out After Action points of the 2023 Field Day and this may turn out to be the best Field Day CFARS has ever had and all the credit goes to you.

You, as club members, voted and accepted the Constitution and By-Laws that were worked on and revamped by the committee to bring those documents up to date with the times. Thank you for your hard work.

We are continuing to move forward and active with more activities planned for August with the most important event, our SwapFest, on Aug 12th starting at 8am until 12pm.

We also are doing Singletary Lake State Park again as a POTA event and building antenna air cannons. That should be fun.

CW:

Redoubling my efforts to continue to meet at least once a week. Tuesday @ 8pm on 28.150. We are getting Walter KG4JOK, Bob WA4WHV, Greg NC4GK and myself with some short qso's to encourage learning and getting better with CW. Slow CW ops are welcome for a no pressure, fun time as slow as you need.

Again, looking forward to seeing and working with everyone this year. Please feel free to contact me with questions, comments, and ideas to improve your club.

Thank you.

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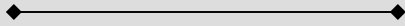
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Club Repeaters

(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 2023 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday, July 17, 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. Paul K4PGM gave the invocation. Dale AK4YS led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 38 members and guests present.



N4ESA moved June's minutes be approved, KC4ABE seconded, and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Bill KJ4OFD gave the financial report.

Net Manager: Larry N4USB communicated the net statistics to Mike KC4ABE. Mike provided the statistics.

Health & Welfare: Any information on those ill please communicate to Nina KN4KUL. Nina will follow up with Perry N4LBB who is hospitalized.

Repeaters: David K4FXC gave a repeater update. Repeaters are working well. 440 machine's connection times have been adjusted as discussed at last meeting.

Field Day: After action report presented by Hector KB4LOA.

Membership: There were no new members present tonight.

Contesting: No report.

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

Swapfest: August 12, 2023. Set up Friday afternoon (KI4W for details). BREAKFAST WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE CLUB.

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: Greg NC4GK is looking for volunteers to call the net mornings 0500-0700.

Skywarn: No report.

Old Business: Ed N4ESA made a motion, seconded by Juan KD2YNP, to we accept the new constitution and by-laws. By vote the motion passed.

New Business: None.

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Program: Hector KB4LOA gave an after action report for Field Day 2023.

Upcoming Events: July 22- Fox Hunt K&W cafeteria.

August 12- Swapfest & VE testing

September 9- NC State Parks on the Air (Lumber River State Park CHALK BANKS ACCESS)

October 12- JARS @ the state fair

October 13-15- The Trifecta Fall Challenge @ Singletary Lake State Park

November TBD- K4MN Special Event Station (more info to come)

December- Eatin' Meetin'

January 13-15- Winter Field Day

February 25- The NC QSO Party

Door Prizes: DON WO4SFA won a G5RV antenna, Bill KE4DER won a TYT DMR handheld, ROD KQ4FNO won a Yaesu FTM-3100R; Nina KN4KUL won several pieces of rope, Lee won several pieces of rope, Mike KN4UHL won several pieces of rope, Jeremy KN4JUY won a multimeter, Lee won a Ham Radio for Dummies book, Bob KL7NL won a stein and sticker.

50/50 Drawing: \$135 collected. Paul K4PGM had the winning ticket and donated the winnings back to the club.

Announcements: Hector KB4LOA got the ARRL Special Service Club and ARRL Affiliated Club certificates. David WO4ROG was presented the ARRL Elmer Award by KQ4FNO, KC4ABE, and KN4KUL, and KK4TBN.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM. There were thirty-eight (38) members and two (2) guests present. Norman K4MGZ motioned to adjourn.

Submitted: Jeremy Gilchrist KN4JUY
Recorder

[Recruit](#)

[Retain](#)

[Reengage](#)

Vice's Notes.

The one and only place for anything and everything HAM RADIO related for the month of August is the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society Swapfest. The set up begins Friday at 3:00PM. Then Saturday, come in and be a team player. Be hungry, shop around, and if you're ready for the challenge go downstairs and link up with [Jim Bucciari-K4BUC](#) (our Volunteer Examination Coordinator). Jerry-KO4VRM (our Skywarn Coordinator) will have an FT8 station up and running. Come in and build the face 2 face network. EVERYONE is welcome.

And we continue to coordinate, create and execute activities that promote R3 - Recruit, Retain & Re-engage ham radio operators.

We are brewing a lot for September and October so keep your Doppler's active.

[Hector J. Gonzalez](#)

The logo for KB4LOA, featuring the call letters in a stylized, blue, blocky font with a slight shadow effect.

Amateur Radio Operator

NWS Storm Spotter

Esse Quam Videri

John 15:13 *Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.*

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

Upcoming Hamfests

August 12, 2023
 CFARS Swapfest
 Fayetteville, North Carolina
 cfarsnc.org

September 1 - 3, 2023
 Shelby Hamfest
 Shelby, North Carolina
 shelbyhamfest.org

November 19, 2023
 Jarsfest
 Benson, North Carolina
 jars.net

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!!

Jim Buccieri-K4BUC (CFARS VEC)

What motivated you to get licensed? Looking at the potential future of the communications infrastructure, I decided that our family needed to have a way to communicate that is not reliant on the internet or cell phones. I looked back at Citizens Band radio for emergency communications and it seemed to be barely utilized. Ham radio was the next best choice for emergency communications. I went forward and began the licensing process.

When did you start your journey as the CFARS Volunteer Examiner Coordinator? As I began becoming more familiar with the CFARS club I came to learn that Pat N4UGH was looking to step away from her VE duties. I was only a General at the time and I expressed

an interest in assuming the responsibilities. As a result, I accelerated my studies and successfully tested for the Extra certification. I then went on to complete the VE training. All this happened in late 2020 and early 2021. Pat worked with me on a few testing sessions then I went solo beginning in late 2021.

What do you currently do with Amateur Radio? I like participating in the special events that occur throughout the year. Events such as the Route 66 and 13 colonies. I also love hunting POTA contacts. Although I am not too interested in contesting. I also love building kits and repairing radios. This usually leads to Elmer opportunities as well. I am a retired IT professional so the computer hardware/software aspect of Ham radio is also an area where I can help others.

What are the K4BUC's top three must have tools for Ham Radio? One needs a good communications go bag for portable operation. Well-constructed antennas and proper analyzer tools. This is essential when going out into the field. One needs to be able to troubleshoot any issues that may arise. Also, when working from home, the shack/radio room should be well organized and environmentally comfortable in all seasons. Also, If you are going to do any radio builds or repairs, a good ESD rated soldering station, digital volt meter and some type of magnification is very necessary.

What is your dream Parks On The Air activation? May be an exotic location, or a POTA combo? Antarctica would be a great place to activate a POTA park in my opinion. Although my interest is more in the hunting than activating, I would love to make a POTA contact with Antarctica. Also, A special thank you to "the darling old man" NC4XL and Mike KN4XP for the training in POTA. My first time activating with them was an extreme experience. They have it down to a science.

What or who inspires you to get out of bed in the morning? What usually inspires me to get out of bed in the morning is my bladder. Like many people my age, it is nature's alarm clock.

What have been your biggest ham radio achievements within the past 12 months? This question is designed to motivate others, as I know you are a doer, and remain SUPER relevant in Ham Radio. For the current Ham radio operators, it is all about being available to help in many areas. Whether it is helping with radio programming/repair or helping with various protocols like DMR or Echo link. For the person that is interested in maybe becoming a Ham, assisting with helping them understand the various steps to study, test and become a new operator.

24th Annual Ole Fashioned

CFARS SwapFest

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

Saturday

August 12, 2023

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
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(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.