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The President's Corner: Van N4ERM

GREAT SEPTEMBER AND EXCITING OCTOBER CFARS MEETINGS –

If you missed September's Program, you missed a good one. Our friend Zero W4WTL (aka Bill) introduced Paul English, Army MARS Program Director, who teleconferenced into our meeting from Texas. Paul gave us some background on the origins of Army MARS and its current involvement with Defense, FEMA and Homeland Security Communications. He answered several questions from CFARS members. The October Meeting is our annual "Show and Tell" Event. If you've built anything or discovered anything that solves a question or problem (antennas, keyers, filters, software programs, etc.), bring it to October's meeting and share your experience with all of us. Our friend Chuck KJ4RV shared this link with me. READ IT! READ IT NOW! <http://www.hamuniverse.com/fourdollarspecialw1gfh.html>

Nominations for CFARS Officers for 2018 –

It's time to get serious about CFARS Officers for 2018. Nominations for offices will be taken during the October monthly CFARS meeting, with voting for the 2018 Officers taking place at the November meeting. Please consider serving your CFARS as an officer. Anyone who has served as a CFARS officer can tell you that it is not difficult and it is a great honor. So step up and serve!

CFARS SHIRTS FOR DISTRIBUTION AND PATCHES FOR SALE -

OK. The shirts have been ordered and will be available for distribution at the October CFARS monthly meeting. Bring your money to the meeting: \$15.00 for single shirt or two for \$25.00. And a reminder that our Secretary-Treasurer, Chuck KJ4RV, has a quantity of CFARS patches on hand for \$5.00 each.

UPCOMING STUFF

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

November

- 11 - 12 10-10 Fall Digital Contest
- 19 JARSFest Johnston Amateur Radio Society, Benson, NC
- 20 Monthly Meeting - Elections

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!



September 2017 Club Meeting Minutes

On September 18st 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 Hendricks Science Building at Methodist University, Fayetteville, North Carolina. **Van N4ERM** led the *Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag*. **Larry N4USB** led the invocation. The introductions were made in the normal CFARS manner.

A motion was made by **Marty W4MLW**, seconded by **Bill W4WTL**, to approve the minutes of the August 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** gave the repeater report. The 2 and 6 meter repeaters are up. The 440 repeater is down. We need volunteers to climb the tower to repair the antenna.

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

Membership: **David KR4OE** read names from applications for membership from **Theodore Ogden W0SMT**, **Delita Wright KN4BKN**, **John Anderson KM4WEF** and **Allen Hayes KN4CGZ** to the club. A motion was made by **Ben KM4ODT**, seconded by **Bill KU4W**, to accept these folks as new member. By vote the motion carried. Welcome to all our new members.

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: Gene N4ANV was in the hospital and is now at home. Please keep him in your prayers.

Swapfest: **David KR4OE** reported we did the best we have ever done for the Swapfest. 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: We have vacancies for our Emergency coordinator and Public Relations positions. We could use your help in filling these offices. **Van N4ERM** and **Irv K3IRV** went to the EOC to put up antennas on top of the LEC after the county had removed them to renovate the top of the building. The 60th Annual Boy Scouts Jamboree on the Air will be held October 20 - 22. We haven't yet been contacted, please leave flexibility in your schedule to lend a hand. CFARS t-shirts will be in in October. Bring cash to take delivery.

New Business: None.

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Program: **Paul English**, Director of Army MARS, gave a presentation of who they were, what they do and how we can get involved.

Door Prize Drawing: **David KR4OE** held the door prize drawing for a "Little Red Bag" donated by George KM4ODS. **Larry N4USB** won it. The bag contained various HF connectors, dielectric grease and other niceties to have around the shack materials.

A motion was made by **Steve KA4CZL**, seconded by **Jim KI4YRH**, to adjourn the meeting. By vote the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. We had twenty six (26) members and two (2) guests at the club meeting. The next meeting will be October 16, 2017.

Submitted by **Bill KJ4OFD**
CFARS Recorder

Upcoming Hamfests

October 7, 2017
South Carolina Sectional Convention
Rockhill, South Carolina
www.ycars.org

October 8, 2017
Maysville Hamfest
Maysville, North Carolina

November 11, 2017
Beachfest 2017
Conway, South Carolina
www.w4gs.org

November 19, 2017
Jarsfest 2017
Benson, North Carolina
www.jars.net



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.