

New Bern Amateur Radio Club



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March Meeting -- Thursday, Mar. 6, 2003

6:30 PM at The Berne Restaurant

Program for the December meeting Dave Sousa will give the program for the March meeting. In keeping with today's trend towards miniature equipment he will show some miniature CW paddles made to complement these new HF radios with built in electronic keyers. A short but surely an interesting program.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Feb. 01, 2003	-----	Feb. 28, 2003
<u>Checking</u>		
Balance @ January, 31, 2003		\$ 1,998.51
EXPENSES:		
02/04	C P & L	\$ 24.40
02/19	Sprint	<u>39.35</u>
	Total	\$ 63.75
	Subtotal	\$ 1,934.76
DEPOSITS:		
02/07		\$ 284.00
02/24		<u>110.00</u>
	Total	\$ 394.00
Balance @ Feb. 28, 2003		<u>\$ 2,328.76</u>
<u>Savings:</u>		
Balance		<u>\$ 1,142.01</u>
<u>GRAND TOTAL</u>		<u>\$ 3,470.72</u>

MINUTES 6 February 2003

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 President Mac Eutsler, **WA0ZGL**. Introductions were made from the floor with 24 members present with a roster attached.

All were advised of the passing of the father of Bruce Arnold, **N8UTY**, and the club made floral arrangements for the funeral to be held in the Charlotte area.

John Jaskolka, **KR4ZJ**, donated the door prize for the meeting. Mac and Sid, **WA4VBC**, gave a repeater report on the Riverdale location, and brought the club up to date on the Glenburnie Drive location.

Ralph, **N4RAB**, mentioned that he was attending the AMS weather chapter that would meet again on February 16th, for basic training and a weather course. It was also mentioned that Tuesday, June 17th, there

would be a hurricane mini conference. Mac also reviewed the regional hamfest calendar, with the Downeast Hamfest in Kinston coming up on March 23rd.

The program was presented by Ray Hemphill, **W7OPH**, on the ABC's of it. The program was designed to more familiarize people with the operation of the NC control system of beverage alcohol. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Respectfully submitted:

Ray Hemphill, **W7OPH**, Secretary.



Ray, W7OPH

W2HVX foto

The Communications Corner

Here it is, late February. As I write, there is another big storm off to the west of us. Like the President's Day storm, it is dumping huge amounts of snow and ice across the country. I'm glad we don't get much of that here, and my thoughts are with the many folks who are having to deal with it. Last time, there were a number of ARES units activated, and communications emergencies declared in Virginia and Kentucky. I expect our fellow hams are gearing up again for this one.

Here in eastern NC, I am thinking more about the change of seasons. I guess the 60 degree weather over the last weekend has given me spring fever. But spring is not the only season on its way. March heralds the beginning of the severe thunderstorm season in North

Carolina. Warm, moist air coming up from the Gulf meets the last of the cold air coming down from Canada, and the atmosphere becomes unpredictable. So sharpen up your weather observing skills and get ready for some Skywarn activations, they are bound to come. Remember, Skywarn is over on Grifton 146.685 as long as the Trenton machine is down.

And then there is the public service season, beginning with the MS Walk in New Bern. It will be held on the second Sunday in April, as usual, which is April 8th this year. The route will be the same as last year, and the walk will start at 2:00 PM. We will meet in Union Point Park at 1:30 and deploy from there. We will use simplex this year instead of the repeater, as tests show this to be the most reliable mode for the downtown location. We will use the usual 146.490, which started out among our Fairfield Harbour hams and has come into general use in NBARC as a whole.

Bob Chamberlain is lining up a slate of other public service events, including the ever-popular Neuse River Days, so there will be plenty of chances to practice our skills, serve our community, and enjoy ham radio camaraderie in the coming months.

Let's not forget fox-hunting, either. Since I had to miss the February meeting, we did not schedule one for the spring, but that will be on the agenda for the March meeting. And of course, there is the Down East Hamfest in Kinston on Sunday, March 23rd -- I look forward to seeing a lot of old friends there and maybe picking up some essential junk.

