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October Meeting -- Thursday, Oct. 4, 2001

6:30 PM at The Berne Restaurant

The speaker for October will be Martin Culpepper, AC4PW. Martin will give a product review of the Ten-Tec Pegasus, a computer/software controlled HF radio and it's many features.

The door prize for the October meeting has been provided by the compliments of Lou Darco, N2AME. Lou has donated a brand new copy of the ARRL repeater directory for 2001 -2002.

Maysville Hamfest

The Maysville Hamfest will be held at the community center in Maysville on Sunday, October 14. Admission and outside tailgating is free. Tickets will be three for \$10 to participate in the prize drawing. A catered lunch will be available for a reasonable price. Things usually start about 7:30 am and last 'til about 2 PM. Don't forget that the prizes are comparable to those of larger hamfests. Talk in on 146.685.

73, Andy, W4ULD

FINANCIAL REPORT

Sept. 1, 2001 ---- Sept. 30, 2001

CHECKING

Balance @ Aug. 31, 2001 \$ 1,535.36

Expenses

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|-------|-----------------|-----------|
| 09/07 | C P & L | \$ 26.16 |
| 09/13 | Seabury & Smith | 187.00 |
| 09/22 | Sprint | 32.32 |
| | Total | \$ 245.48 |

SUBTOTAL **\$ 1,289.88**

Deposits

09/10 \$ 17.00

Balance @ Sept. 30, 2001 **\$ 1,306.88**

SAVINGS

Balance \$ 1,122.07

GRAND TOTAL **\$2,428.95**

Note 1 -- 09/13 entry represents payment of premium on property coverage (NBARC owned equipment)

President's Corner

By the time you are reading this rambling Joyce and I will be canoeing on the Buffalo National River in Northwest Arkansas. We took a daring trip on the upper part of the river last Spring. The wild beauty of it was breath taking. We got here by flying from Raleigh to Springfield, Missouri and then by motor home to Arkansas. We plan to visit relatives in Kansas City and Stockton, Mo. before returning. They say that it is 33% more hazardous to drive on the highways than it is to fly.

After the events of September 11, our daughters and granddaughters were totally against our taking this trip by air. After some discussion and calm argument it came down to this. Terrorism thrives on two things. It thrives on intimidation and fear. Giving in to either gives the devil a win. Flinching

and sticking our heads in the sand makes him smile. Nope, not going to happen here. I'm certainly not professing to throw caution to the wind. However, I do say, "Remain alert, be aware of your surrounds at all times and treat your fellow man as you would like to be treated."

Sorry I will miss the program planned for the October meeting. It should be very interesting. See you all at the Maysville Ham Fest on October 14 and may God bless America. **Have Fun – wa0zgl**

The following represents an evaluation of the remaining property of N2TWO, which was donated to the club by his widow. The figures opposite each item represent an average evaluation arrived at by a "committee of experts", based on their experience and knowledge of the item.

If you wish to buy any of these items contact Charlie, K4VC and delivery arrangements can be made. If you wish to inspect the items beforehand, he will work with you.

1. Kenwood Antenna Tuner, M# AT230, not auto, instructions \$ 55.00
2. Astron Power Supply, M# 35-A, schematic \$ 70.00
3. Realistic 2mtr FM H/T, M# HTX-202, ant, lg batt, wall chrgr, manual \$ 55.00
4. Delcom 2mtr Fm H/T, belt clip, batt, wall chrgr \$ 40.00
5. Micronta Pwr Supp, 120ac/12vdc \$ 10.00
6. Archer AC wall wart, 120ac/3v-9v dc \$ 4.00
7. 2 mtr. mag mount antenna \$ 15.00
8. Realistic, Nova-40 headphones \$ 5.00
9. Micronta 8 range multimeter, cat# 22-212a \$ 8.00
10. Micronta vhf/uhf swr/pwr meter, cat# 19-320 \$ 10.00
11. MFJ pocket Code Tutor \$ 25.00
12. MFJ Active Ant. M# 1020-A, collapsible ant., manual \$ 25.00
13. Icom, M# BC-30 charger \$ 10.00
14. Icom, Drop-In charger \$ 15.00
16. Infra-red Tx, Arkon M# AR-800tx, mike, wall charger, cable - make offer (purpose unknown)

MEETING MINUTES

6 SEPTEMBER 2001

The regular meeting of the New Bern Amateur Radio Club was held on the above date at the Berne Restaurant and the meeting was called to order by President Mac Eutsler, WA0ZGL, at 6:40pm. Introductions were made from the floor with 29 present; roster is attached.

