

# New Bern Amateur Radio Club



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**W4EWN/R**

146.610/ 146.010 PL 100 Hz.

444.900 / 449.900 PL 100 Hz.

**Website: <http://www.nbarc.org>**

## **Next Meeting -- Thursday, Jan. 6, 2004**

**6:00 PM at Roy's Family Restaurant 2311 Neuse Blvd**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Dec. 01, 2004 --- Dec. 31, 2004

#### **CHECKING**

Balance: Nov. 31, 2004 \$2,751.14

Expenses:

12/08 Prog Nrg \$ 22.82

12/19 Sprint 24.30

11/29 Memoriam (KJ4KT) 50.00

Total: (\$ 97.12)

Subtotal \$ 2,654.02

Deposits:

12/07 Membership \$ 80.00

12/15 Membership 60.00

Total: \$ 140.00

Balance @ Dec. 31, 2004 \$ 2,794.02

#### **SAVINGS**

Balance @ Nov. 31, 2004 \$ 1,930.14

Deposits: 0

Balance @ Dec. 31, 2004 \$ 1,930.14

**GRAND TOTAL: \$ 4,724.16**

Charlie, **K4VC**, treas

### **First NBARC meeting of 2005**

Main attraction – our annual auction.

Purpose to help support our club.

Any and all amateur gear and/or OBJECTS.

100% donation to the club or other arrangements for your prized STUFF. Minimum bids may be set.

Don't forget to bring your FUNDS.

**WA0ZGL**

### **NEW MEETING PLACE**

The big news this month is that The Berne Restaurant has closed, probably permanently. Ray, **W7OPH**, has been a one-man search and rescue squad, and has found, negotiated for, and secured a location for us to use this month, and evaluate for future use. **Roy's Family Restaurant, 2311 Neuse Blvd.** They do not have a buffet, orders to be made from the menu. For those who wish to dine, it is suggested that you arrive at 5:30 this first time, so that the auction may be started at, or close to, 6:00 PM. The restaurant closes at 8PM, so we should do our best to make a good first impression and be on our way out by 8, not straggle on as we had gotten into the habit of at The Berne.

**Dues are due** Jan. 1, and are \$20.00 ( and have been for xx-years)

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

There was no business conducted at the December "Eatin Meatin"

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## **AUCTION**

This is a partial list of items which will be auctioned off at the Jan. meeting. Most are donations, with 100% of the realized price to go to the club treasury. Additional "mystery" items will surely appear at the meeting.

2 tickets to the 2005 Virginia Beach Hamfest, Sept. 2005

Mobile speaker with cord/1/8" plug,  
MFJ deluxe CW filter.  
Telex Station mike, low imp.  
Kenwood 440ht, old but still works.  
Flexible mike stand.  
Misc. tools, screwdrivers, cutters, etc.

old Tektronic dual trace scope, not working

(2) Hobby type power supplies (+12 V, +5V, -5V)  
(2) DC Ammeters (+60A -60A Center 0)  
Pair headphone type communicators with VOX

Heathkit RF Oscillator, Model IG-5280  
Heathkit 12-volt Automotive Timing Light, Model CI-1040  
Conar Transistor Tester, Model 214

RCA "VoltOhmyst" VTVM, model WV-77E

Heathkit antenna. Full of oil  
ARRL book, 'Gateway to Packet Radio'  
Archer headphones, 8 ohms  
Electro-Voice mike, M# 417  
Clever Cam, M#360, disc, no USB cable, manual  
Mini speaker system, Archer cat.#40167  
MFJ Antenna tuner, M#16010, 200 watts, SO-239 connx

AZDEN PCS2000 2 meter Transceiver  
200 watt Power Inverter (12 dc to 120 ac)  
MFJ Antenna Mag Mount Base

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## **The ARES Angle**

I'm writing this on Dec. 31, and like many I am engaging in a little retrospection. I am grateful for the fun and the challenge of amateur radio, as well as the chance to serve the public from time to time (while getting to play with radios! -- as **KN4AQ** once remarked.)

A couple of months ago, I mentioned that we would be

having a Simulated Emergency Test sometime this fall. After thinking it over, and having spoken about it with Mac, **WA0ZGL**, I decided not to. Here's why:

We had two good **ARES** activations this year. The first was for Tropical Storm Alex. Although we never went from stand-by to active, it was still an impressive showing. If you recall, I got home from the **EOC** hurricane meeting around 7:30 PM, activated the phone tree, and by 8:00 we had around 30 folks come up on the net. That is an awesome response time. You will also recall that several of us were put to good use with Skywarn, which needed volunteers a great deal even though Craven County **ARES** did not go active. So I count that a resounding success.

The second time was for Hurricane Charley. Again, we had a quick response time, a good turn-out, a number of folks who actually deployed, and we got the job done. As always, thank goodness we were not needed any more than this.

So, thinking about the **SET**, somehow I just could not work up much enthusiasm for a fake event, when so many had put so much into these real ones. Usually, I try to devise a scenario which will provide training in an area where I think we could improve. After Alex and Charley, I was having trouble figuring out what area that would be!

So, many thanks to all of our **ARES** folks for your good work this year. I cannot tell you how glad I am to be involved with such a fine bunch. You make us all look really good.

