



Club Officers / Repeaters	2
Club Dues	2
Membership	2
CFARS Nets	3
Upcoming Hamfests	3
VE Testing	3
Club Meeting Minutes	4 - 5
PT Net Interesting History	6 - 7

The President's Corner: David WO4ROG

Hello Club members! We just got done with the NC QSO Party and what a great time we had. The setup went smooth and as well as the take down. By working in phases, as one part was done, we went ahead and took down a tower. Once we were done with the EndFed we took it down and put it up. At the end of the event all that was left to do was take down the loop and we were packed up and ready to move out by 8:33. That is pretty dang good. We could make this happen because of the 35 club members that came out over the weekend. Some of you just came out to help setup, others to help take down. Some stayed the whole event. It was good to sit outside at the tables and listen to Hams talking about ham radio.

We had a really nice cookout on Saturday, hamburgers, hotdogs and pork chops. We also had cookies and chips and more than we really needed for Saturday. Thank you everyone that reached in their pockets and helped support the event. On Sunday we had a food truck come out and serve us B-QUE and man was it good. We will see if the club wants to invite them back for Field Day.

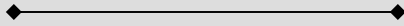
We had two stations set up to be on the air and the CW station as well as the SSB once again did a great job. Both were over 500 QSOs and we had more Multipliers than we had last year. The bands were a little slow at times, but we put up some good numbers. We also got all the bonus stations as well. I will post up numbers when I get them back to me.

This club works because of the Hams that come and help. There are way to many to thank here, but know that it makes a difference between a event and a knock it out the park event. It is a honor to serve and help this club. I am looking forward to Field Day and see what we can do there.

David Winfree / WO4ROG

CFARS Officers

PresidentDavid WO4ROG davidwinfree02@gmail.com
 Vice Pres.....Rod KQ4FNO kq4fnq@gmail.com
 Sec./Treas.....Mike KC4ABE diversoul40@gmail.net
 Recorder.....Jeremy KN4KUL jeremygilchrist4@gmail.com



Coordinators

Newsletter Editor...Mike KN4XP kn4xp@yahoo.com
 Membership.....David KI4W davidki4w@gmail.com
 Net Manager.....Larry N4USB lte67@charter.net
 Emergency

ARRL Coordinator..David KI4W davidki4w@gmail.com
 Repeaters.....David K4FXC kb4fxc@inttek.net
 Sky Warn.....Jeremiah KO4VRM jdjfbncphone@gmail.com
 Field Day.....Mike KC4ABE diversoul40@gmail.com
 Health & Welfare...Nina KN4KUL kn4kul@gmail.com
 VEC..Jim K4BUC jbuccierie@twc.com
 SwapfestDavid KI4W davidki4w@gmail.com
 Public Info.....Dale AK4YS mohrd57@gmail.com
 Contest Coord.....Juan NK2MC jserra131@gmail.com
 Webmaster.....Dale AK4YS mohrd57@gmail.com

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



The Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society News is the official newsletter of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society. It is published monthly as a PDF. The newsletter is emailed monthly when the latest version is available. Please provide your email address to the Newsletter Editor. The CFARS News welcomes articles and other contributions. **Please email submissions to the newsletter to cfarsnews@gmail.com.** The Editor reserves the right to edit any and all pieces. **The submission deadline for each month's News is the last day of the preceding month.** The views expressed in the CFARS News are those of the individual authors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editor or CFARS.

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

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

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>.



February 2024 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday, February 19, 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. Larry N4USB gave the invocation. David WO4ROG led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 31 members

and 2 guests present. Paul K4PGM moved December'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: Any information on those ill please communicate to Nina KN4KUL. Please keep the following in your prayers: Steve KA4CZL.

Repeaters: David K4FXC no report.

Field Day: No report.

Membership: David KI4W reminded that dues should be paid by March 31st for renewals. Two members were presented for membership, Brian KQ4IIX and Michael KN4UHI. Bill KJ4OFD motioned to accept them as members, Tim KQ4HDF seconded.

Contesting: Juan NK2MC volunteered to take the position of contest coordinator.

VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC, next VE test session will be March 16th. Bring an FRN number.

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

Public Relations: Dale AK4YS, Hector KB4LOA, please continue to engage by posting 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 Dale AK4YS. cfarsncweb@gmail.com or mohrd57@gmail.com

ARRL Liaison: No report.

Possum Trot Net: Possum Trot net: Paul K4PGM commented on moving the PT net from 5:00 to 7:00am to 6:00 to 7:00am. Discussion is tabled until Greg NC4GK is present to give recommendation.

(Continued on Page 5)

(Continued from Page 4)

NC QSO Party: NCQSO Party: February 25, 2024

Skywarn: No report.

Event Coordinator: NC QSO party will be at Special Forces Association. 1509 Zinnia Ct. Fayetteville, NC. Setup will be at 9:00AM Saturday, February 24. Planned POTA activity at Carver's Creek State park, or Lake Rim Multiple Use Area. 3rd weekend of April. ARRL Zoom meeting with Bill N2COP, date TBD, could be joined from home with a link to the meeting.

Emergency Coordinator: No report.

Old Business: Rod KQ4FNO gave update on the club's insurance policy. New total for insurance annually is \$200.00 (liability) and \$73.08 (club radios). There was a mention of an insurance policy for the club repeaters, that would have to be an additional policy as repeaters are not covered.

New Business: We owe Peace Presbyterian Church for facility use (\$350 back pay to current), this was originally agreed to be paid as this was the rate given to Methodist University when CFARS was meeting there. Don WO4SFA motioned to pay the church, KO4VEC seconded. The motion carried.

