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The President's Corner: Ron K4FET

I hope everyone had a great time for the 4th of July, hopefully we will be able to celebrate Independence Day for another two hundred plus years, however history doesn't reflect kindly of the long-term durability of Democracies. Here's hoping.

Wrapped up in a word, we had a great field day last month. For the most part, those who showed up for the event made a valiant effort to excel and it showed. We wound up with the third highest cumulative point count since the scoring changed in 2014. For no more active operators than we had that speaks volumes about their dedication.

We as a club are well on the way to having three complete sets of packaged equipment for CFARS commitments and events. This has not been an easy task, yes, we encountered some speed bumps in the process hopefully they are behind us. We are well on the way to being capable of committing or deploying with 100% new and operational equipment for the first time. This was a joint effort that worked out, still some heartburn, but time sort-of cures everything. In the grand scheme of things, CFARS came out ahead.

We only had three CW operators, and three loggers, some of which were not proficient at CW. But we pulled it off. Thankfully the bands went dead for a couple of hours in the wee hours of Sunday morning. It allowed for a welcome "sit in place break" for those on shift at the time.

The Friday afternoon set up went off fairly smooth in spite of the fact that several individuals showed up when they wanted to as opposed to following the posted schedule. There was a lot of work happened in several hours thanks to the worker Bees. Every time I looked Ed Alison, N4ESA was in the middle of different projects. My rocket launcher worked much better than it did since I changed the type of reel on it, making that task a lot smoother.

And then we had the stalwarts of the operation starting out well before Field Day kicked off. We can start with George Davenport, KM40DS, who lived and breathed Field Day months out! Then we had the individual station chiefs who functioned flawlessly for the duration of the event. As well as Carl Beene, K4CFB, who not only worked the CW site, he provided several meals on Saturday and Sunday, as well as working with Fred Deem, N4ZCG, set up and run the alternate power CW station at less than 5 watts. On top of that Carl, provided the club with three large Pelican Cases to pack each teams new Radio Equipment in. David Cowart, KI4W, needing to work Field Day from home logged in a total of 537 CW contacts, a truly Herculean effort.

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I would be remiss if I didn't mention Don Talbot, WO4SFA. He was the major driving force behind approaching the town councilmen and Mayor, on behalf of soliciting their approval for our request to use the Golf Course for our Field Day. This not only was highly instrumental in the Council men and Mayor issuing the following proclamation:

Town of Hope Mills, North Carolina
Proclamation
AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR RECOGNITION DAY
June 25-26, 2022

WHEREAS, the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society will hold Field Days on June 25-26 at Golfview Greenway; and

WHEREAS, Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) have been trained to provide effective emergency communication and support; and

WHEREAS, during times of national, state, and local emergency, and for community and public events, Amateur Radio operators have provided communication resources at no cost; and

WHEREAS, amateur radio operators provide weather spotting and reporting activities through the SKYWARN program, and ham radio educational activities. Field Days are an opportunity for Hams to hone their emergency preparedness skills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jackie Warner, Mayor, of the Town of Hope Mills, NC, do hereby proclaim June 25-26 to be "*Amateur Radio Operator Recognition Day*".

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Hope Mills this 6th day of June, 2022.




JACKIE WARNER, MAYOR

Hopefully we measured up to their expectations and will be invited back for future Field Days.

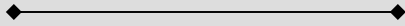
We noted who the movers and shakers who were present to make this weekend a resounding success. We noted who was there, as well as who wasn't there, and of course those who was there in body only.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to make this Field Day one of the best in recent history. Looking forward to the meeting.

73 de Ron K4FET

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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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June 2022 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly club meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held Monday evening, June 20, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC at 7:30 pm.

President Ron K4FET called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country. Paul K4PGM gave the invocation. Ron K4FET led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. We had 30 members present.



Ron K4FET asked if all had the opportunity to read the minutes of the last meeting. Van N4ERM and Jim KI4YRH moved the minutes be accepted as published.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: David KO4RKR presented the financial report. We had money, we made money, we spent money, and we have money left in the checking account.

Net Manager: Larry N4USB gave the Net Manager report. May Check-ins 623/20.09 Time 709/22.8Traffic 19

Health & Welfare: Carl K4CFB gave the Health and Welfare report. He reported all was well, Marty W4MLW was in good spirits and doing well. Ron K4FET reported that John KF4JDR had a stroke and was doing well.

Repeaters: David K4FXC reported the repeaters were up, a new fan was procured for the repeater room, and all the nets would be put into service afterwards. K4MN repeater license expires in August, Mike K4JWX is aware.

Membership: David KI4W presented Ed Frost KQ4BHC for membership. Ed introduced himself, a motion was made and seconded to accept, and Ed was accepted as a new member. Ed, welcome to CFARS.

Contesting: No report.

VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC told us the last VE Testing session was successful, thanked all who participated for their assistance, and reminded all that our next VE Testing session will be August 18 at the swapfest at the Cumberland County Shrine Club.

Swapfest: David KI4W said our Swapfest is scheduled for August 18 at the Cumberland County Shrine Club. He is taking table reservations, and asking all to get their equipment together to make this a successful and productive event. Call him for tables or details.

