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The President's Corner: Ron K4FET

Going to do a bit of rambling in this President's Message. Going to visit some ongoing club issues, as well as some new stuff, a bit of which is my philosophical take on this wonderful hobby we all share.

First a few my deep feelings about Ham operations. Be proud, tell the Ham world who you are. About the only way you can accomplish this is through your profile on QRZ. It tears my heart up when I look someone up on QRZ and there is nothing there to see. Surely everybody can give a quick rundown on their venture into Ham Radio. Just a *who, what, when, where, and why*, could suffice. If nothing else, it should speak to your interest in the hobby and suggest your pride in what you are doing. I don't care if you are a burgeoning brand-new Technician waiting for his first call sign, or a grizzled old Extra, you have a story to tell, and you should! Be loud, be proud!

Flash, just in. Wrapped up the Winter Field Day a couple of hours ago, and shortly thereafter received the following from one of my contacts: "klynn76565@aol.com <klynn76565@aol.com>

To: mcgoo1138@yahoo.com

Sun, Jan 30 at 12:21 PM

Thanks for the wfd contact. But especially, thank you for your service. I loved reading your bio. Stay safe. 73 om

Keith KC3NDU

And this is what I am talking about when I stress the QRZ biographies. It is a link in the brotherhood of Ham operators!

Another source of excitement to me is exchanging QSL cards. They, on their own, are a testament of where your Ham journey, and it is a journey you know, has taken you. It is an exchange within the brotherhood of Hams, that expresses the meeting of two stations. Again, it tells you *who, when and where* you met and the physical conditions that led you to this meeting. They are priceless, you should savor each one you get. Be proud of them, display them, go through a handful periodically, and you may find yourself back in the middle of those QSO's. I came across one the other day from, K1RAQ SK. He sent one of the first QSL cards I received. We met several times on the air and it progressed to several phone calls. He was a retired Special Forces Master Sergeant that got blown to hell in Iraq. He was terminally ill all during our exchanges. Check him out on QRZ, K1RAQ, and you can get a feel for profile pages that say something.

I make it a point to go to the QRZ profiles of every contact I make. I have been known to call others

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within the club to check out a specific QRZ page just to “share the hobby”, I am that fervent about the profile pages. In my humble opinion, if you don't have a profile in QRZ or you don't exchange QSL cards, you are missing out on the essence of being a fully involved Ham Radio operator.

It doesn't matter what mode you operate on, or what your favorite means of operation are, it is radio communications, as opposed to smoke signals. We tend to banter about the chosen modes and means of deployment, but the bottom line is if you enjoy it and you derive whatever you are looking for out of the hobby, that is your cup of tea. Don't expect others to be as excited about it as you are, for you likely don't practice what the other person relishes. And the bottom-line is don't get your knickers in a twist when someone, jokingly comments on whatever your mode de Jour happens to be. We tend to take ourselves too seriously at times.

I guess the last philosophical point I want to discuss is discipline. Ham Radio, like everything else, has set rules that we are **supposed** to follow. Realize that largely due to my background, at times I tend to be rather anal when it comes to following rules. If in the middle of a contest I hear you breaking the rules of that contest, I am going to correct you on the spot! Sorry, that is who I am, and that isn't likely to change!

On a more dour note, several of us have detected a degree of discord within CFARS. The discord is coming from both club members and members of other clubs. You know who you are. All you are accomplishing is being a disruptive influence within the club. Unfortunately, the individuals concerned have never had the testes to confront the club or it's leadership with their issues. Sounds like a recipe to disrupt and create mayhem throughout the club. If at some point you got your feelings hurt, for the sake of the club, pull up your big boy pants, suck it up, and get over it, or voice your grievances in public. Grow up and knock this crap off!

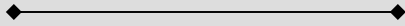
We are getting ready to enter a relatively busy (*hectic*) time of year. Changes are coming, people are being asked to step up and assume support positions that have been filled by others for years. It is time to spread the wealth. The next several months presents challenges and opportunities for the club to excel, but it will take a joint effort to do it, however it will take a concerted effort on the part of the membership to accomplish. We have the experience, talent, and wisdom to pull it off. To join in on the fun, all you need to do is step up and jump on the bandwagon.

In closing, I am looking forward to the next several months, and truly hope you are to! It is an exciting time to be a Ham operator, let's make it that way.

73 de Ron K4FET

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(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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January 2022 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm Monday evening January 17, 2022 at the Peace Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC. We had 23 members and 1 visitor present.

