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The President's Corner: David WO4ROG

Hello team members!

It's a new year and a fresh start to this year. What a great year the Club had in 2023! As the incoming President, WO4ROG, I plan on building on what we all started last year. We saw new growth in members joining and coming back to the meetings and events. The Club hosted an event every month of the year at little cost to the Club. First off, thank you very much to all that came out and opened their wallets to help fund the events. Every little bit helped. As we reflect a little on last year, we have a strong plan for what was going right and what we needed to improve on. The main thing that made a difference was our teammates that helped and made great things happen.

I must pause for a minute. I have to say what a great group of officers and committee members we had and that I look forward to working with as we move forward. From the President Dale to the Newsletter Mike. Things just happened. Like magic the newsletter showed up each month, we had Hector keeping us informed on FB- Email and the newsletter as well as having speakers at the start of each meeting. Larry kept us straight on what the nets were up to as well as Greg on the PT net. Nina did an outstanding job on health and welfare. There were just a ton of people that stepped up to help and it showed. I pray we can do the same this year.

Our first event of this year will be "Winter Field Day". I always look forward to this event just because I will not have to eat any bugs like I did doing the night shift on Field Day. I saw bugs that I did not know came out at night. But we also saw the best score we have had that I know of as a club. That happened because we worked on events every month and trained our club members to get ready for the main events. This year we are using WFD as a train up for the NC QSO party.

Right now, the plan is to have three stations up and running. We will meet up at the SF Camp and set up on Saturday morning Jan 27th. We will be talking about this at the meeting on Jan 15th. We plan on having two towers up and one 80m loop. Please take the time to read over the rules of the Winter Field Day event 2024. Then decide where you can help the club out most. I and the rest of the team hope to see you radioactive and on the air! NOTE: The WFD Club Challenge was just for 2023 and was during COVID. They are not hosting that part this year.

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Our new team of officers are ready to go and get at what lies ahead for us. We can do this because we know you will be there to help. Our job is to guide the club and keep you informed about what is coming up. The club will be club lead. It will be good as you make it. You all have something you are great at, and I want to hear about it. Think you can teach a short course on FT8, PSK or anything digital? I want to hear about it. Can you do a show and tell on CW? We need that in the club. Are you good at contesting and willing to give tips on what makes a good contester? If POTA is your cup of tea, bring it and give a demo at the meeting. If you have thoughts that you think will help the club grow. Send them to me or one of the leaderships so we can work out a plan. Most of all, let's all enjoy the year and Ham Radio.

David Winfree
WO4ROG

From the Incoming Secretary/Treasurer

I would like to start by saying Hello and Welcome to the New Year. 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 8th 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.

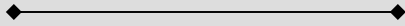
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(PL 100 Hz)

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 \$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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December 2023 Club Meeting Minutes

The Annual Eatin' Meetin' of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday, December 19, 2023, at the Salvation Army Community Center Fayetteville, NC.

President Dale Mohr AK4YS called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Larry N4USB gave the invocation. Dale AK4YS led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 32 members and 7 guests present. Mike KC4ABE moved November's minutes

be approved, Rod KQ4FNO seconded, and the motion carried.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Bill KJ4OFD gave the financial 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 the family of Richard Coker KE4UXD (SK).

Repeaters: David K4FXC reported that the 440 machine is down, he will be investigating tomorrow.

Field Day: Still planning to use the Golfview greenway walking trail for 2024 FD. Winter Field Day: Jan 27-28 24 hour event, We are working with Don WO4SFA to use SF camp for the event.

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. 2nd 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

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 gave an update on the PT net.

NC QSO Party: NCQSO Party: February 25, 2024

Skywarn: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

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Program: None

Upcoming Events:

- January 13-15 - Winter Field Day
- February 25 - The NC QSO Party

Door Prizes: Don WO4SFA won a Baofeng UV5R, Brittany Grant (KC4ABE\YL) won a Baofeng UV5R, Ed N4ESA won a Yaesu FT-60, Pam KO4EHI won an Anytone tri-band, David K4FXC won a TYT TH8600, and Berry W4IKS won a Yaesu FT-710 FIELD.

50/50 Drawing: None.

Announcements: Appreciation and certificates of recognition for Norman K4MGZ for use of Salvation Army building, Travis N4BEL for arranging eatin' meetin' meal. Dale AK4YS asked for volunteers for the Santa net on the CFARS repeater on Christmas Eve, Don KO4IHM volunteered.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:14PM. There were 32 members and 7 guests present. Mike KC4ABE motioned to adjourn. Rod KQ4FNO seconded.

Submitted: Jeremy Gilchrist KN4JUY
Recorder

Winter Field Day Jan 27-28th

I have been reading about the Winter Field Day Contest. We will set up at the SF camp and work three stations as in NC QSO party. (trial run). This is a 24-hour event starting on Saturday at 2pm and running to Sunday to 2pm, Jan 27-28th.

There is a WFD club Challenge. <https://winterfieldday.org/.../WFD-Club-Challenge-2023.pdf>

We can investigate that part as well and that way everyone in the club can play a part. We will discuss this at the Jan 15th meeting.

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winterfieldday.org



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

Rarsfest
 April 6, 2024
 Raleigh, North Carolina
rarsfest.org

CFARS VE Testing

2024 VE Testing Schedule

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

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