

New Bern Amateur Radio Club



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

Next Meeting -- Thursday, Apr. 6, 2006

6:30 PM at Famous Subs & Pizza, 2210 Neuse Blvd.

Program: speaker will be Bob Maple of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Aux. is "looking for communicators."

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mar. 01, 2006 --- Mar. 31, 2006

CHECKING

Balance: Feb. 28, 2006	\$ 2,436.59
Expenses:	
3/06 Prog Nrg	\$ 22.09
3/19 Sprint	<u>25.32</u>
Total:	(\$47.41)
Subtotal:	\$ 2,389.18
Deposits:	
02/03 Membership	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total:	\$ 100.00
Balance @ Mar. 31, 2006	\$ 2,489.18

SAVINGS

Balance @ Feb. 28, 2006	\$ 2,542.79
Deposits:	
Balance @ Mar. 31, 2006	\$ 2,542.79
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 5,031.97

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2006

The regular meeting of the New Bern Amateur Radio Club was held on the above date and the meeting was called to order by President Mac Eutsler, **WA0ZGL**, at approximately 6:45pm. Introductions were made from the floor with thirty-three present; roster is attached.

Ed, **W2YPM**, introduced Ken Meads from **WNOS** 1450 AM who is a radio broadcaster. Ken Meads puts on the show "The Softer Sounds of Jazz" at **WNOS**. Ken explained the detailed process of putting together a program for his show, picking from over 10,000 songs he uses computer databases to help him pick music. Mr. Meads also shared some of his humorous stories that he shares on his show.

Ed, **W2YPM**, explained the noise source that operators are hearing around the River Bend area. It seems that a section of the power lines are causing a lot of interference all across the ham bands. After it was reported as interfering with commercial radio broadcast, the power company is looking in to it.

It was decided that the upcoming technician class may be postponed until the fall due to the fact that only one student has signed up. A final decision will be made next weekend depending on whether or not more students are found.

Ken, **K4KDM**, informed the club that the tower has been raised at St. Andrews by the Eagle Scout project team. The next step is to recondition parts of the tower, such as the crank, and to attach the coax and antenna.

The club's interest in CW was discussed and it was decided that Dave, **K2CQV**, would do his history of CW presentation again. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robbie Rikard, **KG4MBQ**, Secretary



March speaker, Ken Meads, "The Softer Sounds of Jazz"
W2HVX pix

Pamlico Paddle and Pedal #2

Hi all -

The subject event will be held April 29-30, centered at Ensign Harbor in Whartonsville. They are expecting between 100 and 125 kayaks and about an equal number of bicycles to participate. There are several routes for each part of the event (kayaks and bicycles), each depending on the experience and expertise of the participants.

The event organizers have requested communications support for the entire event (see attachment). These arrangements have come together and are now considered firm by both sides.

We will need to press into service all the volunteers we can find, as well as to enlist help from the New Bern ARC.

I will personally not be available that weekend (I'll be somewhere in west Texas by then). Charlie Overcash, **WA4GSI**, is the lead organizer and head honcho for the PARS for this event. His telephone number, in case anybody wants to volunteer, is 249-6594. for more info: <http://www.pamlicopaddle.com/>

Jamie, **KG4RLJ**

President's Corner

Hello Hams, Looks like Spring has sprung and the Downeast Hamfest is Sunday, April 2. Hope to see a good group from NBARC. I received my April issue of QST the other day. While thumbing through it, I was surprised to see one of our own pictured. So, here is the trivial question for the day. What NBARC member is pictured in the April issue of the QST?

While looking through some old club papers I ran on a list that might be of interest to you all. The following list of charter club members was taken from a list in the Secretary-Treasurer Book dated November 15, 1988:

J.S. O'Daniel, AA4OD
Dallas Waters, W4SOT
George Bowden(sk), K4LUO
Billy Edwards
Tom Marshburn, WB4VWG
J.L. Cason, WB4CCU
C.J. Kearney, WA4AUT
Howard Rawls, AA4HR
W.E. Saunders, K4WUX
Jack Morton, WA4KKV
Billy Benners, WA4CTU
Welma Harman(sk), K4RYJ
Basil Harmansk), WD4PLK
Tom Osorne
Al Pittman(sk,) WB4TCP
Tommie Phelps, WA4EME
Bob Gregory
J.A. Dominy(sk), K4TRQ
Gene Whitford
Paul LoCicero, K4TAF
Danny LoCicero, WA4WIV
Curtis Morris, WB4QMB
Ray Hathaway, W4AWQ
Don Short
Louis Ingram, WD4JRK

So, there you are. Hope to see everyone at our meeting April 6.

