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May Meeting -- Thursday, May. 2, 2002

6:30 PM at The Berne Restaurant

The program for the May meeting: Mac, **WA0ZGL**, is our program speaker and he may be talking about PSK-31. **The door prize** will be an MFJ electronic keyer.

Due to circumstances beyond editorial control, this issue will be greatly shortened, 4 pages vs. the normal 8. There may be more info in the website version, which may be viewable early next week.

The HF Mobile Antenna - Part VI, Limitations and Parting Words

by **Andy Griffith, W4ULD**, will be seen next month.

For more information about the Women's Shelter 5K, Saturday, May 18 and Neuse River Day, Saturday, June 8, contact Bob, W2HVX or Bruce, N8UTY.

Note - there are now two FCC form 605s. They are not interchangeable, and each is used for specific purposes. The 605 (NCVEC605) is used exclusively in the VE testing program. It cannot be used for any other purpose (change of address).

The other form (605) is a broad-based form used by any party (commercial, AM/FM, amateur, maritime, air, etc.) to modify their information on the FCC records. Thus an amateur who has moved and wishes to change his address on the FCC records, must use this form. It carries six pages of blanket instructions.

The form is available on the Internet at <http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html>, or a request can be made via fax or phone, to receive a copy via snail mail. Our in-house, always helpful VEC, **K4VC**, has a limited supply of the form, and will assist any way he can.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Apr. 1, 2002 ---- Apr. 30, 2002

CHECKING

Balance @ Mar. 31, 2002 \$ 2,274.43

Expenses

04/08 C P & L	22.15
04/19 Sprint	<u>36.93</u>
Total	\$ 59.08

SUBTOTAL \$ 2,215.35

Deposits

04/05	\$ <u>90.00</u>
Total	\$ 90.00

BALANCE @ Apr. 30, 2002 \$ 2,305.35

SAVINGS

Balance \$ 1,134.39

GRAND TOTAL \$ 3,439.74

MEETING MINUTES

4 APRIL 2002

The regular monthly meeting of the New Bern Amateur Radio Club was held on the above date and the meeting was called to order at 6:40pm, by Vice President Pete Koonce, **KA4SXX**. Introductions were made from the floor, as is customary, with 34 signatures on the roster, which is included with these minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without objection. Bob Chamberlain, **W2HVX**, and Mac Eutsler, **WA0ZGL**, were appointed to investigate the price of Club Banner which would be used at public events, such as Field Day.

Bruce Arnold, **N8UTY**, mentioned that there would be a demonstration of cross-band repeater operation at

10am Saturday at Union Point, and all interested were invited. Also Bruce mentioned that the MS walk would be April 14th. Bob passed out sign up sheets for the two upcoming events. The other event was the Women's Shelter Walk, which would be May 18th. The Tour-de-cure, Raleigh to Manteo, would be held on May 18th.

It was decided that the New Bern Amateur Radio Club would participate in Field Day, but that the location would be Union Point, same as last year. That date was June 22-23.

The program consisted of Pete throwing the floor open for a questions and answer period. There was discussion of an ARRL vest and other items of discussion. David Warwick, **KB4EBT**, mentioned that he had passed the Level I Emergency Communication Course. The door prize drawing was won by Ken McCain, **K4KDM**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10PM.

Ray Hemphill, **W7OPH**, Secretary.....

May Operating Events

May 4-5 10-10 International Spring Contest, CW, 0001Z May 4-2400Z May 5 (see February QST, p 112).

May 4-5 Martha's Vineyard, MA: The Fall River Amateur Radio Club, W1ACT. 1300Z **May 4** to 1700Z **May 5**. The 9th Annual Martha's Vineyard (IOTA NA-046) Weekend Expedition. HF, VHF, UHF and satellite.

May 11-12 FISTS Spring Sprint --CW, sponsored by the FISTS International CW Club from 1700Z-2100Z May 11 (see February QST, p 109).

For full info on these items, see the latest issue of QST magazine or www.arrl.org

MS WALK

Sunday, April 14, turned out to be a fine sunny day in spite of scattered rain storms to the east and west of Union Point Park. At least our spirits weren't dampened.

We had plenty of time to prepare after arrival of all hands due to a scheduling error, giving us an extra hour to record our beauty for posterity photographically, and to organize our deployment with the route map as a guide.

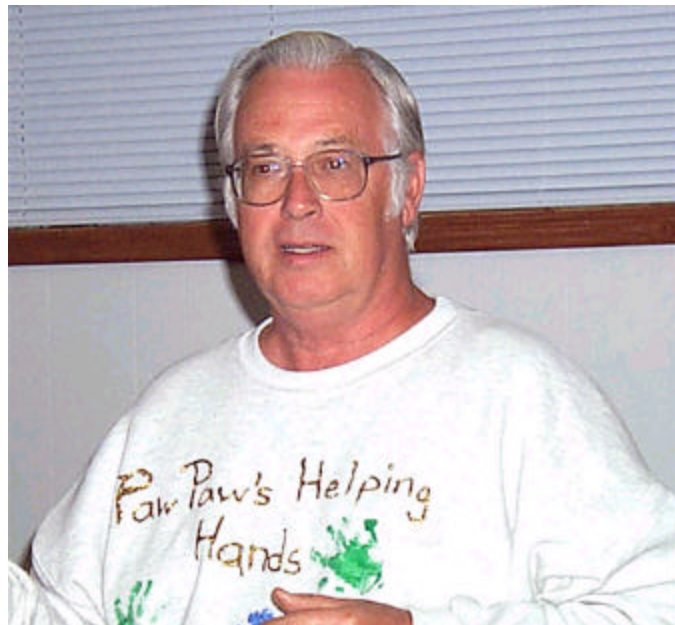
Pete, **KA4SXX**, took up his position at the rest stop at the farthest point from the start. Ken, **K4KDM**, observed the intersection of Hancock and Broad Streets, where in the past considerable vehicle traffic and walkers mixed it up in a potentially dangerous combination. Preston **KF4YNK** reported on walkers nearing the finish from the vicinity of Wachovia Bank near the Sheraton. Howard, **AA4HR**, volunteered to be our intrepid athlete, following on foot the last walkers around the entire course. And I set up my "mobile in a box" in the main tent with the auxiliary loudspeaker turned up so the event managers could hear all the incoming progress reports themselves.

You never know what information might be useful to them. Last year it was the timing and names of the earliest runners to finish. This year, they most wanted to know the whereabouts of the earliest to arrive, locations of the majority and of the stragglers -- all for purpose of timing the re-arrangement of tables in the main tent and bringing out the warm BBQ and chicken sandwiches, snacks, and beverages.

Of course, in my mind our most serious purpose is contributing to public safety, such as reporting any incident which might need quick medical or police response. But when nothing serious occurs, we call it a good day.

And, then, who can knock an opportunity to shake the cobwebs out of our radios, see if our batteries are still alive, and play radio on a nice day in the park! Thanks to all who participated.

Bob, **W2HVX**



Pete, **KA4SXX**, leading the April meeting
(Look out, Mac! Pete may be looking for a job!)



MS Walk radio crew 1 to r: Pete, **KA4SXX**, Ken, **K4KDM**, Bob, **W2HVX**, Howard, **AA4HR**, Preston, **KF4YNK**

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