

# 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, June 1, 2006

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

**Program:** There will be no specific program at this meeting, needed discussion of upcoming Neuse River Days, and Field Day preparations will probably take up much of the time.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

May. 01, 2006	---	May. 31, 2006
<b>CHECKING</b>		
Balance: Apr. 31, 2006		\$ 2,560.79
Expenses:		
5/07 Prog Nrg	\$ 22.29	
5/05 Mac, WA0ZGL	407.45	
5/19 Sprint	<u>25.36</u>	
Total:		(\$ 455.10)
Subtotal:		\$ 2,105.69
Deposits:		
05/09 Membership	\$ 40.00	
Total:	\$ 40.00	
Balance @ May. 31, 2006		\$ 2,145.69
<b>SAVINGS</b>		
Balance @ Apr. 31, 2006		\$ 2,567.34
Deposits:		
5/05 Dr Prz	\$ 36.00	
Balance @ May. 31, 2006		\$ 2,603.34
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$ 4,749.03</b>

73,  
Charlie, **K4VC**, treas.

### Your Last Newsletter?

*If you have not paid your dues for 2006 this may be your last newsletter.* This note was in last month's newsletter. Over a dozen folks have not yet paid their 2006 dues (they were due in Jan.), and they are not receiving this newsletter.

### May Meeting



David, **K2CQV**, fielding a tough question on The Police Academy

## President's Corner

Every now and again I run into something worth repeating. This bit of information really started back on Field Day'04. While indulging in a little rag chew before operations started, I was told of an episode in the life one of our club members. This was one of those up and closes stories that had no problem keeping your interest. The story stuck with me. About a month ago I was chatting with a former Marine and F4 Phantom pilot. The story popped back into my memory. After exchanging sea stories with the gentleman, I went home and decided to google our HAM and see if the military or others had archived him and his story. Hey, if you don't already know, you can find virtually any information imaginable out there. Yep, he was there and much more than I had expected to see. Posted on [www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com) you will find information about this little book "City Hall". Combine the fact that this guy is one of us (club member and HAM), you can't help being very interested in what he has to tell. I know there are several of us who would be especially interested since we were there, wow!



### **City Hall** **Memories of a Vietnam Tour** By Joe S. Garzik, Jr.

#### **Prologue**

Stillness—and I—hung in the air. The only sound I heard was the gentle whisper of air entering my helmet from its bottom and flowing up around my ears. The force of the ejection had ripped loose one of my oxygen mask fittings, and the mask dangled loosely from the left side of

my helmet. I tasted blood on my lower lip where the mask had slapped me in the mouth.

I looked down and saw a mountainside covered with bomb-shattered trees whose ugly trunks stuck high into the air—seemingly aimed at my butt. I looked up and saw my parachute in full blossom. It had two panels blown out, but it was “a good ‘chute”.

I felt very vulnerable as I slowly floated to earth. One thought kept running through my mind: *What a great target I make!* I felt as if there were a big red bulls-eye painted on my chest begging, “Aim here. Shoot me here.” At the moment, though, there was little I could do but hang in my ‘chute and await the inevitable crash down through the trees below.

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**Yep, Our Joe, AA4CO as we know him today.**

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## **Field Day Coming Up Soon**

Field Day will be held, as always, on the last full weekend of June. This year, that is the weekend of June 24-25. We have secured the stage at Union Point Park again, as in recent years. Exact times to be determined at our June meeting, and of course we will have to have someone to do food again. We have a number of new hams in the club this year who have never done Field Day so I encourage them to come and spend some time with us. It is a fun event, and good practice for emergency operation. Let's do an all-battery operation again this year, it has been nice not having to listen to the generator all night.

**Bruce, N8UTY**  
Communications Officer

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## Meeting Minutes, May 4, 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 twenty-seven present; roster is attached.

Bob, **W2HVX**, asked members to sign up to volunteer to help with Neuse River Day. A sign up sheet was passed around generating about half of the needed volunteers. Any positions still open in a month will hopefully be filled at the June meeting.

Ken, **K4KDM**, reported that the city is going to cut trees and limbs that are around the tower site at St. Andrews Lutheran church that also threatened nearby power lines.

Dave Sousa, **K2CQV**, gave a presentation on a program that he recently went through with the New Bern police department called "The Citizens' Police Academy. The program's goal is to make the public more aware of how the police department is run and to recruit volunteers to help with various duties at the police department. Dave volunteered to be an on-call Spanish interpreter.

There were 2 battery chargers given away as door prizes, the winners were Bill, **K2UFC**, and Dick, **K4JJW**. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.  
Respectfully Submitted,

Robbie Rikard, **KG4MBQ**, Secretary

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## The ARES Angle

Last month I began to talk some about general preparedness, and told about my Altoids tin first-aid kit. This month, I would like to continue along those lines, and discuss the vest that I wear.

