

CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

June 2026

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, June 15th, 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. Bill KE4DER gave the invocation. Rod led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 45 members and guests present. Ed N4ESAmade a motion to approve January's meeting minutes Tim KO4VEC 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 no report provided
- Event Coordinator Paul NC4PB:
 - ARRL Field day is June 27th and 28th.
 - The next scheduled VE testing session is August 8th at the CFARS Swapfest, go to the CFARS website for times, dates, and locations as they are subject to change.

• REPORTS TO RECORDER

- Membership: David KI4W
 - No new members were presented for this meeting.
- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,
 - Net report for April: 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, not present / 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.
- AUXCOMM coordinator David WD4NC; Team got together last month and installed antennas on top of the EOC, pictures in the last newsletter. They still need some donations of coax and other things. If you want to help work on the station at the EOC or if you would like a tour of the new station, let him know as he must preplan this. He has also coordinated to use this EOC for field exercises etc. We can't take over the entire facility; they still need to operate in case of an emergency.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Club has been awarded a Micro Grant from Cumberland County to install three Winlink Nodes. One at the EOC, one at the Cumberland/Bladen Line (WD4NC, David) south side of the county and possibly one at Anderson Creek (KR4I, Chris's QTH) or this one could be a mobile station if required. Total award for this grant is \$3285.21 for the three nodes.
- Status of the three EFHW antennas ordered.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Jim K4BUC, let us know that every VE must get registered in the site Exam Tools to continue VE testing. The testing sessions will soon change and they want to put everybody online. Going online requires everyone testing to have a phone or laptop to register and test. They still have the capability to use the test sheets but eventually Jim stated that he thinks that it will be done 100% online. Please see Jim if you have any questions about this or how to register with Exam Tools website.
2. Rod KQ4FNO briefed ARRL Field Day 2026
 - a. Start time 1400 EST Saturday 27th June. Ending at 1659 EST 28th June.
 - a. We will be 5A this time out.
 - b. Safety Officer. Stephen, KR4IVL has requested and been assigned this role.
 - c. Food Director. Don, WO4SFA. Please let him know what you are bringing to the table, and when. He has the power to decide if it will be good or not.
 - d. Front office/Reception. Lani KO4VBB did this last year. This will mostly be staffed by whomever is around
 - e. Field day Marshals are Travis, N4BEL, and Lou, KR4LAF.
 - f. Looking for another shelter for SSB #2. Someone mentioned we can use a popup tent, with an additional cover, but a trailer or RV would be better.

Someone also mentioned we could setup that large shelter tent but its quite a lot of work to set it up.

- g. Fuel Cans, we have about four cans promised so far, but with the number of sites and generators we will need some more. Please mark your cans well. I will fill them prior to the event and have them at the site. If you bring them full, let me know so I can fill them to return to you.
- h. Station Chiefs.
 - 1. CW. Chris Ray, KR4I #1
 - 2. SSB. #2
 - 3. GOTA. Tyler, K4TTN Free
 - 4. Digital, FT8/FT4 Mike/Walter, KC4ABE/ KG4JOK #3
 - 5. VHF. (collocated with Digital FT8) Free
 - 6. Digital RTTY/MSK/PSK31/JS8Call etc #4
 - 7. SSB Secondary. #5 (Use for slower QSOs)
- i. The Station Books are available for Section Chiefs and Other functionaries. Make sure they are brought to the event.
- j. Bonus points. We need to get all bonus points available, Rod went through all the bonus points and asked for support for the various ones and volunteers to support.
- k. Reading the rules. Outside stations – i.e. those that do not join in at the SF Compound, can add their scores to the Club score for an aggregate total. This includes bonus points. We looked at that and most stations could get a total of 700 bonus points. The biggest drawback would be submitting by website for results and logs. We can help with that. Logs have to be turned in by July 28th (A Tuesday). Those operators cannot operate at the SF Compound.
- l. Start time. If we start at 1800 UTC/1400EST then we can operate 27 hours. That means we start putting up antennas and operating immediately. If we come early, 0700 EST and put up antennas and all equipment to operate if we start at 1400 EST then we have to have a 3 hour break at night so we only operate 24 hours. Alternative is to start operating at 1700hrs EST and operate continually until 1700 hrs EST Sunday. The club discussed the timeline and decided it was best to operate as we have in the past and setup starting at 0700 on Saturday and operate field day for 24 hours rather than 27.
- m. Rod next discussed the logistics and resources, we have three Club radios, CW, GOTA, SSB (Main) we have two other radios available, but they may not do Digital modes without additional equipment. Members may have to bring additional radios to make 5A. K4FXC, David, will have two radios, AI4TS, Tracy will have two radios, Rod will bring his FT 710. Unfortunately, the Kenwood TS 450 is not operational after a test run.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

DOOR PRIZES

Norman K4MGZ won a Camping light
Ed N4ESA won an Ammo Can
David KI4W won a CW key
Walt KG4JOK won a roll of tape
Ben W3GER won a Mini pi access s point
NC4PB won a tuner
Jeremy KB4D won an electronic key
Pete K4QFK won a table clamp antenna
Jeremy KB4D won a RIPI access point

50/50 DRAWING

\$128 was collected, 316 was the winning ticket held by Luis KQ2L who won \$64

ADJOURNMENT

Chaz KK4TNO made a motion to adjourn and Pam KO4EHI seconded, the club voted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Submitted by: Chris KR4I, Recorder.