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**The President’s Corner: David WO4ROG**

Hello everyone. It is time again to get the Newsletter and find out all that has been going on with the CFARS club. We have been getting a lot done and having fun doing it.

January was the time for the Winter Field Day event. I can say that coming into the office and jumping right in to running an event was a lot of fun. With a ton of help from the club members it was easy on everyone.

We set up 4 stations, three towers, two Hex Beams, loop and an EndFed that went to my Go Box, also add in a 2m/440 vertical on top of the 100-foot tower. The 2m reached Wilmington to Rockingham! One issue we had was getting enough Operators to run all the radios. The late shift needed some back up. Please when we talk about the Events, let us know if you are planning to come out and when. It helps us put a meal plan together and lets us know when we can send someone to get some sleep. All in all, it was a very good event and the set up looked pretty good. Thank you all that helped with the event.

Next up is the NC QSO party! This is for NC bragging rights. The club has always done well at this event, and we want to give it 100%. We can do that with our club members coming out to help again. We will be putting out information about the QSO party on the net and sending out E-mails as well. We will be hosting this event back at the SF camp with WO4SFA. I hope to see you there.

Last note: I must thank the officer team for all the hard work that they are putting into the club, the committee members that are running a lot of things in the background. Net Ops, Health, Repeaters, newsletter, public information, emergency managers, SkyWarn, Membership, VEC, Web master, and contesting! I may have left one out as in the ARRL rep. Point is there is a lot of stuff to get done and this great club really helps make it happen. There is no small part.

PS: I would like to see a “History of the club” in the newsletter, and I want to encourage our club members to write up something that caught your attention about the club. It could be how the club started, a person that was a go getter in the club. Maybe right about why Thursday is Kelley Green Thursday! It is your club. Let us know your thoughts.

Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, NC QSO party, Are you Ready?

David Winfree / WO4ROG

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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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**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

**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**

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>.**



### January 2024 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday, January 15, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC.

President David Winfree WO4ROG called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Don KO4IHM gave the invocation. David WO4ROG led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 24 members

and 5 guests present. Laird WA2COU moved December's minutes be approved, N4ESA seconded, and the motion carried.



#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Treasurer:** Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.

**Net Manager:** No report.

**Health & Welfare:** Any information on those ill please communicate to Nina KN4KUL. Please keep the following in your prayers: Bill KE4DER.

**Repeaters:** David K4FXC reported that the 146.910 repeater is well, the 440 machine is down, needing a PA board. K4FXC is going to repair when he can align with the county to access the site again.

**Field Day:** No report.

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

**Contesting:** No report.

**VE Coordinator:** Jim K4BUC, anyone interested in taking the role of VE coordinator contact K4BUC.

**Swapfest:** Planning for next year's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Swapfest. 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in August.

**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:** David KI4W, will be updating ARRL website with our club numbers.

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

**NC QSO Party:** NCQSO Party: February 25, 2024

**Skywarn:** No report.

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**Event Coordinator:** Rod KQ4FNO, Winter FD will be at SF camp. Jan 27 and 28.

**Emergency Coordinator:** No report.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Club insurance runs out Jan 27. Club's insurance company will no longer insure clubs. Greg NC4GK **MOTIONED** for the club to find new insurance, Lani KQ4BVV seconded and the motion carried. Club approved the officers to find best price on insurance and buy it before the date closes out. David WO4ROG donated an Anytone AT-5888UVIII to the club to be raffled off. The club purchased 150 tickets to be sold at a price of \$10 each. Cost of tickets was \$50.00. This will profit the club \$1450.

**State of the club:** David WO4ROG. Mike KC4ABE, gave a detailed financial report for 2023. The club has put in place a search committee to find suitable replacement for the existing storage unit, to avoid a monthly payment.

**Program:** None

**Door Prizes:** Hector KB4LOA won a 10M whip, KN4JUY won a 6m whip, Don WO4SFA won a MFJ shortwave receiver, KN4JUY won a ground plane, Don KO4IHM won a phone case, David K4FXC won a CFARS patch.

**50/50 Drawing:** \$44 collected. Rod KQ4FNO had the winning ticket of \$22 and donated the money back to the club for food for WFD.