During the president's comments Mac mentioned that he wanted to upgrade e-mail addresses. Also he mentioned that the Maysville Hamfest would be Sunday, October 14th. During a report for the repeater committee, there was some discussion about a problem with the repeater and it was agreed to keep an eye on it.

Bruce, N8UTY, announced that the MS-150 would be cranking up on Saturday, the 8th, at 6:30 to 7:00 am. He mentioned that there were 43 hams working the marathon 150 mile bike ride and that they would be using the Trenton and the Oriental repeaters. Bruce also mentioned that we needed to start thinking about the annual SET exercise coming up in October.

Mac and Ken, N4KDM, mentioned that the Boy Scout Jamboree on the Air is scheduled for October 20th. A ham station will be set up outside of Orringer Hall at Craven Community College. Ralph, N4RAB, has put together a handout to be distributed during the operation.

It was announced that the ENC Repeater Association was having their annual picnic at a park in Morehead City on Sunday. Smithfield's BBQ is catering the event and plans are to eat at 1pm.

The program, on QRP receivers was presented by Doug Baber, KC4FYW, from Stella, NC. He also had a display of the receivers he had made or modified, for members to view.

The two door prizes were won by Jean Foss, KH4HMG, and Preston Carawan, KF4YNK. The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.
Ray Hemphill, W7OPH, Secretary.

Upcoming Hamfests

Oct. 14 Maysville, as reported above, addtl info from Carl Capps, N4TIE carlcec@hotmail.com

Nov. 10 Myrtle Beach, Grand Strand ARC, outside fleamarket, tailgate, open air hamfest event. ALL vendors and tailgaters are welcome. \$5.00 per spot. NO charge for admission.
website <http://www.w4gs.org>
Email: beachfest2001@hotmail.com

Nov. 18 Benson - details next month.

Upcoming Operating Events

Oct. 6-7 California QSO Party, if you're a county hunter, this is a good way to get the ones in CA. CA hams really get on for this one, as it may be the only time of the year that the rest of us look for them ;-) info - <http://www.cqp.org>

Oct. 20 JOTA Boy Scout Jamboree On The Air, local operation to be set up at Orringer Hall, Craven Community College. For more info, contact Ralph, N4RAB, or Ken, N4KDM

Oct. 27-28 CQ WW DX Contest, phone, Exchange RS(T) and CQ zone (we're in zone 5). This is one of the biggies, the bands'll be crowded, if you don't like contests, go sailing or work CW.
info - <http://cqww.com/cqww/>

Oct. 27-28 Ten-Ten International CW QSO Party CW on 10 meters only - help keep 10m active. info - <http://www.ten-ten.org/>

Nov. 3-5 ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW
2100 UTC Saturday, ends 0300 UTC Monday.
2.4. Operate no more than 24 of the 30 hours.

For further info on all above items, see the latest QST magazine

The ARES Angle

As many of you already know, we had a fairly close call with tropical storm Gabriele. Cutting across Florida and skirting up the coast as she did, just a slight northward jog would have brought her to our shores. Our county emergency manager, Stanley Kite, called together a meeting of the Craven County hurricane support group. You know it's pretty close when this happens, because Stanley does not flap. We got lucky this time, as Gabriele headed out to sea. I appreciate the many people who volunteered their services if ARES was activated.

Let's hope the rest of the season continues in a similar vein. And for now, that's the ARES Angle.

Bruce, **N8UTY**

WTC Disaster - Ham Involvement

If you wonder how useful we can be in times such as this, the account, which can be found on the web, at <http://www.sfarc.org/> should remove all doubt. Hams played a vital part in NYC. KV6LEE put his earthquake preparedness training from California to valuable use at WTC "ground zero."

Bart Lee, KV6LEE, a lawyer, was in Manhattan on an extensive legal business, on behalf of his Partnership Law Offices in San Francisco. He had taken up residence in a friend's high rise apartment at the south end of 5th Avenue at Washington Park. That is 1.65 miles line of sight North by North-East from 'Ground Zero' at Church & Vesey.

Bart SAW the THIRD building go down.