President Ron K4FET called the meeting to order, welcomed all for coming, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Bill KE4DER gave the invocation, and Ron K4FET led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. We had

23 members and 1 visitor present.

Ron K4FET asked if all had an opportunity to read the minutes of the last meeting, Don KO4RKP and William KF4QBI moved the minutes be accepted as published and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: David KO4RKR was not present, Ron K4FET read the Treasurer's Report. We had money, we made money, we spent money, we have money left.

Net Manager: Larry N4USB gave the Net Manager Report. Nov 835/28.2 | 25 | 932/34.0
Dec 649/20.9 | 26 | 780/31.0

Health & Welfare: Carl K4CFB was not present, he sent card to George KM4ODS.

Repeaters: Mike K4JWX reported the repeaters were all working, and reports cable installation has been completed and we need to purchase service from CenturyLink.

Membership: David KI4W was not present, but reported we have no new members, the current member list is published on the CFARSnc.org website, and the next year's dues of \$15.00 are due by the end of March.

VE Coordinator: Jim KO4INQ reported the next VE Test Session would be March 19th, location to be determined.

Swapfest: David KI4W sent a reminder that our Swapfest would be on August 13, 2022 at the Cumberland County Shrine Club.

Emergency Coordinator: David KN4USW was not present as the Emergency Coordinator and did not file a report.

Public Relations: Paul K4PGM, Public Relations was not present and did not report.

Newsletter: Mike KN4XP was not present to report on the newsletter. It is available on the cfarsnc.org website. Mike would appreciate any articles, information, pictures, input, etc. for publication in the newsletter.

CFARS Web Site: Steve KI4EZL was not present to report on the website. It is available online at cfarsnc.org

Possum Trot Net: Ron K4FET reported on the Possum Trot net. He is stepping away from the

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Tuesday net, and needs a net controller to take that net. The net is on the 2m repeater from 0500 to 0700 daily Monday thru Friday. George KM4ODS reminded all that Possum Trot Chapter of the 10-10 Net is every Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm, local.

New Business

Ron K4FET has procured cabins at Smith Lake for the Winter QSO party and has asked the club to reimburse him for the expense, this was approved by the members.

Program

Ron K4FET and George KM4ODS gave a round table discussion regarding several items pertaining to the club and club operations.

- Losses by death of club members / officers /
- Inventory and location of club equipment
- Templates for club certificates, especially New Members / Life Members / QSL Cards
- Need for new / standby net controllers, especially Tuesday morning PT Net as Ron K4FET is stepping away as controller for Tuesdays.
- Suggest a quarterly Eatin' Meetin' just to meet for fun and fellowship at location TBD (restaurant, picnic, cookout in a park, etc.)
- Revisions to the club constitution and by-laws.
- Club emailings. If you are not on the list get up with George KM4ODS or any of the officers.

Programs for the year meetings:

- February: APRS and/or Weather Satellites
- Other suggestion for other meetings are POTA/SOTA, Emergency Operations, Fox Hunting

Contest Schedule for the year:

- Winter Field Day January 29/30
- NC QSO Parts January 26/27
- 10/10 Winter SSB February 5/6

Other items discussed:

- Need Field Day Coordinator, SSB, CW, GOTA, other possible locations (Methodist may not be available)
- Need to find the club's field day equipment, (radios, bandpass filters, power supplies)

Door Prize Drawing: Marty W4MLW held the door prize drawing. They went as follows: 2X T-Shirt from Main Trading Company to Tim KO4VEC, Monitor from George KM4ODS, Speakers from George KM4ODS to Bill KE4DER, Speakers from George KM4ODS to Laird WA2COU, Speakers from George KM4ODS to Don KO4RKP, Speakers from George KM4ODS to Hector KB4LOA and a FitBit from George KM4ODS to Larry N4USB.

Adjournment

Fred N4ZCG and George KM4ODS moved to adjourn and Ron K4FET adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm.

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

March 19	August 13
June 11	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

March 12 - 13, 2022

Charlotte Hamfest
Concord, NC
charlottehamfest.org

March 19, 2022

Charleston Area Hamfest
Charleston, West Virginia
w8gk.org

March 27, 2022

Winterfest
Annadale, Virginia
viennawireless.net/wp/events/winterfest/

April 16, 2022

Raleigh Hamfest
Raleigh, NC
rarsfest.org

2022 Ten-Ten QSO Party Schedule

Events	Dates	Post Mark
Winter Phone	Feb 5 - 6	Feb 15
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