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The President's Corner: David KI4W

I hope all made it through the latest hurricane without any damage. Unfortunately all my radio antennas as well as my tv antenna were lost down at the shack at the beach. The good news is that I believe the two meter/440 antenna is still useable and there was no damage to the house. We were at pretty much ground zero where this thing came in and water came up in the yard the furthest it has since 1954 when Hurricane Hazel roared through there. We sure had a mess to clean up in the yard but all has been done with the exception of putting the tv antenna back up. The shack down there has been packed up and moved back home for now due to circumstances. With that said this was an early storm for us. As you know September and October are our prime times for hurricanes. Now is the time to get your shack ready in the event we do get hit with a storm later this year. Make sure your alternate power sources such as batteries and generators are ready in the event they are needed. Let's all hope they are not needed.

I would like to thank Mike K4JWX, Bobbi N4KAY, and Ben KM4ODT for tracking down the interference on our repeaters. If you are on Facebook watch the video that Ben put together on their efforts. It is quite impressive. We have a good team working behind the scenes to keep those repeaters up and running. The repeaters are there to be used so let us hear you on there.

Our new meeting location seems to be working out quite well for us. If you haven't been able to join us yet come out this month if you would like and check us out. We have the place to ourselves and we can make all the noise we want unlike the former meeting location. We are following proper social distance rules and please wear a mask. This month we are doing our annual Show and Tell night. If you have an item you have built or bought you would like to show the group bring it out and share with us. Also if you ordered a CFARS shirt Van N4ERM will have them there for you to pick up.

Although it is August the end of the year will be here before we know it. I know most of us are ready for 2020 to get out of here with everything that has taken place this year. However we will be holding nominations in October, voting on club officers in November and the officers will be installed at the December meeting. If you are interested in holding an office in the club contact one of the past presidents and let them know you would like to run for office. Dale AK4YS will once again chair the committee of past presidents to come up with a slate of officers for 2021. Everyone who is a member of this club can serve the club in many ways and I ask you to do this by simply being an active amateur radio operator, participating in CFARS on the air events, attend a meeting, and check in on the evening net among other things.

See you on the radio. 73 de ki4w

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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



CFARS Club Patches are available for purchase. Contact **Chuck KJ4RV** for your patch today!



July 2020 Club Meeting Minutes

The Monthly Meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at Peace Presbyterian Church at 3203 Ramsey Street in Fayetteville, NC on Monday Evening, July 20, 2020 at 7:30 pm.

President David KI4W opened the meeting and welcomed all for coming to the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country. Pete K4QFK gave the invocation and David led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. Van N4ERM and Paul K4FET moved to accept the minutes of the previous month's meeting and



the minutes were accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: Chuck KJ4RV gave the **Treasurer's Report**. We had money in the bank at the end of last month, and still have the same amount in the bank this month.

Net Manager: Chuck KJ4RV gave the Net Manager report, May was an outstanding month, with 872 checkins, 32 pieces of traffic, and 1257 minutes of net time compared to June with 813 check-ins, 31 pieces of traffic, and 1150 minutes of net time. These are our repeaters, let us keep them busy.

Health & Welfare: Carl K4CFB was not present for the **Health and Welfare Report**, David KI4W reminded us that in the past month that we lost Gene Tyree N4ANV and his wife Pat KC4TBS. They will be missed.

Repeater: Ben KM4ODT gave the Repeater Manager report. The repeaters are working fine; the 6m repeater is still a work in progress.

Membership: David KI4W reported Blake Wilson KD2OUQ and Victoria Wilson KD2TYQ have both requested membership but were not present.

Swapfest: David KI4W reported that owing to the same cause the **Swapfest** that was to be held at the Cumberland County Shrine Club on August 8 has been cancelled. There was some discussion about having an outdoor tailgate party/yard sale/ or in holding a Traders Net on the repeater to buy/sell equipment or on the website or Facebook venues.

Emergency Coordinator: Mike K4JWX was not present for the **Emergency Coordinator Report** but sent word that we would be doing shelter checks on Wednesday morning July 22. We need a couple volunteers to go to the Smith Recreation Center for checks. Report to the various shelters and be ready for air at 9:45, net start time will be 10:00 and should be finished before 11:00 am.

Mike KN4XP and Steve KI4EZL were not present to report on the **Newsletter** or **Website Reports**. David KI4W reports that both have been doing a fantastic job, and that they would both appreciate input from the members for inclusion in the newsletter or the website.

Public Relations: Marty W4MLW reported that **Public Relations** for the present have been updating announcements on the repeaters.

VE Testing: Pat N4UGH was not present, David KI4W passed word we would be having **VE Testing** at the Cumberland County Shrine Club at 9:00 am Saturday, August 8th. Take your tests, \$15.00, two forms of picture ID, and a copy of your current station license are area that are required. Get your upgrade, bring a friend to be a new ham.

