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The President's Corner: Ron K4FET

And it is that time again. I have been in the backwoods of Maine for a couple of weeks so have been out of contact with the club, but I have had a lot of time to ponder the last two years as I approach the dusk of my presidency. We have had some ups and downs during that period, but in the grand scheme of things, I believe we came out on top. Other than periodic frustrations, which is my nature, I am walking away from the presidency with a good taste in my mouth. I am my own worst critic, so when I say "we dun gud" it is safe to assume that we dun gud! Overall, I am proud of the performance of the club, as a whole. Basically, we have excelled at virtually every task and challenge that we have undertaken, and task that we undertook.

In my opinion, clubs can be broken down into three categories:

Excellent

Good

Marginal

I have been in many clubs of all sorts, and I do believe that performance wise they generally fall into the Good or Marginal areas, that seems to be the nature of clubs as a whole. CFARS, is as close to Excellent as I have seen. Membership participation seems to be the only shortcoming we have, and we are close to wrapping that up.

In short, I really enjoyed the tenure as your president that you have graced me with and I feel richer from having served with the vast majority of you.

I wish my successor all the luck in the world, and may his reign be as rewarding as mine was.

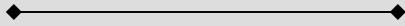
I wish to thank everyone who was supportive of the club's agenda for the last two years.

And with that I am going to retreat to my little spot in the wilderness region of Maine.

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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September 2022 Club Meeting Minutes

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:30 pm, Monday evening, September 19, 2022 in the Fellowship Hall of the Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC.

President Ron K4FET called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our Country. Larry N4USB gave the invocation. Ron K4FET led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. We had 24 members and guests present.



Ferguson KK4MCY moved and Don WO4SFA seconded to accept the minutes as published on the website and the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: David KO4RKR gave the Treasurer's Report. We had money, we made money, we spent money, and we still have money in the checkbook.

Net Manager: Larry N4USB gave the Net Manager report.

Health & Welfare: Carl K4CFB was not present.

Repeaters: David K4FXC reported beta for the 440MHz repeater allstar net would be conducted this week, then connected to the Carolina 440 net.

Field Day: Position Vacant. George KM4ODS reported the results would probably be published sometime in November.

Membership: David KI4W reported no new members. Terry AG4DQ is a new life member.

Contesting: No report.

VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC was not present. Next VE Test date is October 8 at Peace Presbyterian Church.

Swapfest: No report.

Public Relations: Dale AK4YS nothing to report.

Newsletter: Mike KN4XP is accepting submissions for publication. Send them to him so they can be put out.

Web Site: Steve KI4EZL has asked that items for inclusion to the website be sent to him.

ARRL Liasion: No report.

Possum Trot Net: Ron K4FET is still looking for net controllers for the Monday and Friday nets. Walter KG4JOK and Bob KL7NL have been stepping up and calling them, but we need regular controllers if we want to continue the nets.

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Skywarn: No report.

Old Business - David KI4W said the Past President's Committee will be making nominations to fill the various positions in the Society for the coming year. See him or any of the other Past Presidents to assure you are considered for the position you would like to fill. We need these names for the October meeting. George KM4ODS announced the Possum Trot Chapter of the 10-10 nets placed second in the Summer SSB net. He presented certificates to those who participated: David WO4ROG, Bill N3GTY, David KI4W, Greg KC4GK, Dale AK4YS, Ron K4FET, Jim KI4YRH, and Oliver KK4AMR. George is coming up with new guidelines for membership in the Possum Trot Chapter as the old ones no longer apply due to the absence/SK status of the original membership. He reminded all there is a regular net at 2000 hrs local on Wednesday evening at 28.345 MHz SSB.

New Business - None.

Program

Dale AK4YS gave the program on Learning Morse Code. He talked about various keys, said to learn to read/send characters @ 20-24 wpm, w/spacing between characters for @ 6-8 wpm. To help learn morsle.fun is a good place to start.

Door Prize Drawing: David KI4W said there was a lot of free stuff on the table, help yourself. Prizes went to David KO4RKR a Pelican Case, a TYT DMR transceiver and a Lentin Rose, Ron K4FET took home an electronics textbook.

Announcements: Larry N4USB looked at the website for ARRL Service Clubs and we are not listed. Ron K4FET is looking for a Cushcraft antenna and a multi-band radio.

Adjournment: David KO4RKR and Don WO4SFA moved to adjourn, Ron K4FET closed the meeting at 8:30 pm. The next meeting will be at Peace Presbyterian Church on Monday evening, October 17th at 7:30 pm. Bring friends and fellow hams.