Be Safe and Have Fun.

WA0ZGL

Local Info

Frank Driver, **K4DHV**, longtime local ham, World War II veteran and friend has been moved to the Two Rivers Nursing Home, behind the Highway Patrol Station on Neuse Blvd. He is in room 320. Frank is frail and is in the early stages of dementia. However, he is alert and enjoys company. He still remembers names and faces. I'm sure Frank would like to see any of his old friends that could visit. Thanks & 73, Aubrey, **K4ATH**

The ARES Angle

I enjoyed an interesting visit to the home of the Warwicks, David, **K4DJW**, Val, **K4VAW**, and Ethan, **K4EAW**. David wanted to do some testing regarding cell phone use. A repairman could not connect while at their home. David had purchased a Wilson cell phone antenna and wanted to see if it helped.

My phone showed one bar in the connection strength icon. With the Wilson antenna, it gained one bar. The adapter, which was supposed to be suitable for my phone, did not give a real solid connection so I wonder if that was part of the problem. We tried it here, we tried it there, but it never got any better. However, I was able to connect without the Wilson antenna. So I either had a better phone than the other guy, or was on a different network. Still, it seemed clear that this location is in some kind of a cell phone shadow.

(David later reported that he got a much better signal by putting the Wilson up on the roof.)

The Warwicks have a lovely home, in a nice country location. A large barn with plenty of storage space is a great addition. I got to see David's ham shack also. Along one wall David has his various radios. At present he is using an old Yaesu with analog dials for HF, as his ICOM is doing Boy Scout duty. But he hopes to upgrade that before long. He

has an ingenious antenna switcher set-up. It does not just allow the selection of several antennas for one rig, or one antenna for several rigs, as many antenna switchers do. It allows the selection of any antenna for any rig. Handy! To the right is a well-equipped and nicely laid out repair bench. The walls, of course, have the usual collection of world maps and the like.

A very pleasant visit and an interesting sorta-radio project for a Saturday morning. Thanks, Dave and Val!

And for now, that's the ARES Angle.

Bruce, **N8UTY**

Hamfests

Apr. 2, Sun., Kinston, Down East Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.685/146.085 (PL 88.5)

<http://www.downeasthamfest.org>

Contact: Jean DuPree, **KB4OHX** for more info

Email: jeanhd@icomnet.com

Apr. 23, Sun., Raleigh, RARSFest, North Carolina State

Fairgrounds - Jim Graham Building, 8AM-3:30PM

for info & order tickets: <http://www.rars.org/hamfest/>

or email: AC4ZO@arrl.net talk-in 146.64

SWAP SHOP

FOR SALE

HF rigs:

Kenwood 440 SAT, Astron RS-20M, pwr sup, 2 mikes
Yaesu FT-107, pwr supp, ant tuner, headphones, desk mikes
Yaesu FT-890AT, ten-tec pwr supp, ten-tec ant tuner, hand mike

VHF rigs:

Azden 6000H, pwr supp, hand mike
Yaesu VX-1, 144/440 dual band, accessories
Motorola, FRS, type T5200, pair

Vert antennas: Hustler, 4 band
Hustler, 5 band

Rad Shak items:

Micronta multimeter, analog
Micronta multimeter, digital
Stud finder
Sound meter

Remote control extender

MFJ: 1000 W dry dummy load

Misc: Top Scan, scan a line – hear it

HP Deskjet printer

Call Charlie, **K4VC**, 633-3178, for more details.

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 <http://www.boatanchors.org>

April Fools Day



One of the most popular April Fool's jokes in Norway involves telling someone there's a moose in the garden. (Even though sometimes there is...)

PHOTO: JON HAUGE

This was offered to us by a Swedish club member. The Swedes don't have a particularly high opinion of the Norwegians, and probably vice versa.

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
Public Service/Photog: Bob Chamberlain, W2HVX
Emergency Communications: Bruce Arnold, N8UTY
Assistant Em. Comm.: Dave Warwick, K4DJW
Program Committee Chairman: Bill Lindquist, K2UFC

The Newsletter Team:

Al Parker, W8UT, Editor
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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): 3695kHz, 8PMET (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
Pamlico County ARES: 147.210 MHz, tone 151.4, 1900 Wed.
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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