Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society News

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The President's Corner: David WO4ROG

Hello again club, here we are in June already and getting ready for Field Day. First off let me say what a great turn out by the Club for "Museum Ships on the Air". 10 of us rode down and helped on board the ship in the radio rooms and outside in the Sunshine and cool breeze.

We all met up to eat breakfast together in Duplin. Filled up a table and had a great meal and good talk. Then we loaded up and went to the USS North Carolina. This was my third time down to the Ship and the third time I had to drive over the bridge and turn around and come back. I am starting to enjoy that ride. We helped in getting the antennas up in the park and putting up some pretty good numbers for a rough band. We took turns every 30 mins or so and had a lot of fun. CW-SSB and Digital. I was posting our call sign NI4BK on DX-Summit and other sites. Everyone that went got a chance to get on the radio. I also want to thank the members that hunted us as well. We had a lot of NC in our log.

Our next big event is coming up this month and it is pretty much our Super Bowl! We are going to need all the clubs' help to make this happen. There are a lot of roles that need to be filled and some of them you can do from home. We will be talking more about this at the next club meeting so try your best to get there. Everyone is important and can help. There is no small part.

Also, we have the Anytone ready to give away. It is programmed and ready to go with a list of the Freq that are installed in it. Some one is getting a nice radio. Next up will be the FT-60 and then a Ham Clock that Gabe is giving to the club. This is what makes CFARS a great club, all of us working together to make great things happen.

Thank you all for what you do.

David Winfree 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

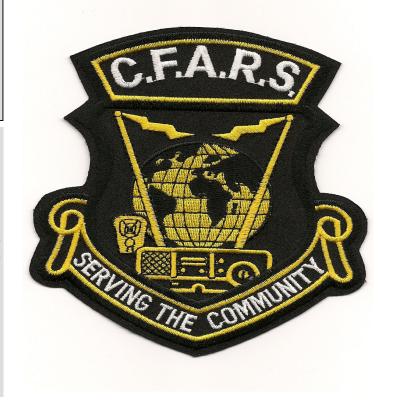
WA4FLR

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 10, 2024

25th Annual CFARS Swapfest Fayetteville, North Carolina cfarsnc.org

August 30, 2024

68th Annual Shelby Hamfest Shelby, North Carolina shelbyhamfest,org

9:00AM

CFARS VE Testing

2024 VE Testing Schedule

August 10th 2024 Cumberland County Shrine Club 9:00AM

7040 Ramsey St. Fayetteville, NC 28311

October 12th 2024 Peace Presbyterian Church

3203 Ramsey St.

Fayetteville, NC 28301

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.



May 2024 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday, May 18, 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 35 members and 8 guests present. Don WO4SFA moved April's



minutes be approved, Tim KO4VEC 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: Nina KN4KUL reported N4JAR (SK) 5-18-24. Juan NK2MC welcomed a new

baby into the family.

Repeaters: David K4FXC, should have 146.910 on Echolink before Field Day.

Field Day: No report.

Membership: David WO4ROG presented Gray Bell and Bill Wiggs for approval as members. Moved

by acclimation.

Contesting: No report.

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

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

Public Relations: Hector KB4LOA, post your ham radio activity on the CFARS Facebook page.

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: Jeremiah KO4VRM, Greg NC4GK, Skywarn class May 20, 2024 at Peace Presbyterian Church MEETING STARTS AT 7:00PM!

Event Coordinator: Event Coordinator: Rod KQ4FNO.

June 1-2: Museum Ships on the Air @ Battleship NC with Azalea ARC. June 22-23: Field Day @ Hope Mills Golfview Greenway walking trail.

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Emergency Coordinator: No report.

Old Business: SOP for the Health and Welfare officer, tabled for next month. Insurance for

repeaters and club radios tabled for further research.

New Business: None.

Program: Skywarn class by Nick Petro WX3H, Meteorologist NWS.

Door Prizes: Bill KE4DER won a 9V battery adapter Don KO4IHM won a set of throwing weights. Jeremiah N0NV won a can of herring. Ed N4ESA won a 9V battery adapter. Don KO4IHM won a can of herring.

