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**The President's Corner: Dale AK4YS**

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE.

Thanks to everyone for a wonderful year with CFARS. I know 2024 will be also a great year.

The new officers have great plans to continue moving forward with fun and exciting events in Ham Radio.

The CFARS Officers were proud to recognize many club members for their hard work supporting the club this year. Thank You All for making this a great club.

Looking forward to seeing all at the Eatin Meetin and I know there are great door prizes to be won.

Please feel free to contact me with questions, comments, and ideas to improve your club.

Thank you.

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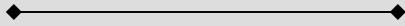
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**Club Repeaters**

(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 \$20.00. CFARS offers a lifetime membership option for \$200.00. 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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### November 2023 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday, November 20, 2023, in the Fellowship Hall of 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. Pete K4QFK gave the invocation. Dale AK4YS led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 32 members and 3 guests

present. Mike KC4ABE moved October's minutes be approved, Rod KQ4FNO seconded, and the motion carried.



#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** No report.

**Net Manager:** Larry N4USB gave the net statistics.

**Health & Welfare:** Any information on those ill please communicate to Nina KN4KUL. Please keep the following in your prayers: Bill KJ4OFD and Steve KA4CZL.

**Repeaters:** David K4FXC reported that the repeaters are working well.

**Field Day:** Still planning to use the Golfview greenway walking trail for 2024 FD.

**Membership:** David KI4W reminded that dues should be paid by March 30 for renewals.

**Contesting:** No report.

**VE Coordinator:** Next test session will be Jan 13, 2024.

**Swapfest:** Planning for next year's 25th anniversary Swapfest.

**Public Relations:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Any submissions please send to Mike KN4XP by end of month, ideally in Microsoft Word format. [cfarsnews@gmail.com](mailto:cfarsnews@gmail.com)

**Web Site:** Any submissions please send to Dale AK4YS. [cfarsncweb@gmail.com](mailto:cfarsncweb@gmail.com) or [mohrd57@gmail.com](mailto:mohrd57@gmail.com)

**ARRL Liaison:** No report.

**Possum Trot Net:** Greg NC4GK gave an update on the PT net.

**Eatin' Meetin':** December 18 at the Salvation Army, at 6:30PM, will be catered by Mission BBQ. Volunteers will be needed to set up and clean up.

**Skywarn:** No report.

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**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Ed N4ESA motioned to purchase new tires for the trailer tower at a cost of \$250. The motion carried. The motion was amended to give a budget of \$300 for tires, by Mike KC4ABE, seconded by Rod KQ4FNO. Tim KO4VEC will get the tires mounted at no cost.

**Program:** None

**Upcoming Events:**

- December 2 - Hope Mills Christmas Parade
- December 18 - Eatin' Meetin' at TBD.
- January 13-15 - Winter Field Day
- February 25 - The NC QSO Party

**Door Prizes:** Larry N4USB won a pelican case, Greg NC4GK won a pelican case, Mike KN4XP won a computer speaker, Hector KB4LOA won a Hi-Q screwdriver antenna, Dale AK4YS won a piece of coax, and Pat N4UGH won a bag of walnuts.

**50/50 Drawing:** \$64 collected. Rick N1GNF had the winning ticket of \$32 and donated the money back to the club for food for winter field day.

**Announcements:** Hector KB4LOA presented awards to all who contributed to 2023 NC QSO party and 2023 Field Day. David WO4ROG presented an award to Hector KB4LOA for the 2023 CFARS Ham of the year award. David WO4ROG mentioned appreciation to Don WO4SFA for his work on the NC Veteran's Day special event station. There was PM work and some repairs made to the club trailer tower. See motion in new business for tires.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. There were 32 members and 3 guests present. Don WO4SFA motioned to adjourn. Pat N4UGH seconded.

