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## **November Meeting -- Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002**

6:30 PM at The Berne Restaurant

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**Program for the November meeting:** The speaker will be Dave Sousa, **K2CQV**. Dave will talk about the history of the telegraph key, which for many years was ham radios favorite accessory. The program was given several years ago and is being repeated for the benefit of new members.

**Door prize:** Two prizes will be given out thanks to Charlie Gould, **K4VC**, who donated them. A 2 meter 5/8 wave mag.mount antenna and an SWR bridge/power meter for HF.

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It is with great sadness and the utmost sympathy that we report that Virginia Hughes, the wife of Vito, **KB8VCZ**, passed away Thursday morning, Oct. 31, 2002

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### **The Communications Corner**

For the first time in New Bern, there will be a Veterans Day Parade on Monday, Nov. 11. It is a major event, involving an expected 100 groups

and many hundreds of people.

Hams have been asked to supply radio communications between the two event managers, the staging area manager, an ambulance, and four posts along the downtown route. The time span will be from 12:00 noon until 3:30 to stage the participants, and 3:30 to 6:30 for the parade itself.

But any amount of time you can give will be appreciated.

The three managers shadowed will be either in vehicles or on foot, while the route ops can be stationary in their own vehicles. The ambulance op would remain with that vehicle, stationary or deployed.

The major task is to observe and report any problems and be available to answer the managers' questions, if any.

Since these folks have never done this before, their sense of security will be greatly increased by our eyes, ears, and radios.

If you can participate for any length of time, please contact Bob Chamberlain, **W2HVX**, within the next few days. Telephone 252-638-9299 or e-mail [rchamber@coastalnet.com](mailto:rchamber@coastalnet.com). Let me know when you can come and if you have an assignment preference.

Assignments (place, time, etc.) will be by return e-mail or telephone, with any final briefing at the NBARC meeting on Nov. 7. I have asked for some sort of ID and/or parking pass to allow our vehicles onto the parade route after traffic has been closed, so attending the meeting will be important for those folks. This is an important opportunity to continue increasing our visibility and credibility in the community. Please help us if you can.

73, Bob, **W2HVX**

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## **President's Corner**

We are approaching on of the more important club meetings of the year. November's meeting is our election night. During this meeting we will elect club officers to take us through 2003. You may have noticed the media blitz on campaigning. The various candidates have been putting up a fight to get your vote. Be sure to get out and vote. Think about nominations that you want to bring to the floor during the meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Be sure and talk with anyone you may want to nominate, making sure they are okay with it. Most of our committee chairs have been filled and we are pleased with that. After two years of grueling dedication, our programs chair has ask for a replacement. Dave, **K2CQV**, has been tremendous in this position and replacing him may be difficult. We have a great deal of talent in our membership. I know someone will step up and meet the challenge. I believe our programs bring a wealth of information and pleasure to our members so they need to continue.

As you can see, The XYL and I have returned from yet another trip. I calculated we have been out 36 days out of the last 60. Being a tourist isn't all that bad. See you at the meeting.

**HAVE FUN – wa0zgl**

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## **Meeting Minutes**, 3 October 2002

The regular monthly meeting of the New Bern Amateur Radio Club was held on the first Thursday, the above date, and the meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by President

Mac Eutsler, **WA0ZGL**. Introductions were made from the floor with 29 present and the roster is attached. Mac introduced Nicholas Petro from the National Weather Service office in Newport, NC. Nick, **N3OET**, made an interesting presentation of the latest technology in weather forecasting and prediction. Nick is a member of AMS, and mentioned that local meetings were held for those with a special interest in meteorology.

The Berne mentioned that we need to be geared toward closing the meeting more along the lines of 8:00pm, however, someone would be there until about 8:30. (Seems like that was the reason that we started opening the meeting at 6:30 vs 7:00pm.)

Ken, **K4KDM**, made some comments on plans for the Boy Scout JOTA, this year. It will be held at the college campus on October 19th, which is a Saturday. Ken requested people and equipment to help with the project. Charlie, **K4VC**, mentioned that an exam session would be held at the college at the same time and on the same date.

