

# 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, Sept. 1, 2005**

**6:30 PM at Famous Subs & Pizza, 2210 Neuse Blvd. (across from Roy's Family Restaurant.)**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Aug. 01, 2005 --- Aug. 31, 2005

#### **CHECKING**

Balance: July. 31, 2005 \$ 2,756.14

#### Expenses:

08/08 Prog Nrg \$ 21.88

08/19 Sprint 23.92

Total (\$ 45.80)

Subtotal \$ 2,801.94

#### Deposits:

08/05 Membership (w2eag) \$ 10.00

08/18 Membership (kd4jow) 10.00

Total: \$ 20.00

Balance @ Aug. 31, 2005 \$ 2,821.94

#### **SAVINGS**

Balance @ Aug. 31, 2005 \$ 2,327.62

**GRAND TOTAL:** \$ **5,149.56**

Charlie, **K4VC**, treas

### **Fairfield Harbour proposed amateur radio restrictions.**

There was a "town meeting" on August 8th where many expressed opposition and no one in the audience (about 150 residents) expressed any support for the proposed restriction. The committee that drafted it said that they would be going back to the drawing board and would make a final proposal to the board of directors on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Their final recommendation was made yesterday (8-22). The proposed amendment to the community's Declaration of Restrictions that would have placed new restrictions on amateur radio operators and amateur radio antennas **has been dropped** and will not be put out for a community-wide vote. Many thanks to all of the Fairfield Harbour hams who wrote letters, sent Emails, and attended the Fairfield Harbour Town Meeting on August 8th to express their opposition to the proposal.

Dick Goodwin, **K4JJW** Fairfield Harbour

## MEETING MINUTES

Aug. 04, 2005

Pres. Mac, **WA0ZGL**, called the monthly meeting to order at 6:25 P. M. There were 30 members in attendance, and one visitor (Mrs. Velma Chadwick), Jean's, **KI4CIH**, mother. Self-introductions followed.

Mac outlined the results of Field Day. Final results are not complete, since there is one log still outstanding. Generally, a good time was had by all. Pete, **KA4SXX**, again did the honors on providing the food. It appears that our usual location, the band-stand, will not be available next year. We have signed up for the new gazebo. There are going to be problems with raising antennas at the gazebo, since there are no trees around. Bruce, **N8UTY**, suggested that consideration be given to upgrading our status from 3A to 4A.

It was noted that there was a pseudo-competition on the **NBARC** web page as to photos of our ham-shacks. Who has the best looking, who has the worst looking, who has the most complete, who has the least complete. To join this good-natured contest, send the web-master, Les, a photo of your shack, and then check the page for the competition.

Mac, reported on the general condition of **W4EWN**. The backup generator is fully functional. There are four dead batteries out of the six. We are negotiating with the seller of these heavy-duty batteries to obtain replacements. The ones we now have were 'pulls'. The ones we are looking at are new. Watch for future developments. Bill, **K4VHO** spoke of the progress in linking the 440 repeaters from Morehead City to Raleigh. He will publish the frequencies and access tones, for our use.

Bruce, **N8UTY**, wearing his **ARES** hat, spoke of the already active hurricane season. He then switched to a general discussion of the Sept. MS-150. He is still looking for more hams to participate in this annual event. It promises to be even bigger than the record-setting last year. It is anticipated that as many as 1500 cyclists may be running this years race. He also spoke of a different method of supplying the rest stops. This year they will receive their supplies in an 'I-pod', a single pre-packed container. This will avoid a great deal of handling of individual items. Contact Bruce if you want to have a lot of fun on either Sat., 09-17-05, or Sun., 09-18-05, or both.

Bill, **K4VHO**, reported on overhauling the Skywarn trailer and antennas. Homeland Security has been giving

him a headache in trying to get some answers. It appears not everyone in the hierarchy is willing to provide any information. He is going to keep after them.

Ken, **K4KDM**, brought the group up to date relative to obtaining the necessary permits to put the antenna on the St. Andrews property. There appears to be two possible permits obtainable from the City of New Bern. One is relatively simple, costing \$20.00, but limits antenna height to 35 feet. The other costs \$200.00, and involves substantially more paper work, including drawings, plats, neighborhood contacts, etc., etc. After Ken's coverage, the consensus was to go for the easy one. Ken indicated he will get to work, and report further. He will require volunteers when actual work commences.

Both, Ed, **W2YPM**, and Al, **W8UT** were out of town, but the available information was that Ed had received the circuit boards for the battery project, and was very happy with them. Also, it appears that Al had received some, but possibly not all, of the component kits, to complete this project. More definitive information will be available at the Sept. meeting.

A few comments were made on the subject of the **FCC**'s proposal relative to eliminating the **CW** requirement for obtaining a license. The general consensus was that it probably would be done away with, but also that a final decision probably would not be announced until after the first of the year.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to a detailed discussion of the situation prevailing in Fairfield Harbor. It appears that there is a move to modify restrictions on the property. Amateur Radio is mentioned in one of the half-dozen items.

Dick, **K4JJW**, gave a comprehensive review of the matter, and noted that a meeting was scheduled for 08-08-05, for public input. Ralph, **N4RAB**, was also involved in contacting other Fairfield Harbor hams for their input. There will be more news on this subject as it develops.