Public Relations: Dale AK4YS said all was in life for reporting on Field Day. Ron K4FET and Don WO4SFA have spoken with the mayor of Hope Mills, invited them to come. The mayor will be issuing a proclamation that Amateur Radio Day will be this weekend. Carl K4CFB has spoken with Up & Coming magazine and there will be coverage of our events for the paper.

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Newsletter: Mike KN4XP has asked that articles for inclusion to the newsletter be submitted to cfarsnews@gmail.com.

Web Site: Steve KI4EZL has asked that items for inclusion to the website be sent to him.

ARRL Liasion: No report.

Possam Trot Net: Ron K4FET said that checkins to the net are running in the low 40's.

Skywarn: Hector KB4LOA said that there would be a SKYWARN class at the Hoke County Fire Department on Friday at 6:30 pm. Contact him for more details or to join the class.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Program

George KM4ODS briefed the club on the timeline of events for this weekend, informed all who were responsible, the details of the weekend, and invited all to come to the event, participate, and enjoy themselves. This will be our first time on this site, our first time only on CFARS Power and Light. Lets all participate, have a good time, join with friends and family, invite your neighbors. Let's have a safe and successful weekend.

Door Prize Drawing: David KI4W held the drawing. Jeremy KN4JUY won a Pelican 1170 case. David KO4RKR won a watch. Greg NC4GK and Van N4ERM won tackleboxes. Ed N4ESA, a speaker. Ed KQ4BHC won a transistor FM radio.

Adjournment: Ron K4FET thanked all for coming, invited all to participate in Field Day this weekend and to come to our next meeting on July 18th, and closed the meeting at 8:45 pm.

There were thirty (30) members present at the club meeting.

Submitted: Bill Ivey, KJ4OFD, Recorder/Secretary

CFARS SCORE HISTORY *

2022 – 8242

*2014 New Scoring Criteria began

2021	6800
2020	9139
2019	6288
2018	6408
2017	8602
2016	6480
2015	3934
2014	5112

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

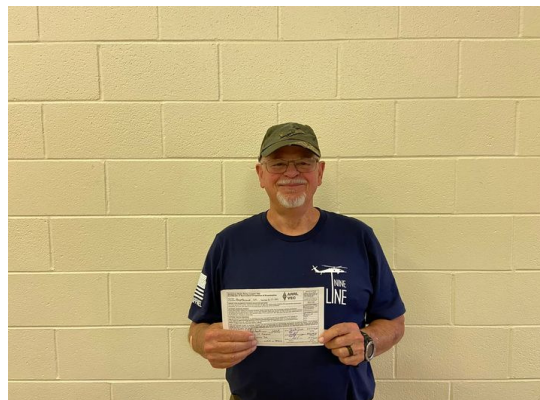
Testing Dates

August 13
 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>

VE Testing - June 2022

The CFARS VE team conducted a test session in June. Once again the ve team came together to give new and aspiring hams the opportunity to get that coveted first license or to upgrade their privileges. At the conclusion of the testing session, one (1) new technician was earned. The next test session will be held in conjunction with the CFARS Swapfest at the Cumberland County Shrine Club. Hope to see you all there!



Upcoming Hamfests

August 13, 2022

CFARS Swapfest
 Fayetteville, NC
 Cfarsnc.org

September 2, 2022

Shelby Hamfest
 Shelby, NC
 shelbyhamfest.com

CFARS Field Day 2022



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From the Chairman

I have held the position of Field Day Chairman with the expectation that the club would rally together to make these activities successful and act as catalysts to bring the members together for a common cause. After six years of holding this position, I regretfully have to say that this has not been the case. Year after year, with much prodding, poking and begging, it is always the same small group of members that seem to come together to just "make it happen". This, in my opinion, is not how a club should have to operate.

It seems that the CFARS membership is just that, a list of people who have joined a club. Members who for some reason or another feel that actual participation is fulfilled simply by attending meetings or occasionally checking in to a net. For others, and a large percentage I will say, simply joining is enough. Meeting attendance is of no importance nor is participation in club nets. I often ask myself and wonder, why people even join when they have no intention of actually doing anything for or with the club.

I have hit wall after wall and observed little interest when asking for assistance with Field Day and also NC QSO Party for that matter. It's always the same small handful of members that seem to volunteer. None of this is a new trend. It has been this way since I became a member. I attempted to change it and develop a more member involved climate, but whatever I tried or offered didn't change the status quo. It is often said, "in any club ten percent or less do all the work". I had hoped that CFARS would be different. I intended to elaborate more, but some things are just better left unsaid.

I will be stepping down as the NC QSO Party, Field Day, and Contest coordinator effective 31 July 2022. I will continue my membership in CFARS and will strive to be a productive member. However, I will not accept any leadership or committee roles. I will however, offer advice, if requested, and assist those who may fill the positions which I leave vacant. I wish the best for CFARS and hopefully others can rally the troops and have better success.

With all that being said, CONGRATULATIONS to the 10% that actually assisted and participated in this year's Field Day. GREAT JOB. You managed to obtain the 3rd highest CFARS score since the new rules and scoring methods were adopted. This is quite an accomplishment considering all the hurdles and obstacles you faced. I salute the new members that came together and really made this happen.

23rd Annual Ole Fashioned

CFARS SwapFest

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

Saturday

August 13, 2022

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 kr4oe@nc.rr.com
(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.
Tail Gating available - - also FREE!!!**