Those of you who know me may have noticed that I wear a multi-pocket vest during most months of the year. Some manufacturers call it a safari vest, some call it a photographer's vest. You might even call it a journalist's vest, they seem to be so popular with reporters, especially in places like Iraq. One of my young patients referred to it as my "utility vest", and this is the best description I have heard yet.

I carry an array of gear in those various pockets. It changes from time to time, but here is a typical load-out. Naturally, the Altoids first-aid kit is in one of the breast pockets. Next to it, in the same pocket, there is a small dispenser of Purell hand sanitizer. Clean hands are the first line of defense against all kinds of illness, and I meet people all day long whose state of health may be questionable. In the opposite breast pocket, I carry my checkbook and a small pocket slide rule. You would be surprised how much use I get out of the slide rule. Some would prefer a small, lightweight calculator; to each his own.

Another pocket holds a multi-tool. Mine happens to be a

Leatherman Micro-Tool. It is not one of the big ones that you would pack on your belt; that would be too heavy and bulky for vest-pocket wear. This one is almost small enough to go on a keychain, but still has a set of useful tools: needle-nose pliers, several screw drivers, knife blade, scissors, etc. It rides wrapped in a couple of plastic bags. This is partly to cushion the edges, but there are many times when I want a small plastic bag, so this keeps some handy.

Another pocket holds an eyeglass repair kit. This small plastic tube contains an appropriately-sized screwdriver for those little screws, plus an assortment of screws. If you have ever lost a screw out of your glasses, and had them hanging on one earpiece while the other dangle uselessly, or if you have ever had a lens pop out because the screws had loosened up, then you know why this is part of the gear.

An Alinco CJ-5T is a pretty regular companion in another pocket. This dual-band radio, often called the "credit card radio" for its size and shape, is amazingly useful for such a small package. As it only puts out 300 mw, its range is limited. But I can hear all the area repeaters, and get into most of them, and most of the time, that is good enough. I have used it to cross-band through the mobile rig in the car, when I wanted to be sure to get through.

Some gear comes and goes. At times I may pack small, light binoculars, an extra handkerchief, some .22 ammo for a walk in the woods, or spare batteries for a larger HT or a flashlight. My Palm Pilot often rides in one of these pockets, as it is more comfortable than in the breast pocket of my shirt.

In cooler weather, I can distribute most of this gear into the various pockets of a sports coat, which is usually tweed or corduroy for warmth and durability. In the summer -- well, I am thinking about that. I have gotten used to having these useful items with me. It gets too warm even for the vest, comfortable as it is for much of the year. I will figure something out; I don't see myself carrying a purse!

None of this is necessarily the kind of thing that is needed for emergency preparedness. I don't walk around all the time in survival mode. All of it comes in handy enough, often enough, that it is worth having along. The mind-set of preparedness is not always geared to catastrophe. Most ham radio operators I know understand this way of looking at things. Maybe we are all Boy Scouts at heart. To me, that is not a put-down!

And for now, that is the ARES angle.

Bruce, **N8UT**

Craven County EC

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## Neuse River Days JUNE 3 AND 4

Thanks to all (17) who volunteered to provide communications for this annual event. With TWO MORE ops needed to fill the expected number of boats, we will be able to cover all the requested posts. If anyone who did not sign up at the last meeting would like to take a nice boat ride or to participate on shore, please let me know at 638-9299.

Again, Bill Sanford, **K4VHO**, will generously provide the Carteret County **ARES** Comm Trailer for net control operation. As in the past, **NBARC** is most grateful for this wonderful facility.

Because planning is still in progress and changes are inevitable, a final list of assignments is not ready at this writing.

So in order to be ready for any post, it would be wise to program your radios for both frequencies to be used: 146.610 (**NBARC** repeater) on VHF and 445.900 simplex on UHF. Boaters will use the repeater and land stations will use UHF. We will turn off the repeater tone to accommodate those radios without it.

Extra radios will available for loan, so lack of equipment should not be a reason to avoid participation.

We will have ready our latest details for everyone at the June 1 meeting. But perhaps a few general reminders might be in order now.

1. If you have not depleted and recharged your batteries in the last 30 days, it would be useful to recycle them to full capacity at least twice before the event. The most frequent problem I have observed is batteries that have lost capacity, unknown to the operator. They die early and unexpectedly when you most need them. If you're on the water and can't borrow a radio or a booster battery, you're out of business.

2. Bring along your radio manual in case you need to make an unexpected oddball change. Last year all boaters had to make a frequency switch after they were deployed. We don't want to lose anybody in the process.

