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The President's Corner: Ron K4FET

It is already that time again despite the fact it is a month prior to the next meeting. There must be a better way. In the October Newsletter, I detailed a list of factors to ponder prior to volunteering for an appointment as one of the multiple Coordinators the club has. Knowing memories are short, here is a refresher:

- Am I actually qualified?
- Will my job or personnel situation be in conflict with the office?
- Am I willing to go that extra mile for the club?
- You need to have thick skin; the accolades are few and far between.

These are valid points to consider.

Some of the activities members of the club undertook recently started out with going through Chucks, KJ4RV, shack, collecting the radio-related equipment. These items will be sorted out, categorized and determining the disposition of the equipment. Some will wind up in the club's loaner program controlled by Ed, N4ESA, with the remainder being sold with the majority of the proceeds going to Chuck's widow, Becky.

Another major endeavor was the NC QSO Party, just completed yesterday. The following comment was made by me at the conclusion of the party:

To all CFARS Members,

I have a couple of cliché phrases I want to throw out for general information on the NC QSO Party. Any time you look at something, the glass is half empty or half full. This weekend from my perspective the glass runneth over. The performance of the personnel was sterling. We discovered several diamonds in the rough who really rose to the occasion. It was one of the best learning processes I have seen in ages. Life is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you have until you open them. In this case, we had a lot of chocolate-covered cherries. Everyone jumped in and gave it their all. I was impressed at the performance of virtually everyone. I truly believe everyone walked away richer. I know the club members who were there learned a lot, as did I.

73
Ron Dahle, K4FET

The cooperation, teamwork, and overall attitude surpassed anything I have seen in the four-plus years I have been in CFARS. The number of new operators and their desire to work and learn was a sight to behold. Young and old alike were performing like a well-oiled machine.

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I realize that there are those who will be critical of these comments, it is a shame they weren't there to witness it. I only saw one person walk away disgruntled, but I have never seen him like anything anyway.

We have a full plate ahead, which is good, sorting through the equipment from Chuck's shack will be a major endeavor. There are still three storage sheds we will have to get to as the time and situation allows.

And then there is a ton of ubiquitous nit noi administrative issues that are always there tugging at our coattails.

I have appointed Hector Gonzalez, KB4LOA, to assume the position of Sky Warn Coordinator. He has already started coordinating at weather central in Raleigh, I am looking forward to developments in that area.

Paul, K4PGM, terminated his position as Public Information Coordinator, so that position is vacant. Anyone interested in filling it please contact me.

I will likely submit a mass email supplement to this message as time goes on.

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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February 2022 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held Monday evening, February 21, 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, welcomed all for coming, and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Paul K4PGM gave the invocation, and a minute of silence was held for Marty W4MLW, and Ron K4FET led the

introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. We had 36 members and 3 visitors present.

Ron K4FET asked if all had an opportunity to read the minutes of the last meeting, Don KO4RKP and Dale AK4YS moved the minutes be accepted as published and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: David KO4RKR gave the Treasurer Report, we had money, we added some money, we spent some money, and we still have money left.

Net Manager: Larry N4USB gave the Net Manager Report. We have the Possum Trot net on Monday thru Friday, from 0500 - 0700 local, and the 2m Evening Net at 1900 local all on the 146.91 repeater. Thanks for the Net Controllers who keep these nets running. If you would like to be a Net Controller, get in touch with Larry to volunteer yourself.

Health & Welfare: Carl K4CFB reported on the Health and Welfare of the club. He has sent a card to Marty W4MLW to get well sooner.

Repeaters: Mike K4JWX, Repeater Trustee, reported the repeaters were all alive and well, internet had been installed to the repeater room, and that connections would be made to the various link repeaters in the near future. (The Carolina 440 net was discussed, as was All-Star and Echolink.) Internet setup to complete on February 17th.

Membership: David KO4RKR introduced new members Tim Capps KO4VEC and Thomas Blaskovich KO4SAB, who came forward and introduced themselves. Dale AK4YS and Fred N4ZCG moved to accept them as members and the motion carried.

Contesting: George KM4ODS reported Field Day this year is June 25/25, site TBD. The NC QSO party is this weekend at Smith Lake. We will start setting up at noon Saturday. The contest is from 10 am until 8 pm Sunday. Bring your own snacks, drinks, etc. Ron K4FET will be in charge of the CW station and Hector KB2LOA the SSB station.

VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC, our VE Coordinator will be conducting a VE Testing Session on Saturday morning, March 19th, 9:00 am at the Cumberland County Shrine Club, 7040 Ramsey Street, in Fayetteville.

Swapfest: David KI4W has the swapfest posted on the ARRL website and has sent the notice to the SERA Journal. Start getting your stuff together now!



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Public Relations: The Public Relations officer position is vacant, there was no report.

Newsletter/CFARS Web Site: Mike KN4XP and Steve KI4EZL are both doing fine business with the Newsletter and Website, respectively.

Possum Trot Net: Ron K4FET reported that check-ins for the Possum Trot net are currently running @ 35-42 per net.

New Business

We need some volunteers to help remove items from Chuck KJ4RV(SK) radio shack. We need to clear the items and will be there on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 10:00 am local until...to move the equipment, and to inventory and sort same. There was some discussion regarding operations with Field Day, NC QSO party, and the lack of standards for the equipment. After some discussion it was suggested that the club look into setting up 2 stations, each consisting of a radio, a tuner for said radio, a power supply for that station and a band-pass filter, all to be fitted into a convenient Pelican carrying case. Ron K4FET formed a committee consisting of Jeremy KN4JUY, David KB4XFC, Greg KK4TBC, and Fred N4ZCG, to establish which radio/tuner/filter package to purchase, given a budget of \$5000 for the purchase, with the intent that they be available for this year's Field Day Activities, and report at the March meeting. With the discussion completed regarding the radios, it was discussed that the club also purchase a second hex beam antenna and rotor, budget of \$1000. David KB4XFC and Mike K4JWX to look into purchasing.

Program

There was no program, speaker was unable to attend.

Door Prize Drawing: There was no door prize drawing, Marty W4MLW is laid up lazy, keep him in your prayers.

Adjournment

Mike K4JWX moved to go home, second by Laird WA2COU and Ron K4FET closed the meeting at 8:50 pm.

Submitted: Bill Ivey, KJ4OFD, Recorder/Secretary

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

March 19	August 13
June 11	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>

Upcoming Hamfests

March 19, 2022

Charleston Area Hamfest
Charleston, West Virginia
w8gk.org

March 27, 2022

Winterfest
Annadale, Virginia
viennawireless.net/wp/events/winterfest/

April 16, 2022

Raleigh Hamfest
Raleigh, NC
rarsfest.org

2022 Ten-Ten QSO Party Schedule

Events	Dates	Post Mark
Spring Digital	April 23 - 24	May 2
Spring CW	May 7 - 8	May 16
Open Season	June 4 - 5	June 13
Weak Signal	July 9 - 10	July 15
Summer Phone	August 6 - 7	August 15
Sprint	October 10	October 18
Fall CW	October 15 - 16	October 24
Fall Digital	November 12 - 13	November 21

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!!!**