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The President's Corner: David WD4NC

Hello Club,

Are you tired of being hot yet? I know I am. Those few days of nice cool weather got me wanting it to stay and get ready to do some POTA. Today it was back at 100 Degrees. We can dream.

We have a lot going on and the club is busy as ever. I would like to tell you about the CFARS Contest Team. This is something we just tried out doing the "NA QSO party". We asked on the net who would like to join in and we ended up with two teams of 5 for this contest. We all were able to sit at home and use our home station and work the contest. It was a ton of fun. Team A did great and posted up their score the next day. Team B is still working on it. (Go Rick)! I will let Our VP Rod tell you the rest. If this is something you would like to do. Get up with us and let us know.

At the next meeting we will be voting on the "Chuck Ward, Ham of the Year". This is not for who your favorite person is but for the ones that have been giving and working for the club. Calling nets, working on a committee, going to Events and helping with set up. Mainly it is for the ones that are making a difference in the club. If you have not been coming to meetings or events, that would make it hard to know who to vote for. This is why it is an in person vote. Right now, the award is hosted by a sponsor and later I hope to see others ask to sponsor the award.

I have been in contact with Joseph Kabbes who is the instructor of the Planetarium and Observatory at FSU. He has a group that he leads in STEAM. He has asked the club to help with a Demo of Ham radio. SDR and Digital. One team is 7-12th grade and the other is College level. This is a great way to give back and get into the school and maybe get a school club going. I know this is something some of you have asked for and I hope you step up to help. The meetings are bi-weekly and on a Saturday between 1 and 3. We would be there to help as needed. I hope we get a good group of Elmer's to help. BTW, Mr. Kabbes has joined the club as well and working on his Ticket.

Other club news:

The PT 10-10 team just finished the Summer SSB contest and came in 2nd. They had three in the top 10 overall. Congratulations to KB4LOA, KM4ODS, KN4JUY, AK4YS, NC4GK, and KI4W! Tim Capps changed his call to W4HDF, I am hearing him hunting on POTA and sounding loud.

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Have fun with the new call.

Last note, Check out Grid Mapper on QRZ.com. On the top bar find "Sources". Click that and it will drop down. Now click on "Grid Mapper". Move the map to your home station and click on the map. This will open a map of all the Hams in your Grid Square. Red ones are part of QRZ and Blue ones are hams that are not. If you click on a red one, it will open a box with the person name and call sign. Click on the call sign and it will open to their QRZ page. If you do not know the call and they are not a club member, send them an Email and invite them to a meeting. It will cost you nothing, but some time and I hope get more people into the club. Work the ones in your grid square and if you get that done. Click another area to open another box to work those as well. I plan on working my area and Rod is going to do his. I hope others will join in and help the club and see us keep growing

73's

David Winfree, WD4NC



From the Vice President:

Another month passed by, and the heat is still here. Skywarn was ready for the severe weather, but we were able to get through it without too many problems.

We were able to have the drawing for the Handheld Yaesu FT-60 radio, kindly donated by Ed Allison N4ESA. Thank you, Ed, you do so much for our Club.

David, WD4NC and I helped Tyler, K4TTN, with a static display of a "Go Box" and two antenna set-ups. He was part of a team providing information to his Church group. It was a successful event, and many worthwhile questions were asked. We had some interest in the Club, and there was at least one that attended our last meeting. (My apologies, I forgot to note down her name).

North American QSO Contest was August 17th to 18th and Hector, KB4LOA organized two teams to represent CFARS, Team Alpha and Team Bravo. As you can see in the President's comments, there was, and still is, much competition between these two teams. We are still waiting on the preliminary results for both teams, and the official results from NCJ. However, it is the fact that we entered two teams into the competition that is the remarkable point. In the club we have POTA folks, and each has their own preferred method on how to conduct their activations, only VHF/UHF operators that like the nets on the repeaters and contesters, that like to measure themselves against others in QSOs. We would like to research the possibility of forming a "Contest Group" in the Club. They would participate in various contests as the representatives of the Club. Bear in mind the NA QSO Contest has CW, SSB and RTTY contests in January/February and July/August time frames, six contest altogether. That is just one group of contests. There are others too! Let us know at the next meeting if you are interested in this.