3. If you have them, bring headphones and a DC adapter. Things can get really noisy near loudspeakers or a roaring boat engine. For additional DC, we have both cigarette lighter plug and Anderson Power Pole adapters for extra batteries.

4. Obviously, be prepared for whatever weather condx are forecast. The event goes (and so do we) rain or shine.

More details at the June 1 meeting. Thanks again for such great support of your club and the event.

Bob, **W2HVX**



The group from 2005 Neuse River Days

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## Hamfests

**June 10, Sat. -- Winston-Salem Hamfest**, Forsyth ARC, Dixie Classic Fairgrounds Home & Garden Building  
[28th Street & University Pkwy](#) info - email [hamfest@w4nc.org](mailto:hamfest@w4nc.org) or go to: <http://www.w4nc.org>

**July 8, Sat. -- Salisbury, NC**, Rowan ARS Salisbury Civic Center [315 South Boundary Street](#) for info, Email: [WB4AQK, rkbrown@5902@bellsouth.net](mailto:WB4AQK,rkbrown@5902@bellsouth.net) **Talk-In:** 146.13/146.73 (PL 94.8)

**Coming up later in July -- Cary, Asheville** - info next mo.

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## SWAP SHOP

### FOR SALE

**TenTec Scout** with 40, 30, 20, 15, 10m modules, noise blanker, mounting bracket. \$450

**Heathkit HW-8**, QRP rig, with manual, \$75  
Call David, **K2CQV**, 636-1548

**GAP Titan DX**, all band vertical, manual and literature. Selling for a friend who is moving to an antenna restricted area. Paid \$360 plus shipping 6 mo.s ago. sale \$200.00. Call Charlie, **K4VC**, 633-3178.

### HF rigs:

Kenwood 440 SAT, Astron RS-20M, pwr sup, 2 mikes  
Yaesu FT-107, pwr supp, ant tuner, headphones, desk mikes

### 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

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## **SWAP SHOP continued**

### **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.

**FOR SALE** 17" Color Monitor, I upgraded to a flat screen LCD. Works fine, \$25. call Al, **W8UT**, 636-0837

**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.boatanchors.org>

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## **Crystal Ball Still Foggy:**

### **FCC Won't Say Publicly When it Will Act on Morse Code**

(May 17, 2006) -- All bets appear to be off as to when the FCC might make a final decision on deleting the Morse code requirement. Last July, an FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235 [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-05-143A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-05-143A1.pdf) proposed to eliminate the Element 1 (5 WPM) Morse code requirement for all license classes. Most observers expected the Commission to release a Report and Order (R&O) to that effect by the end of this year, but even that timetable could prove optimistic, based on what the Commission will say publicly. Before it tackles the Morse proceeding, the FCC wants to wrap up another important Amateur Radio proceeding, WT-Docket 04-140, [http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-04-79A1.pdf](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-04-79A1.pdf) the so-called "omnibus" or "phone band expansion" proceeding. Responding to an ARRL inquiry, FCC personnel would not go on the record and declined even to hazard a ballpark guess on when the Commission might act on either Amateur Radio proceeding.

See full text of story on ARRL website at:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/05/17/6/?nc=1>



## **Riley Hollingsworth to Amateur Radio Community: "Lighten up!"**

NEWINGTON, CT, May 24, 2006--FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth advised those attending the FCC forum at Dayton Hamvention 2006 to try kindness instead of confrontation when problems arise on the bands. Hollingsworth spoke May 20 to a nearly full house at Hara Arena, and for the most part he praised the behavior of the majority of Amateur Radio operators, especially those who volunteered in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina last year. But, he noted, radio amateurs still could be more courteous and less inclined to fly off the handle at some perceived on-the-air offense.

"You need to lighten up and not embarrass the Amateur Radio Service," Hollingsworth advised. "All of us make mistakes, especially with the new features you have on radios today. It's very easy to make a mistake, to be on the wrong frequency or be operating split and not know it--there's a hundred ways to make mistakes." Hollingsworth said experience has shown him that at least 75 percent of the interference complained about is absolutely unintentional.

In Hollingsworth's view, radio amateurs all too often are hypersensitive and rude. "We have a radar going to detect offenses at all times, we assume the worst in people, we rarely give people the benefit of the doubt," he said. He joked that if there were three amateurs in a town, there would be two Amateur Radio clubs.

"And there'll be two hamfests with 20 people each, because they wouldn't dare consolidate them," he added.

"Now, think about it: If what you're hearing annoys you, or angers you or is stupid, **use the 'stupid filter,'** which is that big knob--that VFO that will take you somewhere else," he quipped. "It's the largest knob on the radio." He recommended moving to another frequency or even another band altogether.

See full text of story on ARRL website at:

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/05/24/3/?nc=1>

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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, 1930 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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