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The President's Corner: Van N4ERM

CFARS Conducts Technician License Class on Fort Bragg

Volunteers from CFARS conducted Technician Class License training for members of the 1st BCT, 82nd Abn Div on 9-10 February. Twelve soldiers participated in the training. We used the free stuff from **KB6NU** as the class outline and study guide. Here's a link: <http://www.kb6nu.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/2014-no-nonsense-tech-study-guide-v20.pdf>. In a show of appreciation, the unit presented Certificates signed by the Brigade Combat Team Commander and Command Sergeant Major to **Bob WA4WHV**, **Dick WB7OND** and **Van N4ERM**.

North Carolina QSO Party

Under the very experienced and capable leadership of our good friend **Irv K3IRV** and seconded by **George KM4ODS**, CFARS participated in the *2017 North Carolina QSO Party* once again. This year we had the largest participation ever including a SSB Voice station, a CW station, a digital PSK-31 station and a 6-meter/2-meter station. Thanks to all who participated. Special thanks to **Dan KW4BG** for spotting those bonus stations for us, and to **Pete K4QFK** one of CFARS Founding Members and an original member of the CFARS CW Dream Team.

VE Testing

Our next VE test will be on Saturday, 18 March 2017, in Room 219 of the Hendricks Science Complex on the campus of Methodist University. Hopefully this will include more of the soldiers who received training earlier. Registration starts at 0900 (9AM) and testing begins at 0930 (9:30AM). For details call **Pat N4UGH** at (910) 584-1801.

UPCOMING STUFF

March

- 18 VE Testing - Hendricks Science Complex Room 219
- 20 Monthly Club Meeting - Program: Analysis of CFARS Participation in the NC QSO Party

April

- 2 MS Walk
- 15 Raleigh Hamfest
- 17 Monthly Club Meeting - Program: Something Great TBA!!!!
- 29 - 30 10-10 Spring Digital Contest

See you there!

73 de Van N4ERM

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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.



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



February 2017 Club Meeting Minutes

On February 20th the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by **Van N4ERM**. The meeting was held in Room 219 of the Science Building at Methodist University, Fayetteville, North Carolina. **Van N4ERM** led the *Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag*. **Elton W4VGW** led the invocation. The introductions were made in the normal CFARS manner.

A motion was made by **Kelly N4EWG**, seconded by **Bill KU4W**, to approve the minutes of the February meeting. By vote the motion carried.



COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: **Chuck KJ4RV** gave the treasurer's report. We collected some money and we are still solvent.

Repeater: **Bill KU4W** reported the repeaters are up and krowing well. He received two (2) awards from 10-10 International for the club - 1st Place for the 10-10 Winter Digital contest and 1st Place for the 10-10 Winter CW contest. These will be placed with the other awards in the Repeater Room.

Net Manager: **Chuck KJ4RV** reported check-ins are down slightly for the month of February.

Membership: **David KR4OE** presented **Paul Melvin K4PGM** as a new member. **Paul** was voted into CFARS as our newest member. Several guests asked for applications for membership.

Newsletter: **Mike KN4XP** our newsletter editor, is looking for articles from the club to put into the newsletter. Send your articles to him at cfars_newsletter@yahoo.com

Health & Welfare: No report.

Swapfest: No report.

VE Testing: VE Testing was held last weekend. We had eight (8) to test, and had six (6) new Technicians and (one 1) new General from the testing. Thanks to **Pat N4UGH** and the rest of the VE's. She has agreed to continue as VE Coordinator for the club for 2017.

Public Relations: No report.

Old Business: The Digital Repeater Committee had no report. **Irv K3IRV** is still trying to contact repeater coordinator for Southern Pines to have him come speak about a DMR repeater for the club to replace the 440 repeater. **Van N4ERM** presented certificates from the 1st BCT, 82nd ABN Div. for teaching the radio classes at Fort Bragg. These went to **Dick WB7OND**, **Bob WA4WHV** and **Van N4ERM**.

New Business: **Van N4ERM** asked the club if we wanted to continue taking tables at the local hamfests. A motion was made by **Marty KD4YQE**, seconded by **Jim KI4YRH**, to continue to taking tables at local hamfest. By vote the motion carried. **Van K4QFK** said he could use some help in taking down an antenna at his place, it has gotten overgrown by nearby trees.

Program: **George KM4ODS** briefed the members about the upcoming NC QSO party. We will set up Saturday morning after breakfast at K&W. (Feb 25). We will get together to test feed lines, etc. Thursday. Operations will be 10am Sunday to 8pm Sunday. We will have a CW station, a SSB station, a digital station, and a VHF (6M) station.

Door Prize Drawing: **David KR4OE** held the prize drawing. **Ben KM4ODT** won a tactical flashlight that was donated by **George KM4ODS**. Additional donations of door prizes will be appreciated.

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A motion was made by **Kelly N4EWG**, seconded by **Jim KI4YRH**, to adjourn the meeting. By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. We had thirty-four (34) members and five (5) guests in attendance at the club meeting.

Submitted by **Bill KJ4OFD**
CFARS Recorder

2017 10-10 International Winter Phone QSO Party

4th Call Area

Place	Station	Score	Place	Station	Score
1	KD4AMP	112	7	AK4YS	22
2	KM4ODS	59	8	KJ4OFD	17
3	KJ4RV	45	9	KU4W	8
4	N4ZCG	41	10	KM4IK	7
5	N0TW	35	11	WB4WXB	5
6	KQ4PK	28			

Congratulations to CFARS members who took place in the 10-10 QSO Party. Once again CFARS leads the

Upcoming Hamfests

March 10th
Charlotte Hamfest
Concord, North Carolina
www.charlottehamfest.org

April 15th
Rarsfest
Raleigh, North Carolina
rars.org/rarsfest

VE Testing

2017 VE Testing Schedule

March 18th August 12th
June 10th October 14th

VE Testing Fee for 2017 is \$15. Bring your original license and any CSCE's plus a copy of each. Bring a picture identification.

Items For Sale

Icom 2730 2MTR/440MTR - \$400
OPC-837 controller cable (11.4FT long), MBA-5 controller bracket, MBA-4 controller bracket, DC power cord, HM-207 Mic and Manual

Contact Joe W3OJO
910 366 9674 or W3OJO@twc.com

ALPHA DELTA DX-CC - \$ 85.00
Multi-band resonant dipole, Power rating – 1000 watts, 82 feet long
Bands - 80,40,20,15,10 Meters 17 with tuner

Contact Joe W3OJO
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