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

Announcements: There are 21 tickets remaining on the raffle for the Anytone mobile radio. Awards presented to David WO4ROG, Jim K4BUC, and Greg NC4GK for working with the Boy Scouts Jamboree. Need members to go to the proclamation from the town of Hope Mills on June 17.

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

Submitted: Jeremy Gilchrist KN4JUY Recorder

From the Vice-President, KQ4FNO

Well, we had a great showing for the Skywarn Program. I hope you all signed up to be a Spotter. We can now feel comfortable with our banner that says we do emergency communications, because now we do and it is Skywarn!

The next good news is that 150 tickets for the triband radio have been sold and we will have the drawing at the end of our next meeting. That is \$1450.00 put into the Club's account, not a bad sum! We will be putting up a HT radio next for raffle, just working the details on that, but again it will; be money for the Club!

Museum Ships on the Air Weekend was great for CFARS, SARC and Azelea Clubs! We had 10 from CFARS/SARC down at the USS North Carolina and we were welcomed by those from the Azelea Club. It was another great day for all of us, and resulted in a lot of interest in our Clubs and how we are hoping to move forward.

Next up is Field Day, 22 to 23 June at Hope Mills "Old golf course" recreation area. We are hoping to be even better this year than last year, so the bar is set high for us all. We will be asking for help from those that cannot come out to the site, but can operate from home. There are three modes, SSB, CW, Digital, and plenty of bands, and we need contacts on them all to improve our multiplier status!

Again, I hope to see all of you at the club meeting. It is you, the attendees, that decide on where the club is going by your vote at the meetings! Be there!

Rod MacLean KQ4FNO CFARS Vice President

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Hello CFARS

This year, atmospheric conditions were challenging, particularly on Saturday, with solar flares disrupting the shortwave Amateur Radio bands, making it difficult to communicate.. Nonetheless, we tenaciously hung in there, and successfully contacted 1,102 stations. I don't have the tally yet on how many museum ships we talked to, but for this event, our primary 'mission' was to talk to Hams who were participating, and collecting contacts with the Museum Ships. According to the Battleship NJ's website, the total registration for participating ships this year was 105.

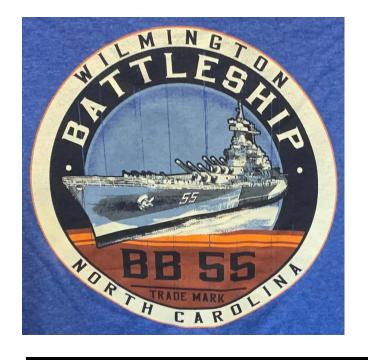
Although I don't have the tally of how many ships we spoke to ("worked", in Ham Radio parlance), yet, I can confirm we did indeed 'work' the USS Cobia on Saturday, to the delight of the team.

Below is the visual representation of our work this weekend. I could not be more pleased with the result considering the difficulties we had. This count is slightly better than what we reported last year. For the 2023 Museum Ships Weekend, we had 1,017 contacts. I was expecting the contact count to be less than last year - a very pleasant surprise. This is one of the largest single event results we've ever had on Battleship North Carolina, and our largest contact count ever for this event.

We are, of course, grateful for your partnership and support during this event, without which this accomplishment would not have been possible.

(Footnote - I posted on Social Media that we talked to a station in Hawaii - unfortunately the call sign came up as invalid - either an unfortunate typo when recording the contact, or the call sign was miss -heard. Either way, we can't make it official. Also note below the line pointing straight down is an artifact of the program that translates our activity into a map - it should be ignored. We didn't talk to Antarctica, though I sure wish we had!)

Mike Hartmann, NI2S V.P. Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club Battleship North Carolina Liaison Officer 973 219 2134(c)





25th Anniversary Edition

CFARS SwapFest

Sponsored by the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society www.cfarsnc.org
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Saturday August 10, 2024 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 Information and Table Reservations: David KI4W davidki4w@gmail.com 910-624-1394

VE Test Session Walk-ins Only Registration 9:00am Testing 9:30am ARRL VE Testing: Jim K4BUC jbuccieri@twc.com 910-309-5218

Set-up begins at 6:30am. Only vendors inside before 8:00am. 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!!!

An ARRL Sanctioned Event