Upcoming events are listed in the minutes, so I won't repeat them here. However, if you are going to attend an event, **PLEASE, PLEASE** let the organizer know you are going to attend. It is hard to plan an event and not know how many will attend. Some events need equipment, or supplies, others need to cater food. If you don't respond and let the organizer know you may be left in the cold, without the means to participate or watch others eat while you go hungry. It is not difficult.

Remember we will be voting on the Chuck Ward Ham of the Year Award. David has already said it is an "In Person" vote, That is a vote held by those attending the meeting. If you have a nomination for the Award, and would prefer not to speak out, please contact me and I will add it to the list of nominees for you. If you do not attend that nomination will be deleted!

Thank you all for giving me so many compliments on taking the last meeting for David, WD4NC. He let me know only a short time before the meeting that I was in charge. Your support was great, and I enjoyed the limelight, and thank you Jeremy, KN4JUY, for keeping me on track! See you all next month.

De KQ4FNO, Rod MacLean

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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***September 28, 2024**

Lexington Hamfest
Lexington, North Carolina
w4par.org

October 12, 2024

Rock Hill Hamfest
Rock Hill, South Carolina
ycars.org

November 17, 2024

Jarsfest
Benson, North Carolina
jars.net

CFARS VE Testing**2024 VE Testing Schedule**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>.





August 2024 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday, August 19, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC.



Vice President Rod MacLean KQ4FNO called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Will KN4OTA gave the invocation. Rod KQ4FNO led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 38 members and 2

guests present. Don WO4SFA moved July's minutes be approved, Norman K4MGZ seconded, and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.

Net Manager: Larry N4USB gave the net report.

Health & Welfare: KN4KUL, asked for someone to cover her position while she is abroad. Travis N4BEL volunteered.

Repeaters: David K4FXC, will plan to replace the 146.910 repeater in the fall, as well as adding Echolink connectivity. The repeater that David will replace it with will support a PL tone as the current model does not support that functionality well.

Field Day: No report.

Membership: David KI4W, presented Samuel WP4PRX and DC Gilberto WP4TGK for membership. Leighton KN4ZZ moved they be accepted as members seconded by Bill KE4DER. By vote, the motion passed.

Contesting: Juan NK2MC gave a list of upcoming contests.

VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC, next VE test session will be October 12 at Peace Presbyterian Church. Bring an FRN number.

Swapfest:

Public Relations: Hector KB4LOA, continue posting ham radio and club 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 still working with the ARRL.

Possum Trot Net: Greg NC4GK, PT net continues 5:00am to 7:00am. Greg is looking for volunteers to call the Monday net.

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Skywarn: No report.

Event Coordinator: Rod KQ4FNO, Sep 7-8 POTA Support your Parks Weekend; Sep 21 KN4XP POTA event; Sep 28 Singletary Lake State Park CFARS meet-up, contact David WD4NC if you are going to ensure there is adequate food, if you do not RSVP, do not plan to eat.

Emergency Coordinator: Jeremiah KO4VRM, Greg NC4GK, every 2nd Tuesday night is Skywarn night.

Old Business: Rod KQ4FNO reviewed STEM school club at Fayetteville State University. Rod KQ4FNO wrote a grant request from the ARRL.

New Business: We are discussing hosting the Eatin' Meetin' at Peace Pres. Church with a caterer; we will need to make a donation to the church if we proceed. Rod mentioned that CFARS had two contest groups in the NAQP, we are looking a developing a contest club within CFARS.

Program: Amanda Scheck, Cumberland County EM Planner, from the Cumberland County Emergency Management office introduced herself to establish communications between CFARS and CC EM office.

