

CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

May 2025

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, May 19th 2025, in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Presbyterian Church, 3202 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC.

President David Winfree WD4NC called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country. Will KN4OTA gave the invocation. David WD4NC led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 43 members and guests present.

David WD4NC asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the meeting minutes from April's meeting? He asked if there was a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April? Bill KJ4OFD moved April's minutes be approved, Rick N1GNF seconded, the club voted in favor by show of hands and the motion carried.

PROGRAM

- Fayetteville State ham shack is being worked by Joe KQ4WGW
 - They have two commercial HF antennas that need to be tuned.
 - Anyone that is willing to help with turning these please get with David WD4NC
- Chini from the EOC briefed an update from the EOC
 - Asked the members if they have questions regarding the EOC let her know
 - Ham radio room at the EOC, has everything setup for the most part
 - Anyone wanting to help should have the required ICS training to operate in the EOC
 - They will be offering this ICS Training, some of the classes are during the day, so she plans to work on evening classes
 - In the event of an emergency, don't self-deploy to the EOC, work through David and Rod for support
 - Kinston NC, the meet up went well, David and Rod attended
 - She mentioned they will be moving radio communications equipment from a few schools to other schools that are used for shelter locations, they will need our help, the schools are on board helping with the logistics of this.
 - Looking at the last week of June for these two moves which include antennas and cables, by their policy antennas cannot be mounted on the roof but can be on the side of the building.
 - David WD4NC will put together a crew to get these two locations moved

- Club ECOMS Drill in June, David WD4NC is working on this, will be working on coordinating with hams to be near or in the shelters, we may not be able to access the inside of the shelters and will do this from outside the shelters if needed. Planning for June 14th
- Vicky AD3I
 - Talked about her involvement with Western NC hurricane Helene relief and communications.
 - She helped extensively coordinating communications traffic, supplies, and welfare messages.
 - Gave a chronicle about the Mt Mitchell Repeater and some of the rescues and other events that occurred
 - She also helps to run a youth STEM amateur radio club
 - Vicky also enjoys Parks on the Air and works with girl and boy scouts

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• DURING MEETING

- Health and Welfare: Travis N4BEL gave the member welfare report
- Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial reports for March and April.
- Event Coordinator: Rod KQ4FNO:
 - Carvers Creek on Thursday the May 22nd for POTA special event for 82nd Airborne Division's clean sweep, will be at the Ramsey St park entrance 4 to 7pm.
 - Museum ships on the air is on June 7th.
 - ARRL Field Day June 28 and 29
 - David announced there will be a station chief meeting later to go over antennas and station setups

• REPORTS TO RECORDER

- Membership: KI4W, had 4 new members to vote in
 - Felipe Acevedo KC4ACE
 - Derec Mercer KO4SPG
 - Jarrod Jones
 - Aaron Brown KF4VGI
 - Travis Bell N4BEL made a motion to approve these new members- Jerry Shreker seconded, the club voted in favor and the motion was carried
- Swap fest: David KI4W, CFARS 25TH anniversary Swapfest will be held August 9th 2025 at the Shrine Club on Ramsey St.

- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,
August net report: **Update Needed**
718 check ins for an average of 23.6
1011 minutes for an average of 32.6
29 pieces of traffic.
- Possum Trot net: Greg NC4GK, PT net continues 5:00am to 7:00am.
- Repeaters: David K4FXC, repeaters are working well as of last check.
- 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, next VE test session will be August 9th at the Shrine Club, Bring an FRN number. Check the CFARS website for additional details.
- Public Relations: Hector KB4LOA, continue posting ham radio and club activity on the CFARS Facebook page.
- ARRL representative: David K4FXC is still working with the ARRL.
- Contest Coordinator: Juan NK2MC no report.
- Emergency Coordinator: Jeremiah KO4VRM, Greg NC4GK, every 2nd Tuesday night is Skywarn night.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tower is now moved to the EOC.
- State approved our 501 c(3) now has to get it through the Federal government, and IRS.
- Kinston meet up regarding the EOC, David WD4NC and Rod KQ4FNO attended

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOOR PRIZES

Tim won a Pelican case

Hector KB4LOA won a UV-5R and Blueberries

Jeremy KB4D won a phone plug adapter

Rick won a knife ammo case

50/50 DRAWING

\$90 collected, Rod KQ4FNO had the winning ticket of 2494 and won \$45

ADJOURNMENT

Larry N4USB made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tyler K4TTN seconded, the club voted and the motion was carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 PM.

Submitted by: Chris KR4I, CFARS Recorder.