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The President's Corner:

Dale, KI4WOH

I want to thank all for coming to our Feb meeting. It was an exciting informative meeting for me and I hope it was for you.

Thanks again to **Joe, W3OJO** for talking to us about the National traffic System (NTS) message form, the ARRL Radio-gram. I want to encourage all to come to the March 21 meeting to talk with John Sprouse, N4VJJ, NC Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator as he gives a presentation on Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES). Please invite all Hams you might know to attend as this looks to be a very informative presentation.



A request was made for the internet link for more information on ARES. Please look to <http://www.arrl.org/ares>, <http://www.ncarrl.org/>, and FEMA training at <http://training.fema.gov/is/>

I also have asked **Bill, N2COP**, NC Section Manager to talk to us at the April 18 meeting. Topics discussed to be Field Day and Emergency Communications. He has us locked in for that date on his calendar. If you remember, Bill visited our Field Day site last year and I am looking forward to his discussion with us.

Please, give any suggestions and recommendations you, the members of this organization have on what direction you want this club to go. See you at the March meeting! 73.

SREMC Grant to CFARS:

The South River Electric Membership Cooperative (SREMC) provide a grant of \$3500 to CFARS to use for repeater equipment and maintenance repairs. **Cathy O'Dell** presented the check to **Burt, N4ERM** on behalf of the CFARS club on January 16, 2011. Van and a number of other CFARS members are to be congratulated for their work to secure the grant which began early last year. Cathy indicated that over \$400K had been donated to the community for various public interest projects.

Our sincere thanks to SREMC for their generous support of CFARS and as we continue to serve the public with ham radio communication.



February 2011 Club Meeting Minutes:

Mike Eagen, KØRRP

On February 21, 2011 at 7:30 pm in Clark Hall of Methodist University, **Dale, KI4WOH** called the CFARS club meeting to order. He led the group in the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was provided by **William, KD4DCR**. The introductions of those in attendance were given in the usual way.

A January 2011 meeting minutes had not been published so acceptance was postponed until the March meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Chuck, KJ4RV gave a report on income and expenses for February 2011. There was money in the bank.

Net Manager: Chuck, KJ4RV we could still use some help for calling the net. DO WE HAVE ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO BE A NET CONTROL??? Contact **Chuck, KJ4RV**.

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CFARS Officers

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CFARS Two-Meter Net Report

Check-in's/avg. (Change from previous month)	Total min/avg.	Traffic
420/13.5 (42/1.6)	561/18.1 (3/0.4)	25 (6)

Repeater: Bill, KU4W said he ordered antennas and hoped to have them installed in about two weeks. There was nothing new to report. The repeaters seem to be working fine.

Membership: Dave, KR4OE said that there were no new members and that a membership list update will be available after March. **David** is asking to be relieved from the Membership Chair since he has held that responsibility for many years and would like to see it taken over by someone else. Please contact him to know what is involved.

Field Day Coordinator: Dale, KI4WOH We need a large sign to erect for the FD site and that **Pete, W4TBO** may have one. We still need to contact Methodist authorities to get permission to use the grounds near the Science Building. We need a booth for an education display. FD will be June 24-25, 2011 with setup of the equipment beginning Friday June 24 afternoon and concluding 2:00 PM on Sunday June 25. As in the past we will have a picnic after is all done. There will be a SSB, CW, 6m, and GOTA stations that require operators. We might have a satellite and a solar power unit available. All equipment has been identified and will be provided by the CFARS members. We could use a few back up laptop computers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Van, N4ERM informed the club that we are now insured. **Van** volunteered to send SREMC something to express our gratitude for their grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Van, N4ERM has suggested that the club be involved in the Hero's Homecoming for Vietnam veterans this November. Perhaps the club could get a special call sign to commemorate the event. More information will be forthcoming.

Dale, KI4WOH mentioned that the April MS Walk-a-Thon will take place in April and that background checks will take place.

