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The President's Corner: Van N4ERM

CFARS ANNUAL SWAPFEST –

It has been widely reported that his year's Swapfest was the best ever. Kudos to those who stepped up to support the activity. We even made a little money for CFARS as well. WAYTAGO to all who made the event a success (you know who you are).

“REMEMBER THE EXCITEMENT OF YOUR FIRST QSO??” –

Were you aware that the ARRL has a podcast? If you haven't listened to “ARRL The Doctor is In,” you're missing some great stuff. And you don't have to be an ARRL member to download or listen to the podcast. Just google it and enjoy.

But that's not the point. The podcast is sponsored by DX Engineering. Their commercial plug midway through the podcast begins with “Remember the thrill of calling your first CQ?” That reminded me that many of the folks we have tested over the years (even some in CFARS) have never called CQ or had their first QSO. It's not because they don't want to; they just haven't had an “Elmer” to show them the way. Actually, many folks make their first HF QSO during Field Day. What do you think of the idea that we have an “Elmer Meeting” before the monthly CFARS meeting? Or maybe a “Time for Elmer” during Saturday's K&W breakfast? Let me know what you think.

CFARS SHIRTS AND PATCHES FOR SALE -

We don't have an inventory of CFARS “when all else fails...” shirts on hand. We only order the shirts once every year or so. If you'd like one of these coveted shirts, just let me know how many and what size. The shirts cost \$15.00 each or two for \$25.00... and you'll want more than one!

And a reminder that our Secretary-Treasurer, **Chuck KJ4RV**, has a quantity of CFARS patches on hand for \$5.00 each.

UPCOMING STUFF

September		November	
18	Monthly Meeting	11 - 12	10-10 Fall Digital Contest
		20	Monthly Meeting
October			
10	10-10 Sprint		
14	VE Testing		
16	Monthly Meeting - Nominations for CFARS Officers		
	Program - Annual Show & Tell Chuck KJ4RV and Van N4ERM		
21	Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air		
21 - 22	10-10 Fall CW 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.



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



August 2017 Club Meeting Minutes

On August 21st the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by **George KM4ODS**. The meeting was held in Auditorium of the Science Building at Methodist University, Fayetteville, North Carolina. **George KM4ODS** led the *Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag*. **Ben KM4ODT** led the invocation. The introductions were made in the normal CFARS manner.

A motion was made by **Chuck KJ4RV**, seconded by **Bill KU4W**, to approve the minutes of the June 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** sent in the repeater report. The 2 and 6 meter repeaters are up. The 440 repeater is down.

Net Manager: **Chuck KJ4RV** reported check-ins are down for the month of July. Remember, these are our repeaters, if we don't use them somebody else might.

Membership: **David KR4OE** introduced **Greg Onachila K4IOE** and **Jim Roberts KM4RQW** to the club. They introduced themselves to the club. A motion was made by **Bonne KF4LVF**, seconded by **Kelly N4EWG**, to accept these folks as new member. By vote the motion carried. We now have 3 new members of the club.

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: **David KR4OE** reported we did the best we have ever done for the Swapfest. Special recognition was given to **Ed KD4ESA** and **Bobbi N4KAY** for picking up the slack left by **Bill KJ4OFD**. Great job all!

VE Testing: **Dale AK4YS** reported there were seven (7) people who tested at the Swapfest. We have four (4) new technicians, two (2) new generals and one (1) renewed his extra license. **Mike K4JWX** and **Bobbi N4KAY** upgraded to general at Smithfield last Saturday. Congratulations to all!

Field Day: No report.

Public Relations: No report.

Old Business: **Bill KJ4OFD** told us there was a 70' Rhon 25 tower and antenna available in Southern Pines. It needs to be taken down and hauled off. Contact Bill at 910-818-8330 for details. The Shelby Hamfest will be held September 1 in Shelby, NC. **George KM4ODS** asked we all contact as many of the members who were not present and invite them to come to the meeting and join our nets.

New Business: None.

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Program: George KM4ODS presented a video presentation on SWR, what it is and how it is tested.

Door Prize Drawing: David KR4OE held the door prize drawing. Bill KU4W won a repeater directory and Ed KD4ESA won a multi-meter. ht.

A motion was made by Kelly N4EWG, seconded by Joe W3OJO, to adjourn the meeting. By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. We had twenty two (22) members and one (1) guest at the club meeting. The next meeting will be September 18, 2017.

Submitted by **Bill KJ4OFD**
CFARS Recorder

Upcoming Hamfests

September 1, 2017

Shelby Hamfest
Shelby, North Carolina
www.shelbyhamfest.org

September 9, 2017

Virginia Beach Hamfest
Virginia Beach, Virginia
vbhamfest.com

October 7, 2017

South Carolina Sectional Convention
Rockhill, South Carolina
www.ycars.org

November 11, 2017

Beachfest 2017
Conway, South Carolina
www.w4gs.org



Calling for Newsletter Articles

CFARS needs your input to the newsletter. If you have installed a new antenna, mobile rig, made a piece of equipment, tried a new mode of operation or anything else related to amateur radio, take the time to write it up and include pictures. Each month the CFARS News needs your input. Somebody may be wanting to try something new and you just might be the one that spurs that interest or can help out a new or confused older ham. Newsletter articles and pictures can be emailed to cfars_newsletter@yahoo.com.

CFARS Shirts...



FRONT

BACK



In response to popular demand, we're ready to take your order for a couple of those fabulous CFARS shirts. You can order them in M, L, XL, 2X, 3X or 4X. And we've been able to hold down the pricing to the 2013 level of only \$15.00 per shirt or two (2) for \$25.00 (and you'll want at least two!)! Email **Van N4ERM** your order and I'll take it from there. We'll only keep this going for the month of September (no orders after 30 September). Shirts will be distributed at the October CFARS meeting and during K&W breakfast after that. Otherwise, there'll be a modest charge for shipping. They're going fast so get your shirts NOW!

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