

New Bern Amateur Radio Club

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November Program:

David Sousa, K2CQV will give the program for November. It will be an open forum type of program. Questions asked, questions answered in response to requests from the members for information on HF operating practice, Hopefully, other more experienced members will join in to help answer questions.

President's Corner

If you have seen one you have seen them all. Well, maybe.....

I just returned from a very delightful trip to the Ozarks in Missouri, near Branson. You know, that place that has become the country music mecca. Back, way back, when I was a small boy the land on the hills surrounding Branson, Missouri might have sold for \$50 an acre. I doubt if it could be had for 5K a square foot today. Amazing !! Anyway, back to the subject. During our nine day trip I caught some pretty large mouth bass and visited folk . On. one visit I accompanied my XYL to visit her second cousin. Joyce had not seen her cousin for years. Her cousin is an avid quilt maker, thus the attraction. You ladies should know about such things. It so happened that her husband John is a Ham. John, WB0LTE was pleased to show off his ham shack and antennas. Joyce ventured with us as far as the doorway to John's shack and looked in saying, "If you've seen one you've seen them all." Well, John was using a Gateway 2000 PC, just like me. He was using an old Heathkit antenna switch to switch to his Mosley Classic 33 beam or his G5RV, just like me. John is mainly a CW operator. He uses full break-in or a foot switch-model b1rd, just like me. Neatly tucked in under his operating desk was a Heathkit Cantenna dummy load that he had built years ago. In case the dummy load should leak oil for one reason or another, John had set the dummy load in a aluminum pie pan, just like me. John seems to be a fine fellow. He is an extra class and is president of the local ham club, just like me. I ask John if he was on PSK-31. He gave me a blank look and replied what is PSK-31. Jumping at the opportunity, I gave him the web page for Digipan and a quick run down on how it worked. He said it seemed like something he would like, just like me. I could go on but I think you get the idea. Hams around the world are all very different animals, yet..... **Have fun.** -
wa0zgl

Club Member Profile

Unlike some things, age is not a limiting factor in obtaining an amateur radio license. One of our newest members is only 10 years of age. **Meghan Elizabeth Radford, KG4ISQ** studied diligently this Summer and successfully passed her technician examination. Meghan is a sixth grade honor roll student at Annunciation School in Havelock and former member of the student council. Meghan is published in Anthology of Poetry by Young Americans, a second year piano student, school cheerleader, in her seventh year of dance, plays soccer, and loves to swim and read. How did she find time to get interested in amateur radio ? When she was 3 months old, sitting on her mentors lap, she began turning knobs and pushing buttons on her Papa's Yaesu-757. Papa, her grandfather, is also known as Mac, WA0ZGL. - je

Safety Exposition

Home Safety Expo held in the Twin Rivers Mall on Saturday, September 30, 2000

Many thanks to Bob W2HVX, Mac WA0ZGL, Bepi KC4VV, Dave K2CQV, and Pete, KA4SXX for working the expo; to Dave KB4EBT for getting the ball rolling, making up some flyers, and working the table; to XYL Eve Chamberlain for helping with the display board; and to all who stood by waiting for the CQs that never came (well, once). Traffic was light in the mall overall. We did have 4-5 people stop by to talk who were genuinely interested in ham radio, and quite a few people stroll by who perhaps had their awareness raised a smidgen. Perhaps most importantly of all, we were observed by others in the Safety/Service community, other participants in the expo, and those are people we definitely want to reach. - **N8UTY**

VE TESTING

NBARC's VE team had four applicants for the Sept. 23 test session. Three of the four successfully got a license .The next test session is scheduled for Nov, 11, at 9:00 AM, at Craven Community College, Building B. Please contact K4VC, Charlie, for more information.

October Meeting

At our last meeting Doug Baber, KC4FYW, spoke on QRP. He told us about sources of information in books, newsletters, and the Internet. He showed us some of his equipment, which can be purchased inexpensively and built from kits. Most important was an efficient antenna system that didn't eat up power in heat. Batteries and solar cells to keep them charged when no power is available rounded out his discussion.

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR NBARC ELECTIONS

NBARC by-laws call for election of club officers during the November meeting. At the October meeting, Mac, WA0ZGL, announced members of the nominating committee to be Bob Chamberlain, W2HVX, Ralph Bitely, N4RAB, and John Jaskolka, KR4ZJ. Ralph is still getting used to his new call!

To make the selection of elected officers open to as many members as possible before the meeting, we are soliciting interested candidates both via e-mail notice and through this issue of the newsletter. Nominations will also be open from the floor at the meeting.

If you have an interest in having your name placed in nomination or if you know of someone who would be willing to serve, please contact any one of the nominating committee.

All elected positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Communications are open to new candidates.

The committee believes that it's important to share the club responsibilities among as many people as possible. Further, it's not fair to ask the incumbents to continue year after year, even though they're awfully good at it!

Please let us know who's willing to "step up to the plate" for 2001!

73, the Committee

- * Ralph Bitely, N4RAB
 - * Bob Chamberlain, W2HVX
 - * John Jaskolka, KR4ZJ
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JOTA Was a Great Success

On Saturday, October 21, Jamboree on the Air was held at St. Andrew Lutheran Church. This event was sponsored by our club as well as members of Boy Scout Troop 494 from St. Andrew. It was a beautiful day and many Boy and Girl Scouts showed up to talk to other scouts from around the world. This was the first time that many of them had ever had a chance to talk on the radio. Thanks to all of you who helped to make this such a successful event.

Ben Epting, N4NOA

Swap Shop

I have an inoperative Icom 02-gat and many accessories. I think it is interchangeable with an Icom 02-at or a Radio Shack 202. If your Ht doesnt work or you need some add-ons -- lets talk.

K4VC, Charlie

For Sale: Kenwood TS-520, matching spkr, owners manual, \$300. Dentron 500 watt antenna tuner, \$75. Call Dave @ 636-1548 or respond via e-mail.

WANTED, Will Buy -- Old tube-type ham equipment or test gear -- working or even preferably not working. I enjoy fixing stuff, and operating vintage equipment. I presently operate Hallicrafters, Drake, Central Electronics, Johnson eqpt weekly, always interested in "changing the scenery". Will buy tubes for use in getting & keeping things going. Will help anyone who wants to get on the air with tube type equipment. Al Parker, 636-0837,

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2000 NBARC Officers:

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Selected Local Nets

Club Net Manager: Billie Morton, KE4YMA
Craven County ARES: 146.61 MHz, 2000 before threatening wx; monitor during ARES activations
Waterway Radio Cruising Club: 7268 kHz, 0745 daily
NC Morning Net: 3927 kHz, 0745 daily
Carolina Slow Net (CW): 3715kHz, 1800 (5wpm) daily
Coastal Carolina Emergency Net: 3907 kHz, 1900 daily
Carolinas Net (CW): 3573 kHz, 1900 (25 WPM), 2200 (12-15) WPM) daily
Carteret County ARS/ARES: 145.45 mHz, 1930 Tuesdays/ Emerg Traffic handling 1st Tuesday after 4th Sat., monthly
NBARC Ragchew: 146.61 mHz, 2000 Tuesdays
Skywarn: 145.21 mHz, 2100 Tuesdays
ENC Emergency: 146.685 mHz, 2100 Tuesdays
ENC Traffic: 146.685 mHz, 2030 daily