

CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

January 2026

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, January 19th 2026, in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC.

President Rod Mclean KQ4FNO called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Bill KE4DER gave the invocation.

Paul presented some slides in remembrance of George Ferguson (Fergie) KK4MCY who became silent key December 31st 2025. Several club members spoke in remembrance.

Rod KQ4FNO led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 41 members and guests present.

Dale AK4YS made a motion to approve December's minutes Don WO4SFA seconded, the club voted, and the motion carried.

PROGRAM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• DURING MEETING

- Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report.
- Health and Welfare: Travis N4BEL noted a tree was planted on behalf of Fergie. Please let him or Bill KJ4OFD know if there is anything going on with our members.
- Event Coordinator Rod KQ4FNO:
 - Unfortunately Winter Field Day had to be cancelled due to a major ice storm. The NC QSO Party (NCQP), and Summer Field Day are not too far in the distant future. Please read the rules to help the club be compliant. There are changes that you need to be aware.
 - WFD is January 24th and 25th
 - NC QSO Party is the end of February

• REPORTS TO RECORDER

- Membership: David KI4W presented one ham for membership
 - Paul Burns – KR4IWO
 - Dale AK4YS made a motion to vote him into the club, Rick N1GNF seconded, the club voted and the motion carried.
- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,
 - December net report: XX Check ins for December

- Possum Trot net: Alan KQ4QEM, PT net continues Weekdays from 5:00am to 7:00am. If you would like to sign up to run a PT net, please contact Alan KQ4QEM. Alan provided a report on the possum trot check in numbers. We have had some increases in the last month.
- Repeaters: David K4FXC
- 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. jbuccieri@twc.com
- VE Coordinator: Jim K4BUC, 7 people tested during the last test session on the 10th and 6 passed their exams. The next testing session will be at Pease Presbyterian Church on March 14th 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, continue posting ham radio and club activity on the CFARS Facebook page.
- ARRL representative: David K4FXC is still working with the ARRL.
- Contest Coordinator: Hector KT5H, announced several upcoming contests, check contestcalender.com for additional info on radio contesting.
- Emergency Coordinator: Jeremiah N0NV let the club know, every 2nd Tuesday night is Skywarn night.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Certificates of appreciation were handed out to some hams that did not make it out to the Christmas Party which included David K4FXC, Travis N4BEL, and Nina KN4KUL.

Winter Field Day is next weekend January 24th and 25th 2026. We discussed meals, setup, and timelines. We also discussed power and other site logistics to include a public greeter. The club will be three transmitters and Mobile. Since most of our stations will be in trailers, and according to the rules we would be considered mobile for this WFD. David K4FXC will setup WIFI along with the logging computers and the SSID will be CFARS and the password cfars2026. Winter field day was subsequently cancelled due to a major ice storm.

Rod asked the club for a budget of \$550 for the cost of Winter Field Day. Jeremy KB4D moved to approve the budget, Tracy AI4TS seconded, the club voted and the motion passed.

Chris KR4I will be holding an antenna building workshop tentative scheduled for sometime in April. There will be two types of antennas built, an End Fed Half Wave (EFHW) 80 meter to 10 meter and secondly a 40 to 10 meter. The cost will be approximately \$60 to \$70 for

the 40 to 10 and \$80 to \$90 for the 80 to 10. If you are interested please get with Chris or e-mail KR4I@arrl.net to get your name on the list.

David WD4NC announced that he will host the rookie round up and other POTA events. Get with him if you want to get involved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOOR PRIZES

Paul NC4PB won a power pole distribution box

Bill KE4EDR won a American Flag

Don KO4IHM won a set of cables

Travis N4BEL won a flask

Paul KR4IWO won a air fryer

Lanie KQ4BVV won an American Flag

Norman won an Amerixcan Flag

50/50 DRAWING

\$150 was collected, 3054 was the winning ticket held by Don WO4SFA who won \$75.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob KL7NL motion to adjourn and David WD4NC seconded, the club voted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Submitted by: Chris KR4I, Recorder.