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

I hope this note finds you all well and in a cool place. Last month we worked through Field Day and man was it hot. The bands were on fire and a few times they burned out. Then they picked right back up. We had 37 club members that came out to the event and helped and that is just the ones that signed in. I think at one point I counted 45 Hams on site.

It was great team work once again by the Sections Chiefs, Tower guys, Loop guys and the VHF station as well. The VHF station on 2m/70cm had 41 contacts on simplex. That is something we did not get last year. I do not have the rest of the numbers yet, but we should have them ready by the meeting. Thank you all that helped. As I have said, there is no small part. You all are important, and this club moves on its Volunteers.

Aug will be here fast and that is our Swap Fest! I am looking forward to seeing the team in action again as we follow David's lead (KI4W) in getting the Shrine club set up for that event. On Aug 10th we will have gear to buy, sale and food. As well as VE testing for your new or upgraded license. Be sure you bring a copy of your license if you are wanting to upgrade and your FRN number if you are looking for a new license. I hope to see you all there and yes, they have AC.

It was good to see Dom at the FD event and he passed out his Two Cup coins. Video is up on Facebook, and he is also going to be one of the 13 Colonies we all will be hunting down. I always look forward to that event. Thank you, Dom, for all you do for Ham radio. If you would like to get into POTA, post up or tell us at the club meeting. There are a lot of us willing to take you out and show you the ropes.

As always CFARS is stepping up and doing great things in Ham radio. I really like the comments I was hearing during field day by other clubs, "This club is on fire"! "I got to come out to one of your meetings, this club looks like a lot of fun"! "This is one of the most active clubs around"! I am glad I am a part of it, and I cannot thank all of you enough for all you do for the club.

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WO4ROG (President)

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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

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

July 13, 2024
Firecracker Hamfest
Salisbury, North Carolina

July 20, 2024
51st Annual Cary Mid-Summer Swapfest
Cary, North Carolina
caryarc.org

August 30, 2024
68th Annual Shelby Hamfest
Shelby, North Carolina
shelbyhamfest,org

CFARS VE Testing

2024 VE Testing Schedule

August 10th 2024	Cumberland County Shrine Club 7040 Ramsey St. Fayetteville, NC 28311	9:00AM
October 12th 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.

June 2024 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday, June 17, 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. Will KN4OTA gave the invocation. David WO4ROG led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 43 members and 3 guests present. Dale AK4YS moved May's minutes be approved, Ed N4ESA seconded, and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.

Net Manager: Larry N4USB gave the net manager's report.

Health & Welfare: No report.

Repeaters: David K4FXC, the uhf repeater controller is repaired, It is not yet linked again. David will be replacing the cabinet fan before linking due to potential for over heating. Planning to get the 146.910 repeater on Echolink.

Field Day: No report.

Membership: David KI4W presented Seth Smith and Marshall Brake for approval as members. Dale AK4YS made a motion, seconded by Greg NC4BK to accept them into CFARS membership. By vote, the motion carried. Terry AG4DQ was presented with his life membership.

Contesting: No report.

VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC, next VE test session will be August 10th at the Cumberland County Shrine Club. Bring an FRN number.

Swapfest: Planning for next year's 25th anniversary Swapfest. 2nd Saturday in August.

Public Relations: Hector KB4LOA, Hope Mills Mayor Jesse Bellflowers from the Town of Hope Mills presented CFARS with Amateur radio day proclamation.

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 Jim K4BUC. Jim asked that anyone having pictures to put on the website send them to him. jbuccieri@twc.com

ARRL Liaison: David K4FXC is working with ARRL.

Possum Trot Net: Possum Trot net: Greg NC4GK, Net will remain 5:00am to 7:00am.

Skywarn: No report.

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Event Coordinator: Event Coordinator: Rod KQ4FNO, June 22-23: Field Day @ Hope Mills Golfview Greenway walking trail.

Emergency Coordinator: No report.

