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**The President's Corner: Ron K4FET**

The months fly by, or so it seems. We have had a busy schedule since the last Presidents message. One of the major events was the organizing, preparation and sale at RARSfest of the majority of Chucks, KJ4RV, SK radio associated equipment and supplies. Chuck's widow Becky has received a sum of \$5,038.55 from the club sponsored sales of the equipment, this doesn't include whatever sales were made between Becky and the individuals who were working at out loading the equipment.

We had a decent turnout at the initial emptying of the shack. I personally want to thank George Davenport and David Hall for working with me for days of sorting out and packaging up the equipment. Bill Ivey assisted by carrying much of the equipment to Raleigh the Friday night before JARSfest, to say nothing about giving George and I an interesting tour of most of the backroads between Linden and Raleigh. Saturday, the day of the sale we did not get the onslaught of volunteer assistants that George and I had tried for over a month to assist us at the tables. Ben, Carl, and Jeremy came by and assisted/spelled us for a bit. I must say that they were welcome sights. Rick Shanks showed up and helped us pack up and outload. In spite of the shortage of worker bees throughout the majority of this project, it went off very well.

There is still more to be gone through at Chucks. We are going to recommend bringing a dumpster in to assist in this phase. The rub is we, CFARS, need a different crew for this phase of the operation! Please contact me or George if you are interested in creating or working on this crew. This is something that has to happen. It is time for someone else to step up and do something.

New subject, Field Day. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, we dispatched an advanced party out to evaluate the Golfview Greenway in Hope Mills for suitability as a location for Field Day. The party consisted of myself, George, Carl, Jeremy, Hector, and Dale. Ironically, we were all in total agreement that this was an excellent location.

On 3 May, I submitted a proposal to the Parks and Recreation, Assistant Director -Special Events/ Programs Coordinator requesting an audience with her to submit our proposal for the usage of a portion of the park for Field Day from the 24<sup>th</sup> until the 26<sup>th</sup> of June.

After we get approval, we envision a key player visit to the park to nail down specific locations for each section of the exercise, to include each stations sites, public information booth, Generator, and antenna placements. There are two porta potties on location, just don't wait until the last minute. We will check to see if we can get one more, centrally located to our operational area.

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As usual, we will need a lot of worker bees during set up, and regular staffing during operating hours, so please mark your calendars accordingly.

That about wraps it up, looking forward to the meeting. This is one of those occasions where brevity trumps verbosity.

73 de Ron K4FET

## FIELD DAY



Just a few notes about the upcoming Field Day to be held 25-26 June with our set-up scheduled for the afternoon of 24 June. Hopefully we will have a great turn out whether you are there to operate or just visit. If all works out, we will be operating from a new location in Hope Mills. The Golfview Greenway walking course has been requested and looks to be a great location.

We are still looking for a few volunteers. We need a designated safety officer along with a designated GOTA coach. Of course, operators for the CW and SSB station are always needed. If you are interested

in CW, contact Ron (K4FET) and if SSB, contact Hector (KB4LOA) with your preferred operating times.

A note for all licensed in the last year. We hope you will volunteer at our GOTA station. It will be a great experience where you can learn not only about contesting but gain knowledge from more experienced operators. So come out and give us a hand from set-up to take-down, it's a great way to learn.

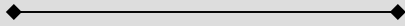
We are looking forward to a little different set-up this year with the addition of a second hex beam which will greatly increase our capabilities at all stations. In addition, we are also looking forward to operating our new radios, the Yaesu FTDX10's.

Remember, Field Day is a "Club" event. The success or failure of the event as a club is directly attributed on member participation. Come out and help us be more successful than ever.

de KM4ODS (George)  
Hoping to see you there.

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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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### April 2022 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly club meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held Monday evening, April 18, 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. Will KN4OTA gave the invocation. Ron K4FET led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. We had 24

members present.