Here is an excerpt of his account, taken from the San Francisco ARC's website:

Indeed, here in NY the usual concepts of Ham Radio being a mere tertiary communications application - a redundant 'backup' and 'health & welfare messaging' were historically overturned, forevermore! In a REAL DISASTER of titanic proportions - in a magnitude 8 earthquake, in a Military Attack resulting in Mass-Destruction; or in a 'targeted Attack' on specific KEY Optical, Microwave, Telephone/Cell phone switching nodes,

KEY Frame Relay and TCP/IP packeting router/server-'Farms', in a 'targeted attack' on KEY Electric Power Switching nodes...in ALL these situations...Ham Radio will be a PRIMARY, not the tertiary Communications System for the mission essential messaging of City, State, and even Federal Command & Control.

see all the details at <http://www.sfarc.org/>

Many Thanks to My Ham Radio Friends

For a couple of months, I posted a notice in the newsletter indicating an interest in any old slide rules that any of our members might be willing to part with. I wasn't sure whether it would bear fruit or not. Well, it sure did. First, I received a call from Miss Welma's daughter, Mercedes. She had an old slide rule that used to be her father's. Then I was overwhelmed at our monthly meeting in September. Tom, **KJ4IV**, Vito, **KB8VCZ**, and Bob, **W2IXF**, all had splendid examples of various slide rules that they had used in a previous incarnation. I was touched by their generosity and wish to express my thanks publicly.

Bruce, **N8UTY**

Cast of Characters:

President: Mac Eutsler, [WA0ZGL](#)
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Secretary: Ray Hemphill, [W7OPH](#)
Treasurer: Charlie Gould, [K4VC](#)
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.Assistant Treasurer: Ralph Bitely, [N3XID](#)
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Any inquiries, comments, items for Swap Shop, suggestions, contributions, and letters for inclusion should be sent to the editor, W8UT, at e-mail: anchor@ec.rr.com

Editorial Ramblings

You will probably notice some differences in the newsletter this month. Your editor suffered a major PC problem, his hard drive quit on Sept. 16. I've been struggling since, trying to get all the programs reloaded, and what data I am able. These things are like lightning, which Mac, **WA0ZGL**, wrote about recently - we never expect it to happen to us. But PC's will crash, for each of us, sooner or later. We need to be prepared, just like we should be for a lightning strike. I had made backups of much data the day before the crash, mainly because it warned me by acting strangely. I hadn't made regular backups for several months, and unfortunately, much of what I did backup has suffered problems of it's own - either the program, like Outlook Express email, which can make it's own backups, was not able to restore them, or in other cases, the spare hard disk I used for a backup developed it's own bad sectors in the saved data.

So, I'm missing all of my address book, and all the incoming mail that I wanted to save, from last March to the crash on 9/16. Also missing, much of which I hadn't backed up, are all my old newsletter files, including pictures.

One good thing has surfaced -- in reloading the word processor files, and the Adobe Acrobat files, it now appears that I will be able to put the whole newsletter into one .pdf file, as I should have been able to. That's strange, as are most of these things to me, as I had reloaded both of those programs months ago in trying to fix the problem.

In conclusion, I would also like to thank all my ham friends for reading and heeding the swap shop ads. I have had several additions to my strange collection of boatanchors in the past months, due in many cases to either direct contacts by members, or by your references and leads. It's true, one man's junk can be another's treasure.

73, Al, **W8UT** - keep those tubes glowing

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From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT
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To all radio amateurs

ARES/RACES NYC Effort Stands Down;

After nearly two weeks of intense effort, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Radio Civil Emergency Service volunteer effort in New York City has wound down.

REACT International is still seeking Amateur Radio and licensed GMRS users, primarily to support the Salvation Army's relief efforts in New York City. REACT International Secretary Lee Besing, N5NTG, said REACT needs up to two dozen volunteers a day. Prospective volunteers should first visit the REACT International Web site, www.reactintl.org/, or e-mail NYCHelp@reactintl.org.

ARRL New York City-Long Island ARES Section Emergency Coordinator Tom Carrubba, KA2D, says the American Red Cross closed all shelters that remained open in New York City on September 23, while the New York City Office of Emergency Management terminated Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service support Monday, September 24. An American Red Cross net supporting two respite stations from Red Cross Headquarters in Brooklyn was expected to shut down by September 25. Any remaining Amateur Radio Emergency Service activity would be handled by volunteers from the Greater New York City area, Carrubba said.

ARRL New York City-Long Island Section Manager George Tranos, N2GA, expressed his gratitude to all Amateur Radio operators who came forward to assist the ARES/RACES effort. "The system works and our 'hobby' has performed well as a 'service' to the public," Tranos said. He estimated that some 500 Amateur Radio volunteers helped out with communications support for the disaster. ARRL President Haynie visited September 21 with some of the New York-area ARES volunteers. Haynie thanked all volunteers for their work.

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