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January Meeting -- Thursday, Jan.. 3, 2002

6:30 PM at The Berne Restaurant

We start the **New Year** with a **program** by Doug Baber, **KC4FYW**. Doug will speak about transmitter basics & theory. Doug's programs are always interesting and informative. The door prize will be announced at the meeting.

Dues -- 2002 dues are now due and payable. Some have already arrived as reported in the financial report (deposit). Send your checks to the PO Box or to Charlie at home, or come Thurs. & pay Charlie there.

Testing -- there were four applicants and four examiners at the Dec. 15 test session, resulting in a new General and a new Extra. Not bad considering the season. Congratulations !!

The new Extra is already doing the necessary studying and paperwork to become a Examiner. A new examiner for the session was Vince Sipple, **N6JIB**.

Repeater Access

There has been some confusion and questions regarding the changed repeater access codes, particularly for the autopatch. A "refresher" on all the codes will be available at the next meeting, as they all should be treated confidentially, but to access the autopatch, use *77 to bring it up, and #9 to bring it down after your use (don't forget to).

Please remember, the autopatch is for the use of members, and if the access codes were known to others, abuse could result in a financial liability to the club. This info is being distributed to members only, and will not be included in the web version.

THE HF MOBILE ANTENNA - PART III

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dec. 1, 2001 ----Dec. 31, 2001

CHECKING

Balance @ Nov. 30, 2001	\$	
<u>1,535.28</u>		
Expenses		
12/01 R. Bitely (JOTA)	\$	63.89
12/07 C P & L		23.33
12/11 Flowers (K4RYJ)		42.60
12/11 SERA		20.00
12/15 Mail Boxes		44.20
12/19 Sprint		<u>36.14</u>
Total Expenses		\$230.16
SUBTOTAL		\$ <u>1,305.12</u>
Deposits		
12/14	\$	<u>180.00</u>
Total Deposits		\$ 180.00
Balance @ Jan. 01, 2002		\$ <u>1,485.12</u>
<u>SAVINGS</u>		
Balance		\$ <u>1,122.07</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>		<u>\$2,607.19</u>

2nd & 3rd Cruising Report from Rick & Tammy

Trip report 03 Dec 01

On a mooring ball in Vero Beach Fl.....

We decided to bypass Charleston SC, only because of the anchorage and the bridges. The anchorage always needs two anchors and the bridges go on restrictions. We went thru the cut south of Charleston and headed for the low country on the way to Beaufort SC. The character of the waterway changes here and you are indeed in the low country. Gone are the forest covered shores and in their replacement comes marsh grass. and countless islands and creeks. From Beaufort SC it is a short trip to the Savannah River crossing. Usually when we cross the river it is like being a school kid at a crossing, look left, then right then left again and proceed. This time when we looked left there was a 1000 foot container ship bearing down on us and we either had to turn around or put the

hammer down and cross. Felt comfortable with the timing so we ventured across, two boats that were ten minutes behind us could not do that and had to turn back and allow the freighter to pass. I never get tired of the waterway, and the sights and sounds of the creeks and marshes. The waterway charts do little justice to the marshes. This year we have a guidebook that makes the whole area look different "The Georgia Coast" by Nancy and Tom Zydler. I highly recommend this publication. I am not one to advocate anything much, but in this case it is well worth it. Some of the rivers are navigable to the deep reaches of Georgia and are worth sidetrips. We also learned of the history of the area, and learned a lot more about some of the barrier islands.

Crossing in to Florida was pretty uneventful, although the river crossing near Jacksonville Beach FL was kind of exciting five knots of current and twenty five knots of counter wind. We anchored in near Pine Island FL (kinda buggy!!!) then to Daytona and then Titusville. Titusville was as crowded as I have ever seen it,,all were waiting for a space launch. Since it had been delayed we kept on going because if all the boats went to Vero Beach the place would soon fill up.

We arrived in Vero at about 2:30 pm and plan on spending a few days here.

Rick and Tammy

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THE BUS TRIP FROM HELL

16 Dec 01

We have a pair of Tasco Offshore 36's, and a Sea (rat) Ray (who else) waked us and knocked the things over and a mirror got out of alignment. We called Tasco service center and they indicated that if we brought them in that they would repair/replace....

We arrived in Miami and decided to make the Tasco evolution the first item on the "to Do List".. A phone call to Tasco again was required this time to get some more definition of just where these guys were.

Then off to the Bus!!! First bus was the "C" bus in front of Miami Yacht club, this took us downtown to Miami and then we transferred to the "38" bus, oh yeah it was 9:30 AM at this time. The 38 bus went west and we talked to the driver and he said (I gotta call this one in!, i got no idea where you need to transfer) a few minutes later he told us that we needed to get off and then transfer to the "27" bus,

but he would tell us when. Forty minutes later we were at 27th ave North and that was the spot. We got off and went around the corner to the bus stop. While waiting for the bus I counted eleven "rib/chicken" joints!!!! Lets just say the neighborhood was a little dark.....

North on the 27 bus we went, but we learned something 'this bus also follows the metro rail route' and we can take that back to Miami faster. We knew that we had to get to the #2 Broward transit company route. So the driver left us off at another transfer point and we waited and got on the "2" bus then after discussing the address with the driver we were told that we would have to transfer again to the #28 bus and that would take us to the cross street..... hot damn actually getting closer!!!!.