Ron K4FET asked if all had an opportunity to read the minutes of the last meeting, David KO4RKR and Ben KM4ODT moved the minutes be accepted 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. March had 648 checkins (20.9 avg), 684 minutes (24.4 avg) and passed 23 pieces of traffic.

**Health & Welfare:** Carl K4CFB, Health & Welfare, Bob WA4WHV had knee replacement surgery, and Steve KA4CZL is in the hospital. Cards have been sent. Keep these hams in your prayers.

**Repeaters:** David KB4FXC reported the repeaters were up and doing fine business. He will be linking them tomorrow.

**Membership:** David KI4W introduced our newest member Mike Kloppenburg KO4ZTI. He was accepted as a new member. The club now has 124 members.

**Contesting:** George KM4ODS and Field Day... Methodist University is no longer supporting civic groups, so Methodist University is off the table for the future. We are currently searching for a venue for field day. One possibility is the old golf course off Golfview Road in Hope Mills. The search continues this week. George KM4ODS will coach the GOTA station, Hector KB4LOA the SSB station, Ron K4FET the CW station, Bill KJ4OFD and Joe W3OJO will handle traffic. We still need a Safety Officer. Step up and take one for the club... One question came up recently: Can an old inactive operator do CW on the GOTA station.

**VE Coordinator:** Jim K4BUC reported 9 tested last session: 4 Technicians, 3 General, 1 Extra. A session Friday 16<sup>th</sup> at Fort Bragg, 16 tested, 2 fails. The new fees kick in tomorrow (19<sup>th</sup>). Fees for new licenses will be \$35 in addition to the \$15 for the testing. Vanity calls will be \$35 as well. GRMS fees are \$35. The next test session will be June 18<sup>th</sup> (the Charlotte Hamfest is June 11).

**Swapfest:** David KI4W. Ours will be August 13 at the Cumberland County Shrine Club. If you need tables, contact David.



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**Public Relations:** No report.

**Newsletter:** Mike KN4XP, not present, no report. Newsletter came out week before meeting.

**Web Site:** Steve KI4EZL, not present, no report. Website is looking good.

**ARRL Liasion:** David KI4W has taken over from Irv K3IRV.

**Possum Trot Net:** Ron K4FET. Checkins recently are back to the 30-40 range.

### **Old Business**

New equipment has been purchased and delivered. David KB4FXC reported on power supplies, recommendations were for Jetstream JTPS28, Astron SS-25 -AP: 25A or SS-30-AP: 30A. There was some discussion and Larry N3USB moved to purchase 3 of the Jetstream power supplies, seconded by David KI4W and the motion carried. David KB4FXC then reported on Tuners, choices were LDG Z100+, MFJ 929 and MFJ939. There was discussion, Larry N3USB moved to purchase the MFJ 929 for the three stations, second by David KO4RKR and the motion carried.

### **Program**

None.

**Door Prize Drawing:** David KI4W held the door prize drawing. David KO4RKR chose a spool of THHN wire and a QRP pocket tuner, Will KN4OTA chose an MFJ 2-band mobile antenna, Hector KB3LOA 3 Extra Class exam books, Bill KE4DER took an Alinco HT, David KO4ROG chose a headset, and an ARRL Antenna Book, Ron K4FET chose an ARRL Operating Manual, and Larry N4USB a mobile antenna and an Extra Class Book (which he gave to Hector).

### **Adjournment**

Ron K4FET closed the meeting at 2100.

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

June 11  
August 13  
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*

**July 23, 2022**

WCARS Hamfest  
Waynesville, NC  
wcars-club.org

**August 13, 2022**

CFARS Swapfest  
Fayetteville, NC  
Cfarsnc.org

**September 2, 2022**

Shelby Hamfest  
Shelby, NC  
shelbyhamfest.com

**September 24, 2022**

Lexington Hamfest  
Lexington, NC  
w4par.org

**2022 Ten-Ten QSO Party Schedule**

Events	Dates	Post Mark
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!!!**