**Announcements:** Dave Phillips donated two capacitors and a belt for the trailer tower to the club. Awards - Certificate of recognition presented to David NC4XL for being number two overall in the Parks on the Air program for 2023. (not present). Certificate of recognition presented to Rick N1GNF for making contact with HP/KB4LOA at all thirty-three of his POTA activations while in Panama.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm. There were 24 members and 5 guests present. Lani KQ4BVV motioned to adjourn.

Submitted: Jeremy Gilchrist KN4JUY  
Recorder

### From the Secretary/Treasurer

I would like to start by saying hope everyone has had a good holiday season and has had a pretty good month of January.

I am sending this out again not only through the newsletter email system but also, I will be updating the Facebook post that I had posted on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. I am doing an update on the club roster which means that I am making sure that all the information (email, call signs, first and last name, address, phone numbers, member status, and ARRL status) is correct in the roster. I am still waiting for all/most of you to send me their information. If you could please take time out of your busy schedules and to just shoot me an email with the information that I am asking for I would surely appreciate it. This is also the best time to send your information because a lot of you have changed your CALL SIGNS. Also, you may have moved or changed your phone numbers. Even if you have not made any change to your information still need to have an email from you. I have found in the roster mistakes with other members that sent me their information.

So, I have made those corrections. If I do not receive the information that I am requesting, you may not in the future receive the newsletter or any correspondence from the club. Which means that you do not wish to receive information or be a member of the BEST Club in NC! **A BIG THANK YOU!** To all that have sent me their information so far.

DUES are due for those that are not a life member. Please see me at the Club Meeting(s) and I will gladly take the dues there. If you are unable to attend the meeting(s), please mail in your dues to **Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society PO Box 36106 Fayetteville, NC 28303**. We do except checks. DUES is \$20.00 for a year, and \$200.00 for life membership.

**Please email me all the information requested at the email address provided below in GREEN. Please send all the information to me no later than the 31 Mar 2024.**

Your email address (that you use for CLUB EMAIL ADDRESS):

Call sign:

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

Phone #:

Life Member or Paying Member:

ARRL Member Status: Yes or No

V/r

Mike Grant (KC4ABE)CFARS Secretary/Treasurer

**My email address: [kc4abe@gmail.com](mailto:kc4abe@gmail.com)**

## Jeremy KN4JUY



### What motivated Jeremy to get licensed?

When I was about 15 years old I was a member of the Fayetteville Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol (Squadron 007). At that time I was very interested in radio and pursued all of the communication training I could. I then met Don N4DOS, who was also a member, upon his hearing of my interest in radio he told me about amateur radio, and said that if I would go get my license he would give me a radio. Well, I halfway studied for a while and did not pass the test (as teenagers sometimes do). Regardless, the seed was planted as they say and I never forgot about ham radio. Fast forward to 2018, I decided it was time to buckle down and do

it, so I purchased an ARRL technician book and started studying. I then passed the test and have been enjoying it ever since!

### When did you start your journey as an Amateur Radio Operator?

You could say the journey started back when I was in Civil Air Patrol and we went to the Asheville squadron to a communications training seminar. At the seminar there were classes on propagation and a field event where we tasked with making an expedient emergency antenna with just what we had, which was a VHF radio, a car battery and a short piece of coax. We split the coax to make a dipole, hooked up the car battery and started hitting repeaters! I was hooked ever since.

### What do you currently do with Amateur Radio?

When not chasing a DX station or looking at the POTA spotting page to make contacts, my main focus is studying for Extra.

### What are the KN4JUY's top three must have tools for Ham Radio?

100 watts, a wire, and N3FJP! It doesn't take much to have a good time and make some contacts.

### What is your dream Parks On The Air activation?

Well I recently activated Mt. Mitchell, K-2747, and it had always been a top goal, but my dream would have to be K-0022, Denali National park.

### What or who inspires you to get out of bed in the morning?

My wife of 11 years and my three sons.

### What have been your biggest ham radio achievements within the past 12 months or maybe longer?

Hard to say, there have been many fun things, Field Day 2023, operating Maritime Mobile from Bird Island, Mt. Mitchell state park. I have a project I'm working on that will be the next big thing, TBA.

### Any ambitions, near or long-term ham radio goals?

The main focus at the time is getting my Extra. A tower and a hex beam would be nice. A project I'd like to do would be to make a tripod mount satellite tracker. Some of my much more distant lofty goals is working some EME, meteor scatter and rain scatter. We'll see, maybe some SHF is in the future.

Jeremy is our current 2024 CFARS SSB Station Chief.