Submitted: Jeremy Gilchrist KN4JUY  
Recorder



**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*

**March 8 - 9, 2024**  
 Charlotte Hamfest  
 Concord, North Carolina  
[charlottehamfest.org](http://charlottehamfest.org)

**Rarsfest**  
 April 6, 2024  
 Raleigh, North Carolina  
[rarsfest.org](http://rarsfest.org)

**CFARS VE Testing**

**2024 VE Testing Schedule**

January 13 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Peace Presbyterian Church 3203 Ramsey St. Fayetteville, NC 28301	9:00AM
March 16 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Peace Presbyterian Church 3203 Ramsey St. Fayetteville, NC 28301	9:00AM
August 10 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Cumberland County Shrine Club 7040 Ramsey St. Fayetteville, NC 28311	9:00AM
October 12 <sup>th</sup> 2024	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>.**

### It's Time to Start Anew

We are coming up on a New Year and it is time to start training again. The year 2023 will be hard to beat. The work the club put in to getting ready for NC QSO party and Field Day really showed up big. The best scores I think I have ever seen. Plus, on the way we scored well in a lot of other contests. Well, now it is not the time to sit back and relax. It is time to get back to training our new hams and get them up to speed. It is always fun to learn more about the art of ham radio.

What I am looking for is the new hams that have not worked a contest and want to get into working with the club. Our new hams really did a great job last year and it was some fun getting them there. We did a lot of "Parks on the Air" which helped them learn how to handle a pile up. How to tune the radio. What works and what does not work. What antenna to use to fit the area you are in and that you want to reach.

While working with the new Hams, it also made me a better operator. Learning how to flow with the QSO's. Going from writing one down to getting 5 call signs at a time and getting them in the log. We also had everyone learning how to log so when their time came, they knew what to do. The NC QSO party is at the end of Feb (26-27). That will be here fast. Our tune up will be the Winter Field Day event (Jan 27-28). The WFD event is an easy event. It is easy to log and turn it in as well. It is a great place to start the journey of a new year. If you are a new ham or have been out of Ham radio for a while or have never worked in a contest. It is time to join in. Send me a note and we can start training.

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David Winfree WO4ROG



### The McCafe Award



If you are active in POTA you know there are many awards available for you to chase. Some awards are easy and others take more effort to obtain. Our very own Dom NC4XL has come up his own award. Dom always stops by McDonald's to get his coffee prior to going out on activations. Thus he has named the

award The McCafe Award. He has established an entry level that is easily achievable. All you need are fifty (50) contacts with him while he is in a POTA park. Each band counts as a different contact. You can even work him in the same park or parks multiple times to earn his award. Dom really enjoys POTA and is trying to encourage others to get active and stay active. He has other levels at five hundred (500), one thousand (1000) and fifteen hundred (1500) contacts. Chuck AE4FZ has already passed the one thousand contact level. The coins are something collectible as no one else is doing something like this.

Come join in on the fun! Let's see who can get the most contacts with NC4XL. We could have a club competition. Get your contacts and get your coins.

### From the Incoming Secretary/Treasurer

I would like to start by saying Hello and Welcome to the NewYear. I know it is early and this is the December Newsletter, but as the incoming Secretary/Treasurer. I need the club's help. I am going to be updating the club's roster and I would like the member(s) to send me their information. Provided below is what I need to update the club roster. If you could please email me (email address provided below) the information that would work out well. Please email me the information no later than the 8<sup>th</sup> of January 2024.

Your email address (that you use for FCC):

Callsign:

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

Phone #:

Life Member or Paying Member:

ARRL Member Status: Yes or No

On another topic DUES! For those that are paying member Dues is due. If you have not already paid your dues for this coming year. You are welcome to pay it at the meeting(s) that we have each month, but there is a catch. The catch is ALL DUES is due by March 31, 2024. If you do not pay the dues for the year, you will be dropped from the roster and not a member to the Best Club around CFARS!

Finally, I hope to see everyone in the New Year as this year is going to be another good year for the entire club. Looking forward to serving the GREATS Club in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

KC4ABE Mike Grant

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# CFARS EATIN' MEETING MENU

## MAIN MEATS

Pulled Pork  
Brisket  
(Memphis Belle and  
Carolina Vinegar sauces)

PRICE: 15.00 PER PLATE  
DUE AT DOOR

## SIDES

Mac and Cheese  
Green Beans  
Corn Bread

CATERED BY  
MISSION BBQ

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## DESSERTS

Assorted Bakery Items

## BEVERAGES

Sweet Tea  
Unsweetened Tea  
Bottled Water

DINNER TIME: 7 P.M.

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