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
DMR Net	Sunday	2000	TGIF 910 Talkgroup

Upcoming Hamfests

November 12, 2022
 70th Annual Rockhill Hamfest
 Rockhill, South Carolina
ycars.org

November 20, 2022
 Jarsfest
 Benson, North Carolina
Jars.net/jarsfest-2022

CFARS VE Testing

The CFARS VE team conducted its final test session on October 8, 2022. And a great test session it was. Jim K4BUC led the fine team of VE's who administered the exams. When all was said and done, we now have three (3) new Technician class, one (1) new general class and one (1) extra class operators. And now the fun begins. Jim, and the CFARS VE Team, will be conducting test sessions once again in 2023! Come on out and upgrade with CFARS!



Get Acquainted with the CFARS Nets

You may be familiar with the CFARS Nets chart which appears in each monthly copy of the *CFARS News*. The Nets are also featured on the CFARS Web Page, CFARSNC.ORG. These are important sites to answer your radio questions and to enjoy the hobby better. Starting off, the best thing you can do is to LISTEN to the nets to understand how they work. Let's review the nets.

The CFARS Evening Net operates every day of the week starting at 7PM on the CFARS 146.31/91 repeater. All of the CFARS repeaters use a SAT of 100Hz. The CFARS Evening Net is a great place to get information about ham radio. If you have questions about antennas, transceivers, power supplies, procedures, need help, etc. this is a great place to ask away! It's also a great place to keep track of what's going on in ham radio at the local level.

The Possum Trot Net operates weekdays only. The founding members would tell you that "Saturday is the day we take a bath and Sunday is reserved for church!". It's best to listen to this site for a few days before checking in. The PT Net has some peculiar rules like: "The word WORK is never mentioned. Instead use the word "KROW" as in "I'm on the way to krow" or "I need to krow in the garden today." Members check into the net using their callsign and Possum Trot number. Aspiring possum trotters "earn" their PT number by checking into the net on 5 consecutive days or 10 non-consecutive days. Occasionally someone passing through the area (a check-in driving along I-95) may be awarded an H/A number for being a half-assed member. The "Initiation" ritual for new Possums is a hoot! Listen to the net before you try to join, but DO JOIN this fun net!

The ADY Net ("Ain't Dead Yet") was started by a group of older, mostly retired CFARS members who got on the air weekday mornings to "see that net members hadn't checked out for good!" The net meets for only 20 minutes from 8:10am to 8:30am on the 75 meter band at 3.855 MHz. It's also a great place to ask questions about ham radio... the old guys know a lot! I joined the group while I was "young" at 40 years of age or so. I still participate every day to prove I ain't dead yet!

The CW Fix Net is as its name says: To get a shot of Morse Code twice each week on Tuesday and Thursday on the 80 meter band at 3.555MHz from 7:30am for about 15 minutes or until we run out of ideas! The net generally runs at about 15 words per minute, but will slow down to match anyone's speed. This is a great way to increase your CW.

The Possum Trot Nets on 10-10. There are two nets here. The CW Net at 8:00pm on Tuesday on 28.150MHz, and the Voice Net (USB) at 8:00pm on Wednesday on 28.345MHz. They have nothing to do with the Possum Trot Net. These nets help keep active the Possum Trot Chapter of 10-10 International. You don't have to be a member of 10-10 or CFARS to join the nets.

Take advantage of these nets to increase your knowledge and enjoyment of this great hobby..

George Liepins KE4HW, SK



George Liepins, 90, of Fayetteville, NC, died peacefully at home on September 29, 2022, with his wife of 52 years, Edith, at his side.

George retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the US Army after 28 years of service including tours in Vietnam. Following his retirement, he worked for over 2 decades in property management in the Sandhills.

He is survived by his wife, Edith, son Andrew Liepins and spouse Brian Anthony, son Matthew Lee, granddaughters Laura and Sarah Liepins, cousin Baiba Simane and family, and extended family both in the US and Germany.

He is preceded in death by his father, Teodors Liepins, mother Jefrosinijas Scerbinskis, sister Katarina Granta and son Thomas Liepins.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the charity of their choice.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11am, on Saturday, October 8, 2022, at Sullivan's Highland Funeral Service.

Fred Deem III N4ZCG, SK



Fred Deem N4ZCG has left his earthly home this evening and is now a Silent Key. He passed away peacefully in his sleep.

There are no immediate plans for a service. There will be a service at a later date for family and friends.