Ed Valentine, **W2YPM**, and Mac, gave a repeater report and mentioned that soon the cavities would need retuning. Billy, **KE4YMA**, reported on the VHF net activities. Bruce, **N8UTY**, reported on the MS 150 and thanked all the folks that assisted with that event and said that everything went really great. He also mentioned that the SET would be on Friday, OCT 18th at about 3:30pm. Traffic would be passed and local agencies would be served.

Mac mentioned that the Maysville Hamfest would be Sunday, October 13th, and that he had a wonderful trip to Europe, touring Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. David, **K2CQV**, sold tickets for the door prize which was won by Bill Hardesty, **KG4BSA**. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Ray Hemphill, **W7OPH**, Secretary

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Oct. 01, 2002 ---- Oct. 31, 2002

### **CHECKING**

Balance @ Sept. 30, 2002            \$1,659.15

#### Expenses:

10/07	C P & L	\$29.21
10/14	Sprint	39.32
10/20	SERA	<u>20.00</u>
Total		\$ 88.53

Subtotal                                    \$1,570.62

#### Deposits:

10/04	\$ 29.00
10/08	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$ 49.00

Balance @ Oct.. 31, 2002            \$ 1,619.62

## The ARES Angle

### **SET Held**

We had our annual Simulated Emergency Test on Friday, October 18, and it was a great success. Not so much in terms of check-ins; we only had a total of 9 operators on the net. However, our main goal this time was to pass traffic to and from all 4 of the public agencies we serve -- Craven County Emergency Management, Red Cross, New Bern Fire Department, and the Department of Social Services -- and this was accomplished in fine form, with help from Bob, **W2HVX**, Charlie, **K4VC**, Preston, **KF4YNK**, and myself.

We also included formal written traffic via the National Traffic System, thanks to John, **KR4ZJ** and Billie, **KE4YMA** -- if I missed anyone else, I'm sorry. Messages went out to our Section Manager, Section Emergency Coordinator, and ECs in neighboring counties. I have heard back from a few of the people who got messages, so that went well.

An interesting twist this year was combining our SET with Lenoir County -- we even had a check-in from Miss Jean, **KB4OHX**.

So thanks to all who took part, whether you went to an agency, took some traffic, or just checked in. This one was really different from past years and I felt it went quite well.

Now, here's a question -- does a fox hunt seem like the right thing for sometime in November? Let's talk about it during the November meeting.

Bruce, **N8UTY**

Communications Officer

## Freebies?

I'm going to Craven Community College for free. I discovered that if you are 65 or older that you can take most courses for free. I'm taking four computer classes, one of which is an Online class, and I'm saving \$220.00 on those four courses. 73, **K4REB**, Reb Sr



**Hammarlund BC-779A/SP-200 ca 1942**

## Jamboree On The Air

The Boy Scout **JOTA** was held at the Craven Community College campus on Saturday, October 19th. Both mobile and fixed station operations were demonstrated and enjoyed by many on this beautiful day, as can be seen below.

73, Bob **W2HVX**



just following a contact with another mobile in Texas on 10 meters, when this group of scouts could hear both sides of the conversation. Discussion followed about HF mobiling possibilities all over the world.



"Under the tent" -- Dave Warwick, **KB4EBT**, demonstrating and instructing the scouts in age-appropriate details of ham radio. They made a contact with a scout troop in Sweden. Each scout had the opportunity to offer his name, age, and scout troop. Amazingly, the Swedish scouts all spoke English.



## November Operating Events

### Special Events

**Nov. 2-4** ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW)

**Nov. 16-18** ARRL November Sweepstakes (phone)

**Object for both:** For stations in the United States and Canada (including territories and possessions) to exchange QSO information with as many other US and Canadian stations as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands.

### Hamfests

**Nov. 17 - Benson, NC, Johnston ARS**

<http://www.jars.net> or: William Lambert, AK4H

Email: [blambert1@mindspring.com](mailto:blambert1@mindspring.com)

### SWAP SHOP

**FOR SALE:** NBARC logo front license plates. Heavy metal, not flimsy plastic.

\$10.00 each, or - **SPECIAL** - 2 for \$19.99.