State of the club: David WO4ROG. Mike KC4ABE, gave a detailed financial report for 2023. The club has put in place a search committee to find suitable replacement for the existing storage unit, to avoid a monthly payment.

Program: Outline for the North Carolina QSO Party.

Door Prizes: Nina KN4KUL won a 10m antenna, Larry N4USB won a 10m antenna, K4TTN won a Grundig shortwave receiver, Rod KQ4FNO won a 6m antenna, Don WO4SFA won a 6m antenna, Don WO4SFA won a bag of black walnuts, Pete K4QFK won a bag of black walnuts, Mike KN4UHI won a ticket for the Anytone drawing, Don WO4SFA won a bag of black walnuts, Mike KB1UOE won an MFJ model 8100 shortwave radio.

50/50 Drawing: \$142 collected. Don WO4SFA had the winning ticket of \$71, which was used to purchase raffle tickets for the Anytone radio.

Announcements: Equipment of K4BKG (SK) is up for sale. "DC" is POC- 910-366-0865. 56 tickets for Anytone raffle have been sold. \$560 have been raised from the fundraiser thus far.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm. There were 31 members and 2 guests present. Norman K4MGZ motioned to adjourn.

Submitted: Jeremy Gilchrist KN4JUY
Recorder

The Origin of “Kelly Green Thursday” and Other Things Possum Trot You Might Wonder About or Not

It has been asked by some members why we call Thursdays “Kelly Green Thursday.” Kelly N4EWG was the net control station for the Thursday edition of the Possum Trot Net for many years. He was also the net control for evening net on Thursdays. Kelly being an Irish name and green being an Irish color thus Thursdays became known as Kelly Green Thursday. The term was coined by Chuck KJ4RV who named all the days of the week for the Possum Trot and it carried over to the evening net as well but not so much anymore as there are less of us around these days. More on that later. Kelly was also the second “Grand Paw Paw” of the Possum Trot Net. Now what is a Grand Paw Paw you ask. Well, that is the name of the Net Manager for the net. I bet y’all didn’t know that. Now you ask who was the first Grand Paw Paw. The first net manager was also the founder of the Possum Trot Net and that was The Judge WA4LZD. Now you are wondering why did they call him The Judge. Well, his name was Ermon Godwin and back in the early seventies he was known as The Judge on eleven meters before becoming an amateur. Another interesting fact about the Judge was that he was also the founder of the Spiveys Corner Hollerin Contest. He lived across the road from the Spiveys Corner Fire Department on Highway 13 in Sampson County and the Hollerin Contest proceeds benefited the fire department.

Now back to the more on that later and that was the naming of the CFARS days of the week. Now we know about Kelly Green Thursday but what about the other four days of the week we hold the Possum Trot Net. Well, it was my good friend and devoted CFARS member, Chuck KJ4RV, who came up with the alternate names. Mondays were known as Mountain Monday, Tuesdays were Two for Tuesday, Wednesdays were Hump Day of course, and Friday was TGIF day. “Good Morning Possum Trotters! My name is Chuck and my call sign is KJ4RV and I will be playing net control for the TGIF Session of the Possum Trot Net. This is KJ4RV standing by for checkins.” This is what we heard every Friday morning at 6:00am. I can still hear that voice. Chuck and Kelly are silent keys and they were great friends and pillars of the club. I do miss them.

The Possum Trot Net started here in Fayetteville in 1977. There are not a lot of folks around now who were there when the net started either due to being inactive or becoming silent keys. However, I am proud to have known many of them. The net started due to the military guys headed to Fort Bragg for PT. The Judge said he couldn’t do PT but he could do the Possum Trot and therefore a net was born and the rest is history.

Recently there has been some discussion about whether to continue starting the net at 5:00am. The PT net has always begun at 5:00am and actually at one time it started earlier. The early session of the Possum Trot began at 5:00am and at 6:00am the daily net control took over and this was known as the regular session of the Possum Trot Net. We have up until recent times had that one person who called the early session. When I started in amateur radio the early net control station was Sarge and if I remember correctly his call was N4DTV. Sarge was a retired first sergeant and he was up early every morning sometimes as early as 4:00am but you always count on Sarge to be there no later than 4:30am. I remember several times checking in with him early in the morning either on the way home from work or on the way in due to an incident after being called out. After Sarge became a silent key if my memory serves me correctly, I believe it was at that point Kelly took over as the net control for the early session.

(Continued on Page 7)

(Continued from Page 6)

The Possum Trot Net in its prime could be found on four different repeaters in central and eastern North Carolina. The total number of checkins was upwards of 200 a morning. There were Possum Trot Dinners, Pig Pickins, and Possum Trot Tables at the Raleigh and Durham Hamfests and briefly at the Greensboro Hamfest back in the day. Due to the net being held on other repeaters I made a lot of friends over the years due to the net. Something else the net did every year was we elected a Possum Queen. My daughter held that honor for one year. She was 3 or 4 years old at the time. She was crowned the Possum Queen at the pig pickin in Goldsboro one year. She also had the distinction of being the youngest person to get a Possum Trot number. She was eight months old when she got her number. The members of the Possum Trot do not have to be licensed amateurs to get a PT number. Many spouses of amateurs received their PT number by the use of third-party traffic. They had to check in five times in a row or ten staggered just like everyone else. Although it operated as a net with some structure to it the net itself was always meant to be just a fun and light hearted way to begin your day. So enjoy the net for what it was meant to be and begin your day with your friends and end it with them at 7:00pm on the Evening Net.

David KI4W Possum Trot# 1767