Sounds like a great spring ahead of us, doesn't it?

Bruce, **N8UTY**

Communications Officer

TWO PUBLIC SERVICE DATES SET

(Please save May 17 and June 7)

NBARC has been again invited to support the Coastal Carolina Women's Shelter 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, May 17. The time, place, and radio assignments will be the same as in the past, requiring 10 ops for about two and a half hours in the morning. The event starts and ends at the Farmer's Market in New Bern, as before.

In addition, Neuse River Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 7. Again, the "drill" will be the same as

in the past with about 6 "shadows" and 6 mariners, plus the Neuse Office, net controls, and relief ops -- about 15 in all.

There's plenty of time to get "sign ups" and cover details of the operations at our April and May meetings, but we hope that this advance notice will help to get the dates marked in your calendars.

Last year we had some problems with the repeater, but Bruce, N8UTY, has come up with a slick system that should give us 100% reliability this year.

The folks who run these events have come to rely on us and have expressed that they couldn't get along without our communications. It's nice to be needed!

73, Bob, **W2HVX**

Tarboro 440 Repeater

The following appears in the current issue of the SERA Repeater Journal, as reported by the NC Reporter, Mike Lewis, WA4KE.

Tarboro has a new UHF repeater on 444.925. (PL118.8) on top of the Sprint building downtown. Handheld coverage is solid in town and through most of Edgecombe County, with mobile coverage in Greenville and Rocky Mount. The repeater is a GE Master II running 50 watts output with emergency backup power. The antenna is a DB-422 located on a rooftop tower at approximately 150'. The call sign on the repeater is N4NTO. Thanks to Sid Purvis, WA4VBC, for his expertise in building and assembling the repeater. Tune into the 444.925 repeater as you drive through the Tarboro area on your way to the beach or anytime you want a friendly chat.

February Operating Events

Contests

March 1 - 2 ARRL International DX Contest

(Phone) for details see:

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/calendar.html>

Hamfests

Mar. 8-9 Charlotte, Mecklenburg ARS

Tom Hunt, KA3VVJ

Email: hamfest@w4bfb.org

<http://www.w4bfb.org/hamfest>

Mar. 23 Kinston, Down East Hamfest Association

Doug Burt, W4OFO, 252-524-5724

Email: jeanhd@icomnet.com

Apr. 13 – **Raleigh**, Raleigh ARS

Chuck Littlewood, K4HF, Phone: 919-872-6555

Email: k4hf@arrl.net

<http://www.rars.org/hamfest>

The MorseCodians

ABC Australia has a great radio program available for all about the early history of the telegraph called "The MorseCodians." I think it's about 45-50 mins. long. Good stuff.

W1EOF is making arrangements to make it available on hamnutz.com and also on CD-ROM for those that don't have a fast enough internet connection.

Web Page: <http://www.abc.net.au/rn/history/hindsight/>
Details:

Scroll down to the link "MorseCodians" for more details on the program.

To Listen:

If you have Real Player on your computer, just click on the link marked "listen."

73,

Mark, **W1EOF**

SWAP SHOP

Swap Shop works! George, **N2UCH**, sold the **Azden 5000** thru his ad here.

FOR SALE: Yaesu FT-757GX hf transceiver with operating and tech manuals. Operates good. Appearance is fair. This is an all mode rig operating 160 -10 meters. This is the rig that has "the switch" for wide band operating. \$250.00

Contact Mac, **WA0ZGL**

FOR SALE: ICOM - R71A communications receiver. Operates 130kc-30 Meg. Works very well. Appearance is nice. \$250.00 - find more info on these nice revrs at <http://www.geocities.com/n2cbu/>

Contact Mac, **WA0ZGL**

FOR SALE: Yaesu /FT-767-GX \$400

Contact Clifford Spirsk, Havelock, fone 447-3448

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

Cast of Characters:

President: Mac Eutsler, WA0ZGL
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Assistant Treasurer: Ralph Bitely, N4RAB
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suggestions, contributions, and letters for
inclusion should be sent to the editor, W8UT,
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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
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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