(such a deal, limited quantity available)

Call Charlie, **K4VC**, at 633-3178,

or e-mail at [K4VC@arrl.net](mailto:K4VC@arrl.net)

SWAP SHOP (cont.)

**FOR SALE:** for non-ham friend. **Azden 5000** 2 meter retired CAP mobile with mag mount antenna and mount bracket. Manual included with schematic. 25W 20 memories, 140.000 to 149.999 mc. Probably early 1990's but works fine, \$60 call George, **N2UCH**, at 249 4999 or email at [n2uch@cconnect.net](mailto:n2uch@cconnect.net)

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## W1AW Fall/Winter Operating Schedule

### Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC (4 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
2100 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu
2200 " (5 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
2300 " (6 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0000 " (7 PM EST)	CWs	Mon, Wed, Fri
0000 " "	CWf	Tue, Thu
0100 " (8 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
0200 " (9 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0245 " (9:45 PM EST)	VOICE	Daily
0300 " (10 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
0300 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu
0400 " (11 PM EST)	CWb	Daily

### Frequencies (MHz)

**CW:** 1.818 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975  
21.0675 28.0675 147.555

**RTTY:** - 3.625 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095  
28.095 147.555

**VOICE:** 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390  
28.590 147.555

### Notes:

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM

CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM

CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

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**WANTED:** Will buy tubes & parts for use in getting & keeping tube eqpt 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

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### VANITY APPLICATION REMINDERS BEAR REPEATING

When applying for a vanity call sign, the application purpose on FCC Form 605 should always be "Modification" (MD). ARRL VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, advises that vanity applicants within their 90-day license renewal window should not attempt to do a "Renewal/Modification" (RM) when applying for a vanity call sign.

"I would recommend that you renew first," Jahnke said. "If vanity processing is delayed for some reason--as happened last fall and spring--your license could expire while awaiting processing, and your application would be dismissed."

The fee for a vanity call sign increased to \$14.50 in September. Jahnke says it is possible for vanity applicants to register a name, address or contact information (eg, e-mail or telephone number) change with the FCC while also applying for a vanity call sign, since both actions can be dealt with as a Modification. Note, however, that if you're only changing such data as name, address or contact information and not applying for a new call sign, you should check "Administrative Update" (AU) as the application purpose--and, yes, this is confusing.

By the way, unlike a vanity application, which requires a fee and goes to the FCC's fiscal agent in Pittsburgh, an Administrative Update application requires no fee and goes directly to the FCC in Gettysburg.

Amateur applications may be filed electronically via the FCC's ULS Web site <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>> or on paper (using FCC Form 605). The FCC says that anyone filing any application with the FCC--whether for a vanity, license renewal, upgrade or modification--first must be registered with the Commission Registration System (CORES) and have obtained an FCC Registration Number (FRN).

For more information on vanity filing, visit the Amateur Radio Vanity Call

Signs page <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vanity.html>> on the ARRL Web site.

**Cast of Characters:**

President: Mac Eutsler, WA0ZGL  
Vice President: Pete Koonce, KA4SXX  
Secretary: Ray Hemphill, W7OPH  
Treasurer: Charlie Gould, K4VC  
Communications: Bruce Arnold, N8UTY  
Trustee: Tommie Phelps, WA4EME  
Assistant Secretary: Doug Whitford, KF4YHG  
.Assistant Treasurer: Ralph Bitely, N3XID  
Program Chairman: David Sousa, K2CQV  
Public Service/Photog: Bob Chamberlain, W2HVX  
Emergency Communications: Bruce Arnold, N8UTY  
Assistant E. Comm.: Dave Warwick, KB4EBT

**The Newsletter Team:**

Al Parker, W8UT, Editor  
Charlie Gould, K4VC, Data Base/Labels/P.O.mail

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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  
Fairfield Harbor Cruising Net, 7224, 0730 M-F  
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 Tues./ Emerg Traffic handling 1st Tues. after 4th Sat., monthly  
NBARC Traffic: 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  
NBARC Ragchew: 146.61 mHz, daily, after ENC Traffic closes

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