Field Day: David KI4W brought up Field Day two weeks ago. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we did not

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meet as a Club, but as several individuals and small groups, participated with varying results. Due to the death of Bill Kelchner KU4W, Linda KC4SWY has asked that the club move the equipment from her location as soon as we can. This led to a discussion of where to store/consolidate/accumulate the club equipment and awards. Marty W4MLW indicated that he might be able to help the club with a storage building at a reduced rental cost, and that he would report a price at our next meeting in August. In the interim, Chuck KJ4RV will keep what he has at his place and will pick up the equipment at Linda's house, George KM4ODS at his. We need enough room to securely store generators, antennae, shelters, tables, chairs, and other equipment for Field Day and 2 equipment trailers.

Possum Trot Net: Ron K4FET reports that the **Possum Trot Net** check-ins had dropped for a spell but are now rebounding to previous levels. Remember folks, the Possum Trot Net is from 0500 - 0700 M-F hot, cold, rain, sleet, snow.

Old Business: George KM4ODS has restarted the 10-10 Nets on Wednesday evenings after the 2m evening net, they will be cw and ssb nets. Join the other members on the net, if you are not a member, jump in and collect the 10 numbers required and join 10-10.

New Business: David KI4W has equipment for sale from various estates, etc. Give him a call for details. Van N4ERM is taking a list for T-Shirt orders, get with him and get on his list. The shirts will be delivered at the August meeting. Marty W4MLW moved that as we are not currently meeting at Methodist University but at Peace Presbyterian Church that we made a donation to the church like we would have done at MU: that is to donated \$30.00 per month for the use of the church hall for our monthly meetings. Fred N4ZCG made a second, there was brief discussion, the vote was called, and the members accepted.

Program: Dale AK4YS told us that usually we would be recapping Field Day with lessons learned, but that due to the lack of Field Day as a group this year, asked for input from those who participated from home or remote. David KI4W reported operating from home and making @440 contacts on cw as a 1D station. Marty W4MLW reported operating from home and making @ 50 contacts on ssb as a 1D station. John KF4JDR reported operating from a shelter pitched in Ron's K4FET backyard with a G5RV hung inside of Ron's 80m Loop antenna but made some 50 contacts anyway. Leanne W4LEA came out the help him along. Ron and John were operating as a 2D station. Ron K4FET reported operating from his radio shack and made 150 cw contacts. Nina KN4KUL came by to help log. Larry N4USB operated from home as a 1D station and made 50 ssb contacts. Leanne W4LEA reported operating from home as a 1D station and made 60 contacts. Chuck KJ4RV operated as a 1D station from his home and made 600 plus contacts on cw. Bill KJ4OFD operated as a 1B station from his shed in the backyard operating on battery and made 50 contacts. Mitch KN4ONH operated from his home as a 1D station in his front yard and made 12 contacts. Dale AK4YS said that next month our topic would be Show-and-Tell. Bring in something you built, something you are proud of, something you would like to share.

Announcements: Leanne W4LEA announced that JOTA (Jamboree-on-the-Air) is the 3rd weekend in October and asked if we could attend/operate/help at Haymont Methodist Church for the event.

Door Prize Drawing: Marty W4MLW was hard at krow collecting wallet sized pictures of dead people and putting them in a can, passed out tickets for the chance to win a chance of procuring one of these wonderful prizes:

- a wrench and socket set donated by John KF4JDR was won by Larry N4USB.
- a wireless keyboard donated by Ben KM4ODT was won by Bill KJ4OFD
- a laminated ARRL Band plan donated by Ben KM4ODT was won by John KF4JDR
- a quart of fresh picked blueberries donated by Larry N4USB was won by Paul K4PGM
- a quart of fresh picked blueberries donated by Larry N4USB was won by Ron KD4QMS
- a handy carrying case donated by Paul K4PGM was won by Will KN4OTA

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There being no further business Jim KI4YRH moved to adjourn the meeting, Fred N4ZCG made an enthusiastic second, and David KI4W closed the meeting at 8:35 pm. We had 34 members present.

Submitted: Bill KJ4OFD, Recorder

Pat Tyree KC4TBS SK



Patricia H. Tyree

Fayetteville—Patricia H. Tyree, 84, affectionately known as "Hauser" or "Miss Pat," joined her husband, Gene, at the feet of Jesus on July 14, 2020. Pat was born to Dallas and Evelyn Hauser in High Point, NC, where her parents owned a feed and seed store. She is preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, Gene; her son, Clyde; and her grandson, Edward. Surviving are her son, Dallas (Jamie); daughter, Lynn; granddaughter, Julia; sister, Cecilia (Glenn); two great-grandsons, nieces, nephews, cousins and several life-long friends. Pat graduated from High Point College in 1959 where she studied early childhood education. She taught second and fourth grades before leaving the work force to be a full-time mom. She loved to knit, crochet and sew and never left home without a project. Pat was quietly generous with her possessions and affection. The family will receive visitors at Village Baptist Church on Friday, July 14,

2020, from 1:00-2:00 p.m., and the funeral will follow at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Youth for Christ-Fayetteville at P.O. Box 35102, Fayetteville, NC 28303 made online at www.yfcfay.org/donate/.

Items For Sale / Wanted

- TYT MD-380 440 DMR handheld \$45.00 David KI4W
- Looking for 2 or 3 tower sections.
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