

CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

20 July 2026

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, July 20th, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC.

President Rod MacLean KQ4FNO called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country Don, KO4IHM gave the invocation. Rod led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 31 members and guests present. WO4SFA made a motion to approve June's meeting minutes, AK4YS seconded, the club voted, and the motion carried.

PROGRAM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• DURING MEETING

- Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.
- Health and Welfare: Bill, KJ4OFD no report provided
- Event Coordinator Paul NC4PB: Unable to attend.

• REPORTS TO RECORDER

- Membership: David KI4W
 - No new members were introduced at this meeting.
- Swapfest: David, KI4W, went over the need for volunteers to help setup on the Friday afternoon and to have security available for Saturday Morning at 0630. There will be a table for Club members to put items they want to sell, (individual pieces – not a full table). A volunteer to look after that will also be required. Another volunteer to handle raffle ticket sales is required. Please contact David, KI4W.
- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,
 - Net report for June: No report provided, stay tuned to the local nets to hear the latest net statistics.
- Possum Trot net: Alan KQ4QEM, PT net continues Weekdays from 5:00am to 7:00am.
- Repeaters: David K4FXC, no report.
- Newsletter: Any submissions please send to Mike KN4XP no later than the end of the month, ideally in Microsoft Word format. cfarsnews@gmail.com
- Web Site: Any submissions please send to Jim K4BUC. jbuccieri@twc.com
- VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC. The next testing session will be at Cumberland County Shrine Club on August 8th, 2026. Check in starts at 9am. Make sure you

bring a copy of your license and if you are not licensed bring a copy of your FRN or you will be turned away.

- Public Relations: Hector KT5H, continues posting ham radio and club activity on the CFARS Facebook page.
- ARRL representative: David K4FXC, no updates provided
- Contest Coordinator: Hector KT5H, Check contestcalendar.com for contests and events. Anyone planning to participate in the NAQP CW contest on August 1st please let Chris KR4I know as he is registering up to 5 participants as a team, as of 20 July only 2 participants are confirmed on the team.
- AUXCOMM coordinator David WD4NC;

OLD BUSINESS

- Rod, KQ4FNO, gave a synopsis of the Field Day event, and gave basic numbers from the ARRL Submission sheet (copy of which is on Discord under general Chat and Resources). Total number of QSOs this year was 3,085 and a point total of 15,487. The 2025 event had 3,157 QSOs with a point total of 15,440. This year we had 72 less QSOs and 47 more points. The underuse of the 100ft tower was brought up with the recommendation it be co-located with CW and VHF be run from there. A request was made that members write up items they thought could be improved with recommendations as to how to do that, and be forwarded to Rod , KQ4FNO, to be presented next month.
- All Club radios, and equipment, are being recalled in August for inventory and maintenance. This will include the rotor, cable, hexbeam and control box from Rick's tower.
- David, K4FXC and Jared, KR4EKK were nominated to form a committee to look at required purchases of equipment for all three radios to be able to set up 80 meter loop and 80M EFHW antennas. To include coax and ropes. Will also include equipment for Club Tower and Bluesky mast.
- In addition to Field Day, a discussion was led about the 'booking' of the Special Forces Compound for events next year. They are planning their calendar and if we don't let them know we could lose our ability to use the compound. The following motions and votes were held:
 - a. To hold Field Day 27 at SF Compound, Motion by Rod, KQ4FNO, Second by Hector, KT5H, Passed by majority vote.
 - b. To Hold NC QSO Party at SF Compound, motion by Rod, KQ4FNO, second by Ed, N4ESA, passed by majority vote.
 - c. To hold Winter Field Day at another location than SF compound, motion by Travis, N4BEL , second by Hector, KT5H, passed by majority vote.
 - d. Don, WO4SFA was made aware of the votes.

NEW BUSINESS

- Micro Grant will utilize funds from the Club to purchase the items required for the Winlink nodes and will be reimbursed by Cumberland County under the terms of the grant.
- The Club was made aware again that a 10-10 Chapter was being established and that the Club should be in support of this Chapter. Nets are held on Saturday morning, 0930, and on Thursday evening at 1930. Net time will vary until a satisfactory time and place become used. Dale, AK4YS, Don, WO4SFA and Hector, KT5H are working the Chapter possibilities. Motion to approve by Dale, AK4YS, seconded by Hector, KT5H, the club voted and the motion was passed by majority vote.
- David, K4FXC, made note that Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) are offering grants for improvement of digital communications. It was suggested that the Club look at trying to get a grant to install Starlink at the SF Compound for future operations. Motion by Ed, N4Esa, second by Rod, KQ4FNO and passed by majority vote to attempt a grant through ARDC.
- WO4SFA recommended that any remaining funds, or a minimum of \$100.00, be donated to the Salvation Army. They provided take-out meals during the Field Day. Pete, K4QFK, donated \$100.00 to the Club to cover that donation. Mike, KC4ABE, Treasurer will forward to the Salvation Army.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

DOOR PRIZES

Bob, KL7NL won a logbook
 Don, WO4SFA won a logbook
 Don, KO4IHM won a logbook
 David, WD4NC won a logbook
 Louis, KQ2L won a Sea Lab 2000
 David, KI4W won a CW key
 Pete, K4QRK won an antenna
 Louis, KQ2L won a tool kit

50/50 DRAWING

\$160.00 was collected, the winning ticket held by Michael, KM4UHI who won \$80.00

ADJOURNMENT

David, WD4NC made a motion to adjourn and David, K4FXC seconded, the club voted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Submitted by: Chris KR4I, Recorder.(Rod, KQ4FNO from notes and recording)