He dropped us off (where, i have no freakin idea) but this time all the restaurants and joints were all in Haitian creole so that should give you an idea. Well there was some Cuban joints also.. at 1:00 pm we got on the 28 bus and fifteen minutes later we were on our street,,,,,

Went to Tasco, and then the people there were really great!!!! When they found out that we had taken the "BUS" all the way from Miami to their location they gave us a new pair of glasses, and new offshore floating strap and two "Tasco" ball caps. Highly recommend them for pure customer service!!!!

Now it is 2:00 pm and we gotta get back, Tammy J... and I had a discussion and felt that all we had to do was get back to the 27 bus route and get off at a metro rail and we could take the train back to Miami and eliminate a lot of bus routes... and that is what we did.

The first train station was (appropriate) Martin Luther King. From there to Government center and then to the "C" bus back to the yacht club.....But with a brand new pair of Offshore 36's!!!!

From the Log of SV/Pelago
Miami Fl 16 Dec 01

(if you want to get in touch with them while they're away, email to wb6lnh@winlink.org , but keep it in text only, as they get their mail via ham radio and long msgs or attachments take forever to download.)

Upcoming Hamfests

There are no 'fests scheduled in the area during January. I did see several club members at the Benson 'fest on Nov. 18. It was a beautiful day, unlike recent years.

I think the next one to think about is the Richmond "FROSTFEST" which is Feb. 10, 2002. Virginia State Convention, <http://www.frostfest.com>
Contact: Pat Wilson, W4PW, w4pw@arrl.net

See the January QST or <http://www.arrl.org>

Upcoming Operating Events

Dec. 31-Jan. ARRL Straight-Key Night limber up your old straight key, 7PM Mon to 7PM Tues. see page 114 of December 2001 *QST*

Jan. 25-27 CQ WW 160-Meter Contest (CW)
<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq160rules.html>

For further info on all above items, see the latest QST magazine or ARRL website:
<http://www.arrl.org>

SWAP SHOP

WANTED Will Buy -- Old tube-type ham equipment or test gear -- working or even preferably not working. Will buy tubes & parts for use in getting & keeping things going. Will help anyone who wants to get tube type equipment working and on the air (I work free, or for junk).

Al, W8UT anchor@ec.rr.com or 636-0837

WANTED: Slide Rules - Do any of you folks have slide rules hanging around in closets or desk drawers? I am looking for interesting or unusual versions to add to my collection. I bet a lot of our older hams used them in school and work, and may still have one somewhere. Please let me know if you want to pass it on. I would pay some for a slide rule in good condition.

Bruce, N8UTY, at 633-9096 or barnold@coxnc.rr.com

VE TEST SESSIONS

Charlie, K4VC says: "I have attempted to unofficially "coordinate" 2002 exam sessions in our area, by checking with the respective liasons. I have their permission to submit the following: "

Morehead City, NC -- third Saturday of odd months.

Contact, Mac, **WA0ZGL**, at 252-447-8338, or wa0zgl@coastalnet.com.

New Bern, NC -- third Saturday of even months, except December. Contact Charlie, **K4VC**, at 252-633-3178, or k4vc@arrl.net.

Jacksonville, NC -- all eve. sessions, last Tuesday of each month with the exceptions of June, July and August. Contact Tom Hill, **KJ4IV**, at 910-326-4536, or tomhill@gibralter.net.

**YEAR END
FINANCIAL REPORT --2001**

<u>Deposits</u>		<u>Debit Memos</u>		<u>Checks</u>		
01-02-01	\$80.00		CP&L Sprint	#	For	Amt
01-05-01	310.00	J	32.75 29.37	1319	Arrl	26.00
01-11-01	100.00	F	22.16 29.37	20	Copies	44.20
01-18-01	130.00	M	21.27 29.40	21	Flowers	42.40
02-02-01	383.00	A	21.98 29.40	22	Stamps	34.00
02-19-01	160.00	M	21.35 29.40	23	Arrl	26.00
03-02-01	231.00	J	21.18 29.40	24	Arrl	26.00
03-15-01	88.00	J	23.04 32.32	25	Arrl	51.00
04-10-01	133.00	A	24.09 32.32	26	Stamps	34.00
05-04-01	52.00	S	26.16 32.32	27	Copies	44.20
05-14-01	53.00	O	16.10 32.29	28	W4EWN	14.00
06-08-01	51.00	N	33.51 32.30	29	PO Box	55.00
06-25-01	250.00	D	23.31 36.14	1330	Ins	187.00
07-06-01	44.00			31	Stamps	34.00
08-03-01	244.00			32	Copies	42.40
09-10-01	17.00			33	Jota	63.89
10-05-01	80.00			34	SERA	20.00
10-15-01	263.00			35	K4RYJ	42.60
11-02-01	61.00			36	Copies	44.20
12-15-01	180.00					
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	\$2910.00		(\$286.90) (\$374.03)			(\$829.09)

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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

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): 3685kHz, 2000 (5-7 wpm) 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 Tues./ Emerg Traffic handling 1st Tues. after 4th Sat., monthly
NBARC Traffic: 146.61 mHz, 2000 Tuesdays (suspended)
Skywarn: 145.21 mHz, 2100 Tuesdays
ENC Emergency: 146.685 mHz, 2100 Thursdays
ENC Traffic: 146.685 mHz, 2030 daily
NBARC Ragchew: 146.61 mHz, daily, after ENC Traffic closes

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