Program

Joe, W4OJO gave a presentation on the traffic system in NC and the NTS that he regularly participates. He went over the

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The **CFARS NEWS** is published monthly by the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society, PO Box 36106, Fayetteville, NC 28303
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Mystery radio:

If you correctly identified the radio in last month's NEWS there may be a prize waiting for you at the March club meeting. BUT you must be at the meeting to claim your prize!

CFARS Finances

Individuals have expressed concerns about our financial information being accessed via electronic media eavesdropping. This might be possible because of the email delivery now used to supply the newsletter to many of the club members. To avoid this possibility the club financial information will no longer be published in the newsletter and we will continue to present a financial information report at each monthly club meeting.

Club Repeaters

	K4MN
2 m	146.910/146.310
70 cm	444.400/449.400
	W4EBM
6 m	53.810/52.810
	WA4FLR
2 m	147.330/147.930

CFARS needs YOU!

- KEEP YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT
- Promote amateur radio each time you get the chance
- People see what you do more than what you say
- Be a good example of what amateur radio is and should be

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details of a Radiogram and what information is needed. Joe handles 105 pieces of traffic each week. See www.nts.net

Door Prize, **Kelly, N4EWG** coordinated the drawing won by **Dale, KI4WOH** who got a Pittsburgh ratchet driver set.

A motion was made by **Jackie, KJ4XK**, and second by **George, KE4HW** to adjourn which was carried by a vote of the members present.

Attendance: 32
ARRL members: 23
Guests: 6

CFARS Meetings

Club meetings are normally held on the 3rd Monday of each month on the campus of Methodist University

Projected Programs for 2011

January 18	Antenna Stories	William, KD4DCR
February 15	Surprise!	Gene, N4ANV
March 21	NC Assist Section EC	John Sprouse, N4VJJ
April 18	Bill Morine, N2COP	NC Section
May 16	Field Day Planning	Dale, KI4WOH
June 20	Field Day— Final Prep	Dale, KI4WOH
July 18	Field Day Slide Show	Kelly, N4EWG
August 15	Eat'n Meet'n at the Golden Corral	
September 19	QRP	Chuck, KJ4RV
October 17	Show'n Tell	CFARS members
November 21	Election - New Officers	Dale, KI4WOH
December ?	Christmas Eat'n Meet'n	Dale, KI4WOH

Amateur Radio License VE Testing Schedule 2010

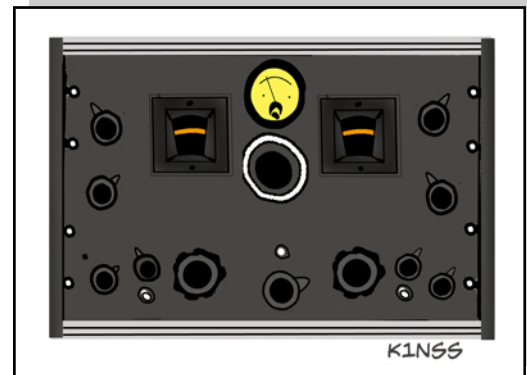
VE testing and location are confirmed for 2010. Testing takes place in the Science Building on the Methodist University Campus in rooms S-222 & S-207. The schedule is arranged and confirmed by **Pat, N4UGH**, n4ughpat@aol.com. Bring a handheld calculator, a photocopy or original current FCC issued license, two photo ID's and \$15 for the exam fee.

Check-in begins at 0900
Testing begins at 0930

The following Saturdays are scheduled:

March 19, 2011
June 11, 2011
August 6, 2011
October 8, 2011

What is the brand name for this piece of vintage radio gear?









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Jamestown, NC




www.dbjre.com

dBj Radio & Electronics, LLC
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Jamestown, NC 27282
336-430-9087

"For all your radio, cable & accessory needs" **secure credit card transaction**

Harry's Electronics

Harry is the local dealer for the \$119.99 Wouxun KG-UVD1P dual band handheld radio. This includes antenna, 1300 mah. Li-ion battery, drop-in charger and belt clip. FCC certified, capable of 2M/440, FRS, GMRS, MUR and Maritime no modification. Tested to factory specifications and programmed prior to delivery.

