

CAPE FEAR AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES

March 2026

The monthly meeting of the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society was held at 7:00 pm, Monday, March 16th 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. David WD4NC gave the invocation. Rod led the introductions in the usual CFARS fashion. There were 35 members and guests present. Jeramy KB4D made a motion to approve January's meeting minutes David WD4NC seconded, the club voted, and the motion carried.

PROGRAM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• DURING MEETING

- Treasurer: Mike KC4ABE gave the financial report. Ed N4ESA moved to accept the financial report, Jerimah N0NV seconded, the club voted and the report was approved.
- Health and Welfare: Travis N4BEL provided a report on the health and welfare of our members.
- Event Coordinator Paul NC4PB:
 - 21st of March VE testing, see the website for time
 - Paul (Rash?), is heading up an event for North Carolina for the ARRL called the America 250 event, this is an event using the W1AW call sign, if you want to activate the W1AW call sign for NC, contact Paul NC4PB and he will provide the details. This will be two, 2 week event so there will be time for several operators.
 - RARSfest is April 4th. Check out their website, they have a lot of forums and events. Amateur Satellites, AUXCOMM, Skywarn, etc.
 - 18th of April, there will be a POTA event
 - 19th is the ARRL Rookie Round Up, David WD4NC is running this event and to please contact him to come get on the radios.
 - April 25th there will be a fox hunt, David WD4NC had an idea. Mike KC4ABE, and Ty N4TTN will be the fox for a simulated injury or lost person type scenario. They will go out someplace and transmit. Base station radio operators will be needed to listen to help triangulate them to a general area then mobile operators will be sent out to track them down.
 - Another POTA event will be held in May and Museum Ships on the Air and Summer field day in June

- **REPORTS TO RECORDER**

- Membership: David KI4W
 - No new members to vote in this week
- Net Manager: Larry N4USB,
 - Net report: Stay tuned to the local 2 meter net for net reports.
- 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.
- Repeaters: David K4FXC, not present / no report.
- 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. The next testing session will be at Pease Presbyterian Church on March 21st, 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, CW NAQCC sprint is this week, Russian DX contest is 20 March, CQ WW SSB 28/29 March, 17 April is Support your Parks weekend. Check contestcalendar.com for additional contests and events.
- AUXCOMM coordinator David WD4NC
 - David WD4NC would like anyone interested in calling the Skywarn NET to please let him know, everyone should know how to call the net. It's only once a month on the 910 K4MN and the 045 WB4TQD repeaters.
 - During bad weather please report any issues or weather to David WD4NC and Colt to make reports and the reports will be sent to the EOC
 - If you want to be included in the SIGNAL App for AUXCOMM please get with David WD4NC, Colt, Jeremiah N0NV to be added to that app to communicate with the AUXCOMM team.

OLD BUSINESS

Rod KQ4FNO Submitted the logs for the NC QSO party. We put up a lot of antennas, and it takes a lot of time and effort. We need to look at ways to be more efficient, be thinking about what we really need for a particular event and if a few wire antennas will suffice, we may not need a full wave loop each time.

Rod filed the taxes for this year. He needs to work on the dates, but this is the first time that he has known in history that the club has filed taxes.

Rod thanked Ed N4ESA for supporting the audit on the club's finances. Ed mentioned that the monthly treasury report is great and recommended that we keep doing it. Mike will be providing the full budget report for 2025 at the next meeting since the audit report is now final.

NEW BUSINESS

Rod KQ4FNO requested support from anyone available to attend and present at Grays Creek Middle School for a STEM event being held 24 March at 5pm. Please let him know if you can help.

The Hope Mills Historical Society has shut down and is donating its remaining funds to CFARS in the amount of \$2,520.27 to buy equipment. Rod noted that we want to use the funds to purchase equipment to put in a digital node (digipeater) at the same location as the K4MN 910 repeater site and purchase some 80 to 10 End Fed Half Wave antennas. Rod asked for a motion to approve these purchases using these funds. WO4SFA made a motion to approve the purchases and Rick N2GNF seconded, the club voted and the motion carried.

Chris KR4I announced that the first End Fed Half Wave antenna workshop is April 11th. If you have signed up and can't make it, there will be other events. E-mail KR4I@arrl.net for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

DOOR PRIZES

KB4D won an office desk card holder and a US Flag

Michael KF4UHI won a 2 meter mobile antenna and a CD holder

Lanni KQ4BVV on a base antenna and a pouch

Paul NC4PB won an ammo can

50/50 DRAWING

\$109 was collected, 455 was the winning ticket held by Rick N1GNF who won \$54.00.

ADJOURNMENT

Joe made a motion to adjourn and Tim KO4VEC seconded, the club voted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted by: Chris KR4I, Recorder.