Best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2005,  
Bruce, **N8UTY**  
Craven County EC

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## **The "RAGCHEW"**

The regulars on the daily Ragchew discuss a variety of subjects, and are looking for some answers to the following. Everyone is invited to check in at 8PM (new time as of Jan. 1, 2005) on the NBARC 146.610 repeater and share your views:

1. What is the date of the Gig Rock Blue Marlin tournament in 2005?
2. Why is it called "Big Rock"?
3. When the crew catches a big one, the captain sometimes calls on his radio back to shore and states approx. how much it weighs. How does he get so close to the actual weighing weight?
4. What radio freq. do these guys use?
5. Sometimes these big ones weigh 700 lbs or more. How does the crew get the monster on board?
6. Marijane's, NP2AZ, article in the Dec. newsletter on Lighthouses brought up the

following discussion – since the coming of satellites and GPS, the lighthouses are not as necessary to navigation. When did the lighthouses become deactivated?

7. What is the tallest lighthouse on our eastern coast?
8. It would seem that it would be important to tourism to keep some of these lighthouses activated in the summertime, are they?
9. Is Bodie Island Lighthouse located on the north side or south side of Oregon Inlet?
10. In our midst, we have a kidnapper. Do you know who it is?
11. Does this kidnapper have anything to do with making banana pudding in a washing machine?

(to be continued next month.)

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### **Time Magazine looks down on Ham Radio**

This week's issue of Time mag. (December 27) has an article on "blogs" on page 109.

In the article the following sentence will surely grab the attention of Ham Radio operators and stamp collectors -

"Before this year, blogs were a curiosity, a cult phenomenon, a faintly embarrassing hobby on the order of HAM RADIO and stamp collecting."

If you wish to fuss at Time Magazine, Letters to the editor can be sent to [letters@time.com](mailto:letters@time.com). here's an example, provided by a reputable businessman and ham:

Editor, Time Magazine,

I'm writing to offer a response to your article on blogs in the Dec. 27th issue. Specifically, to one particular passage quoted here (the emphasis is mine):

"Before this year, blogs were a curiosity, a cult phenomenon, a faintly embarrassing hobby on the order of HAM RADIO and stamp collecting..."

I'm certainly glad we have your writers around to set us straight. I wasn't aware that being part of the Amateur Radio Service (if you want to refer to it as 'ham' radio, that's fine too) was embarrassing, especially since we:

- (1) Provide vital backup communication services in times of disaster.
- (2) Help to create and promote interest in electronics, telecommunications, physics, and other technical fields.
- (3) Help to keep military personnel in touch with their families back home through the MARS (Military Amateur Radio System) service.
- (4) Provide volunteer search-and-rescue services, in conjunction with law enforcement and public safety agencies.
- (5) Provide supplemental communications for parades (notably the Rose Bowl), marathons, and other special events.

I can't speak for my fellow hams, but I've never been in the least embarrassed to tell others of my hobby, and how much enjoyment that myself and many hundreds of thousands of others, all over the world, have derived from it. Being an active ham radio operator for the last 28 years has helped me to:

- (1) Gain a college degree in electronics.
- (2) Build critical skills to serve the radio maintenance needs of my employer, the Washington State Patrol.
- (3) Create a moderately successful home-based side business, converting commercial radio equipment to ham use.

I'm going to assume, from your writer's wording, that they are also involved with ham radio, and that they find it embarrassing. If that's the case, perhaps your writer needs to find another hobby.

I really hope they do print it. If not mine, then others. This writer really stepped in it, big-time, and most definitely requires a bit of a bitch-slap.

Keep the peace(es).

Bruce Lane, Owner & Head Hardware Heavy  
Blue Feather Technologies --

<http://www.bluefeathertech.com>

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### **Hamfests**

**Jan. 8, 2005** (Sat.)- **Winston-Salem Swapfest** \$5, all outside, free coffee! <http://w4nc.org> Email: [w4nc@triad.rr.com](mailto:w4nc@triad.rr.com)

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### **Operating Activities**

**Jan. 22-24 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes**  
start 1900 UTC Saturday, ends 0400 UTC Monday  
<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2005/jan-vhf-ss.html>

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### **SWAP SHOP**

**Raytheon RAY100 VHF Marine** hand-held scanning transceiver, 1 or 5 watts out, waterproof, 10 weather channels. New, unused. \$75. Call Joe, **AA4CO**, at 633-9962 or e-mail [joegar@pobox.com](mailto:joegar@pobox.com)

**5-band vertical**, 10-15-20-40-80, copy of instructions -- \$50.00 **Tower - tri band beam** - rotor and control- on the ground -- \$100.00 Charlie, **K4VC**, call 633-3178, or email [k4vc@arrl.net](mailto:k4vc@arrl.net)

**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](mailto:anchor@ec.rr.com) or 636-0837 <http://www.thecompendium.net/radio/>

**Cast of Characters:**

President: Mac Eutsler, WA0ZGL  
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**Selected Local Nets**

Times are local time, unless otherwise stated  
Club Net Manager: Vito Hughes, KB8VCZ  
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  
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, 2000 daily

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