Features include:

- Coverage: V-136-174 Mhz. U-400-480 Mhz. FM; 128 Memory Channels;
- Power - VHF - 5W/1W, UHF - 4W/1W; <.2uv Sensitivity.
- DTMF with encode/decode CTCSS and DCS Beep alert for both tx and rx;
- Selectable Voice announcement of menu and channel functions
- Bright LED flashlight function; Vox capable; Transmit over-time Alarm. Wide 25 kHz and Narrow 12.5 kHz capable; Cloneable with optional cable.



Accessories:

1700 mah Li-Ion Battery - \$18.99; Leatherette carry case - \$7.99; DC-Charge cable w/Cig Plug - \$6.99, Speaker-Mike - \$15.99; USB Programming Cable & Software - \$14.99; Extra Belt Clip - \$5.99; SMA Antenna Adapter - \$5.99

Harry also carries a full line of 11 meter communications equipment and a variety of scanners for both analog and digital trunking systems. A selection of antennas and installation material is also available as well as his over 35 years of experience in the field.

Harry's Electronics
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Fayetteville, NC 28306-9265
Phone: (910) 425-7503

CG Carolina Grounds & Landscape Service

910-487-9811

Rick & Elise Smith

<http://www.cgls.net>

customercare@cgls.net

For Sale:

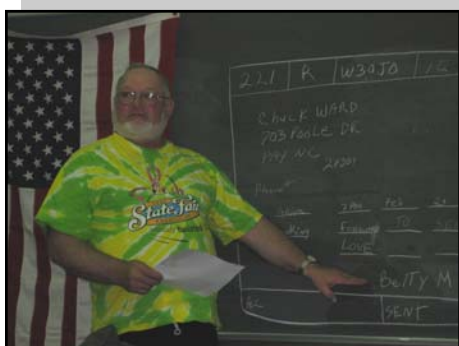
Cushcraft 2 meter yagi antennas
2 ea Cushcraft A148-10S with stacking boom and phasing harness.

Asking price is \$130.00

Help Needed:

1. David, KR4OE has asked to be relieved as the coordinator for the membership committee and as the chair for the annual swapfest. Both positions have been his responsibility for many years and it is now time for others to step in. Contact him for details.
2. Mike, K0RRP needs help with the stuffing and mailing of CFARS NEWS: k0rrp@embarqmail.com

Joe, W3OJO "directing" on the NTS during his presentation to the club meeting in February.



Hamfest Calendar:

Catawba Valley Hamfest

McDowell Amateur Radio Association
Morganton, NC
April 16, 2011
<http://www.cvhamfest.com>

North Carolina State Convention (Raleigh Hamfest)

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society
Raleigh, NC
April 23, 2011
<http://www.rars.org/hamfest>

5th Annual TARC Tailgate Party

Trident Amateur Radio Club (TARC)
Moncks Corner, SC
April 23, 2011
http://www.tridenthams.org/Tailgate_Party.htm

Columbia ARC Swapfest

Columbia Amateur Radio Club
Location: Columbia, SC
April 23, 2011
<http://www.w4cae.com>

South Carolina State Convention (Upstate Hamfest)

Blue Ridge Amateur Radio Society
Spartanburg, SC
May 7, 2011
<http://upstatehamfest.com>

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Rockingham County ARC Swapfest

Rockingham County Amateur Radio Club
Reidsville, NC
May 14, 2011
<http://www.rcarc.com>

Dayton Hamvention

Dayton Amateur Radio Association
Dayton, OH
May 20-22, 2011
<http://www.hamvention.org/>

DurHamFest

Durham FM Association
Bahama, NC
May 28, 2011
<http://dfma.org>

Springfest

Chesapeake Amateur Radio Service
Franklin Amateur Radio Club
Chesapeake, VA
June 11, 2011
<http://w4car.org>

Winston-Salem Classic Hamfest

Forsyth Amateur Radio Club
Winston-Salem-Salem, NC
June 11, 2011
<http://Classic2011.w4nc.org>