Mac announced that a new member had signed up. Actually, he had been a member some years ago, and has now returned to the area. Please welcome Mark Rappaport, **W2EAG**. See the roster on the web page for more info on Mark, his likes and dislikes, rigs, etc.

There being no program or door prize, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Charlie Gould, **K4VC** Acting Secretary

## Hamfests

Sat.–Sun. 3-4 Sept, Shelby, NC, Cleveland County Fairgrounds <http://www.shelbyhamfest.org>

Talk-In: 146.880 -600 Email: [w4jl@shelby.net](mailto:w4jl@shelby.net)

Sept. 17-18, Virginia Beach Hamfest, Roanoke Division Convention, Virginia Wesleyan College 1584 Wesleyan Drive Talk-In: 146.97. contact Lynn Lilla, W9DJQ, Phone: 757-479-1597 Email: [hamfest@exis.net](mailto:hamfest@exis.net)

## SWAP SHOP

**FOR SALE:** Heathkit HW-8 QRP CW rig, owners manual, power cord....\$100.

**LDG AT-11MP Autotuner**, 150 watt automatic antenna tuner....\$125.

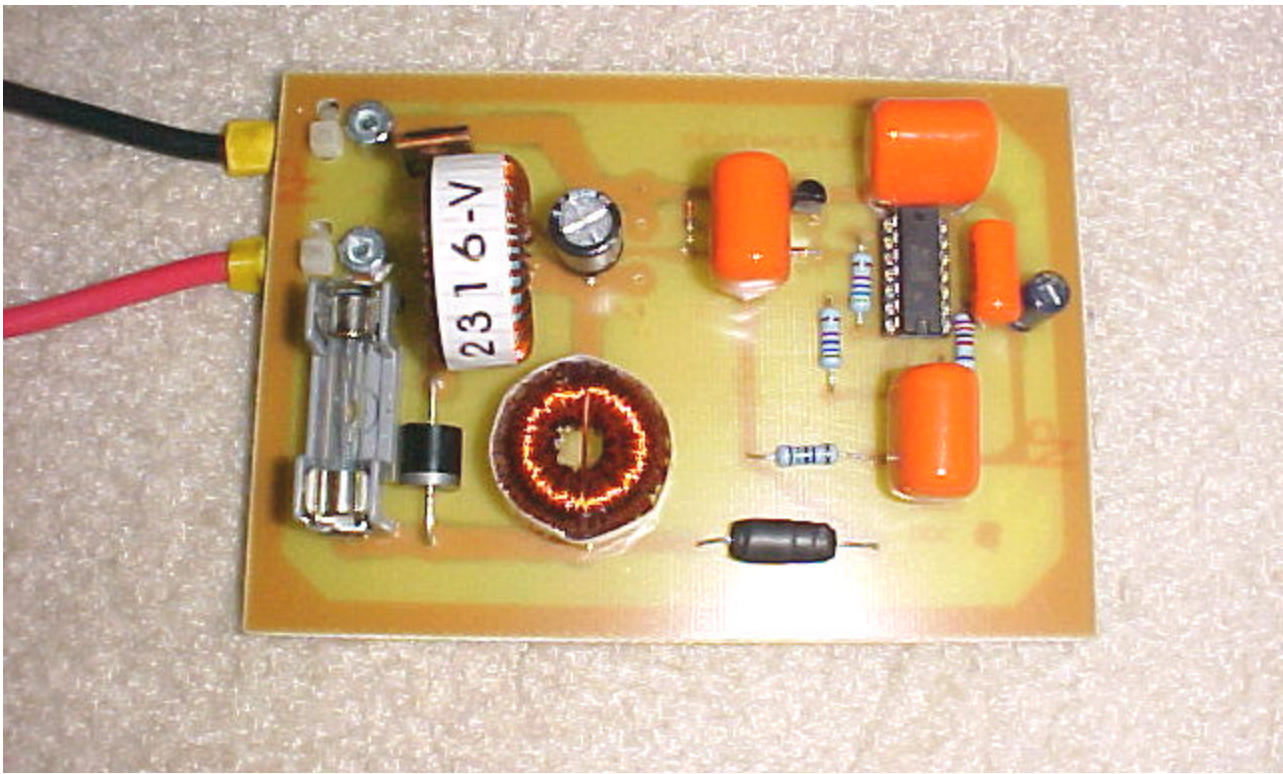
Call Dave, **K2CQV** @ 636-1548

**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/>

## Storage Battery Rejuvenation “Pulser”

The project is winding down, most of the kits have been picked up, the final few should find their owners at the club meeting. Some have been built, but reports are sketchy. Perhaps experiences will be shared at the meeting.

### The completed Battery Pulser



### **Cast of Characters:**

President: Mac Eutsler, WA0ZGL  
Vice President: Pete Koonce, KA4SXX  
Secretary: Robbie Rikard, KG4MBQ  
Treasurer: Charlie Gould, K4VC  
Communications: Bruce Arnold, N8UTY  
Trustee: Billy Morton, KE4YMA  
Assistant Treasurer: Ralph Bitely, N4RAB  
Program Chairman: Harry Carey  
Public Service/Photog: Bob Chamberlain, W2HVX  
Emergency Communications: Bruce Arnold, N8UTY  
Assistant Em. Comm.: Dave Warwick, K4DJW

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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  
NC ARES Net, 3.923 MHz, 19:30 daily  
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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