Old Business: SOP for the Health and Welfare officer, read by Jeremy KN4JUY. Ed N4ESA motioned to accept the description and SOP, Rick N1GNF seconded, and the motion carried. Insurance for repeaters and club radios tabled for further research.

New Business: None.

Program: Field Day 2024 planning.

Door Prizes: Don KO4IHM won an emergency radio. Seth won a 6m antenna. Mike KC4ABE won a 6m antenna. Jeremy KN4JUY won a set of CFARS coasters. Seth won a 6 pack of vitamin water. Don KO4IHM won an SD card. George KM4ODS won a cord winder, a mouse pad, and an SD card. Tim KQ4HDF won a 10m antenna. Pam KO4EHI won a belt. Lani KQ4BVV won a WWP hat. Marshall KQ4DPU won a pair of managed switches. Rod KQ4FNO won a belt and buckle. Greg NC4GK won a speaker. Don WO4SFA won a phone charger/holder. Everett won a belt and buckle. Bill KE4DER won an SD card. Jim K4BUC won a speaker. Marshall KQ4PDU won a basket of produce. Norman K4MGZ won a bag of blueberries. Everett won a visor. Lani KQ4BVV won a Field Day sticker.

50/50 Drawing: $130 collected, Rod KQ4FNO had the winning ticket of $65.

Announcements: Drawing for the Anytone radio. Mark Norton had the winning ticket. The next club fund raider drawing will be for a Yaesu FT-60 VHF/UHF handheld radio, which was donated by Ed N4ESA. The next drawing after that will be for a hamclock which was donated by Gabe KQ4QAV.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:07. There were 35 members and 8 guests present. Norman K4MGZ motioned to adjourn.

Submitted: Jeremy Gilchrist KN4JUY

From the Vice-President, KQ4FNO

Field day 2024 is over and what a time it was! First let me thank those that came out and helped set -up on Friday evening and then came back out and helped dismantle everything so quickly on Sunday night! Without this help it would have been a much longer and tiring episode. Special thanks to the newly crowned “Tent Guru” Lani, KQ4BVV, who took control and directed the layout and erection of the tent, without injury or damage to personnel or equipment. Well Done!!

Moving into the operation, I know Mike, KC4ABE is working the logs and there will be an announcement shortly I believe. To all those that called CQ, whether on SSB, CW or GOTA, thank you for your time. I do believe that the results will be as good as last year. Operation this time was so much easier thanks to Mike, KC4ABE, spraying the area for mosquitoes. The major insect concern was being bombed by June bugs. Much more pleasant than last year. Night operations should be like this!

The news of the Swapfest being cancelled has gone around the Club. A pity we didn’t know this sooner – we could have maybe saved it. Well, look forward to next year!

We will be looking for some easier activities in the future, but will hold off during the heat! Hope you all make the meeting!

Rod MacLean KQ4FNO CFARS Vice President

Activators Having Fun in the Park!!!

After activating a park, traveling on my way home, I realized that someone was activating in the park I was passing by. I looked at the spotting page to see who was at Jessups Mill Pond State Game Land.

I took the opportunity to go over and meet Tate KX4KB. Tate is local to Hope Mills but I had never met him before. We talked about the bands, radios and Parks on the Air.

Prior to leaving we exchanged contact on two meters. I knew the bands were pretty rough before I got there. I asked Tate if we could work together and get the park activated for him. Tate was appreciative for the help in activating the parks. I have an ATAS 120A mounted on my vehicle. Tate was using a randon wire in the tree. We proceeded to work the bands and different modes to accomplish getting the park activated for him.

I will not be selfish, but this was the third park I activated on that day! People are enjoying being outside in the elements and throwing a wire in a tree. Many people like to get away from home to operate as it's quieter and less distractions.

Enjoying ham radio, be it on voice or digital or cw, is fun and peaceful. Thank you Tate KX4KB for allowing me to be a part of your activation! I very much appreciate you being part of mine!

I tell people my Field Day is Every Day! Parks on the Air has given me the opportunity to experience field day every day!

Dom NC4XL
The Darling Old Man

CFARS Field Day 2024