Bronco Club Pig Pickin' Picnic & Tailgating

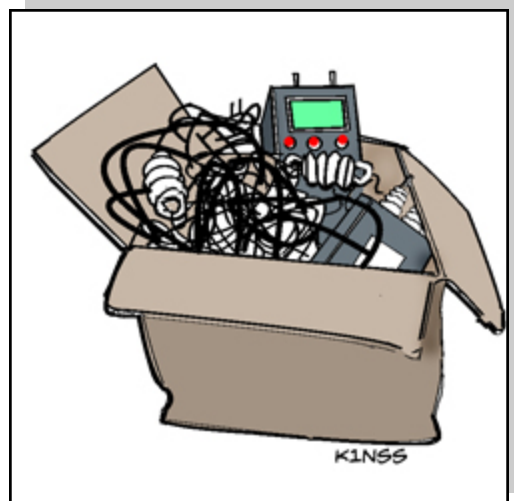
Franklin Amateur Radio Club
Franklin, VA
June 11, 2011
<http://www.qrz.com/db/wf4rc>

Manassas Hamfest

Ole Virginia Hams
Manassas, VA
June 12, 2011
<http://www.w4ovh.net>

21st Annual Down East Hamfest

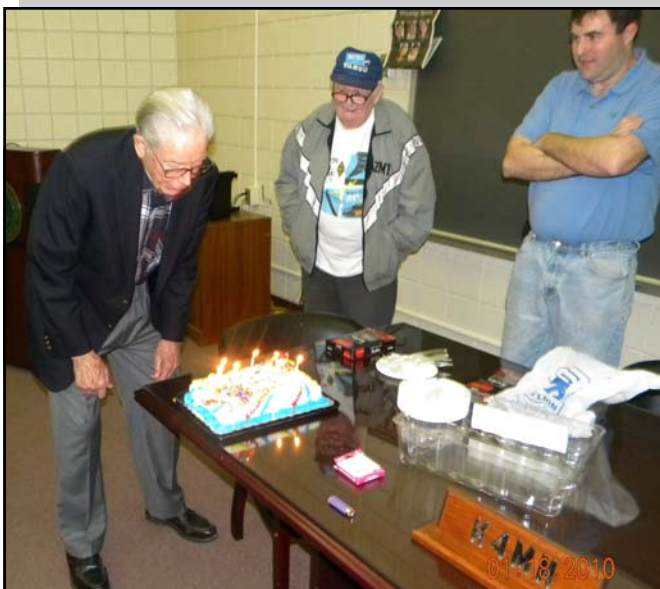
Down East Hamfest Association
Kinston, NC
June 18, 2011
<http://www.downeasthamfest.org>



You might as well be thinking about cleaning out that closet of junk and get ready to sell it at the annual CFARS swapfest in August.

CFARS Co-Founding Father Bill Finch, W4EHF Celebrates B'Day

One of the founding fathers of CFARS - **Bill Finch, W4EHF** at a recent CFARS meeting. I think he is critiquing the club meeting but he also appears to be enjoying the program.



Well now we know what he had his eye on - a Happy Birthday cake with club president **Leighton, KN4ZZ** and **Pete, W4TBO** drooling until they can take their turn. Does anybody know how old (young) Bill is?



Hero's Homecoming:

Van, N4ERM

During November 4-13 2011, Fayetteville, Cumberland County and Fort Bragg will host a special celebration, **Heroes Homecoming**, to honor all veterans. The event honors especially those veterans of Viet Nam. Vets returning from this unpopular war were not welcomed home as heroes. This is an opportunity to honor them appropriately.

Soldiers deployed during the Viet Nam era did not have the communications capabilities available today. If they spoke with friends or family while overseas, chances are they used a "phone patch" courtesy of the Military Affiliate Radio System and/or via ham radio.

In recognition of the many of us who used or provided phone patches, I wonder if any would be any interest in joining me to set up a station during the celebration to commemorate the phone patch? I've already received a 1 X 1 call sign, N4V (North Carolina 4 Veterans), for the activity. We could do this activity as CFARS or as a separate group. Any interest?