Door Prizes: Norman N4MGZ won a mystery gift, DC WP4TGK won a 90-degree PL259-SO239 adapter and a gun lock and safety glasses and a Mountain Dew, Jeremy KN4JUY won a cord winder and Bill KE4DER won a duffel bag.

50/50 Drawing: \$96 collected, Tim KQ4HDF had the winning ticket of \$48 and donated it back to the club.

Announcements: David KI4W spoke to the wife, Becky, of Chuck KJ4RV (SK) to obtain permission to name the "Ham of the Year" award after him. She approved. Rod KQ4FNO presented a board with the winning plaques from years of CFARS participating in the NC QSO party. Don Talbot won the Yaesu FT-60 from the drawing.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM. There were 38 members and 2 guests present. Norman K4MGZ motioned to adjourn.

Submitted: Jeremy Gilchrist KN4JUY
Recorder

Possum Trot News

George, KM4ODS, has stepped down from calling the Wednesday morning Possum Trot Net. After 7 ½ year and almost 16,000 contacts, he has passed the microphone. Please join me in sending him a big thank you for a job well done.

Jeremy, KN4JUY, has volunteered to take over calling the net Wednesday mornings. His first time calling was 8/7. I listened in to most of the net and he is a natural. Please make him feel welcome Wednesday mornings by checking in with him any time between 5 am and 7 am.

Regards,
Greg, NC4GK

First Annual Ham of the Year Award in Memory of Chuck Ward.

Voting will take place at the September 16th Club Meeting

Below is an article outlining Chuck's extensive accomplishments both in and out of the Ham Radio realm.

KJ4RV / Chuck Ward SK

I am a lifelong radio operator, following in my father's footsteps, sk, ex W8WJD, WA2WKY, W6RSX, who himself was a devoted ham radio operator and lifetime member of the ARRL. I was first licensed in 1965 as WN2FLI, during my junior year in high school, and have continued my involvement on and off for close to fifty-five years.

I started out with an NC-57 Receiver and Viking Adventurer Transmitter, later graduating to HW-16, HW-8, HW-9, Ten Tec Scout 555, TS-140S Collins KWM2A, ICOM 7200, Elecraft K-1 and now the K-2/100. Have also built for QRPP: The 38 Special and Rockmite for 30 Meters. CW is my obvious favorite mode.

I am retired, and live in Fayetteville, NC, where I have resided since 1969.

After a short stint as a tool and die apprentice, I enlisted in the USAF in 1967. Just as the US was increasing its involvement in Vietnam. After completing training to be a jet engine mechanic, I spent a year at Bien Hoa Air Base, RVN. I worked on jet engines for my first twenty years of service. Toward the end of my military career, I started playing with computers and soon became self-taught in repairing and building computers. As the Air Force embraced computers as a critical tool, and established professional IT roles, I concluded that being the "computer guy" would be far easier on my hands and back. Accordingly, I made a career change, and over the next years developed a broad set of hardware and software skills.

I retired from the USAF in 1991 and for the next eight years, I taught radio communications to Special Ops personnel through the local community college branch located on Fort Bragg, in Fayetteville, NC.

In 1999, I started working as an IT contractor, eventually specializing in providing hardware support services to the Joint Special Operations Command at Fort Bragg, I retired a second time in the summer of 2014.

Accomplishments:

1994: Placed #1 in the world in the 10-10 International CW Spring QSO Party, and repeated that win several times.

1994: Selected as "Professional Instructor of the Year" by the ARRL

Member:

ARRL, Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society (CFARS), Possum Trot # 871, Possum Trot on Ten # 629L, 10-10 International # 37776, NAQCC # 7201, Flying Pigs # 3751, Amateur QRP Radio AQR # 087, ARCI # 16660

72, Hope to hear you on the air soon.

72/73,
Chuck

David Winfree WD4NC