

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, July 6, 2006

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

Program: to be announced

FINANCIAL REPORT

June. 01, 2006 --- June. 30, 2006

CHECKING

Balance: May. 31, 2006 \$ 2,145.69

Expenses:

6/06	Prog Nrg	\$ 22.29
6/19	Sprint	<u>25.36</u>
Total:		(\$ 47.65)

Subtotal: \$ 2,098.04

Deposits:

06/06 Membership \$ 20.00

Total: \$ 20.00

Balance @ June 30, 2006 \$ 2,118.04

SAVINGS

Balance @ May. 31, 2006 \$ 2,603.34

Deposits: 6/06 Dr Prz \$ 33.00

Balance @ June. 30, 2006 \$ 2,636.34

GRAND TOTAL: \$ 4,754.38

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Charlie, K4VC, treas.

President's Corner



CQ CQ CQ, it's that time of the year again. Get your gear together and be ready to head out to the Field Day sight. All hands wishing to participate how ever great or small, plan to show up at the band stand in the park next to the Comfort in New Bern at 09:00, Saturday morning.

We will be setting up our new shelter tents. Ray, **W7OPH**, and Pete, **KA4SXX**, plan to prepare another of their great dinners. I think Pete is also planning to provide dogs and chips for lunch. There will be plenty of cold soft drinks and hot coffee.

The operational plan is to operate 3A, strictly battery power, and use our club call **W4EWN**. Come on out and enjoy a RAG chew.

WA0ZGL

Meeting Minutes, 1 June 2006

The New Bern Amateur Radio Club held its monthly meeting on the above date and the meeting was called to order by President Mac Eutsler, **WA0ZGL**, at 6:30pm. Mac made several remarks relevant to monthly club activity, one of which was that the club had purchased canopies and tables for use at Field Day and other club related activities including emergencies. The club had previously used canopies graciously loaned to the club by members of St. Andrews Lutheran Church. Some discussion ensued as to whether **NBARC** would be willing to loan the tables and or canopies out to members for use other than club activity. It was put to a vote and the club voted in favor of loaning club equipment to members for personal use. Pete Koonce, **KA4SXX**, agreed to store the club equipment. Another of Mac's comments was regarding the article in the newsletter about Joe Garzik, **AA4CO**, and the book Joe had written about his experiences of being a pilot and being shot down in Viet Nam. Marijane Sipple, **NP2AZ**, commented that there may be other club members with backgrounds and experiences that may be of interest to publish in the newsletter.

Vito Hughes, **KB8VCZ**, asked to be relieved of primary net control for the evening Ragchew Net on the EWN repeater.

Ken McCain, **K4KDM**, gave an update on the tower project at the church. He mentioned that the tree cutting and pruning will involve some cost. Several of the members said they would help with the cost. The club membership agreed to assist in some way, but tabled a decision until a bill was received from the City of New Bern. It was suggested that a donation to the church would be tax deductible.

Dave Warwick, **K4DJW**, related that 'IC' (incident command) training is now required for all **ARES** membership. The training is available on line and available through the Department of Homeland Security.

Bob Chamberlain, **W2HVX**, presented a well detailed plan of communication logistics for Neuse River Days. He was pleased that he had so many of the club membership had volunteered to participate in this public service event. Associated with Bob's remarks, Dick Goodwin, **K4JJW**, who also is coordinating for this event, related comments regarding safety features that will be in place for those involved in the Neuse River Days activities, especially for those aboard boats that will be monitoring the event. Ralph Bitely, **N4RAB**, and 'Mac' went over some of the plans for field day. It will be at Union Point, on the band stand. Operation will be 3ANC, and operation will be on batteries. Field day will be on Saturday, June 24th, starting about 9am, and the club call will be **W4EWN**, and will run until Sunday morning. Setup crews and take-down crews will be needed. Pete will head up the cook crew.

Pete conducted the door prize drawing and the three winners were: Ralph Bitely, **N4RAB**, Howard Barrett, **KG4MBD**, and Sonny South, **W3ADD**.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.
Ray Hemphill, **W7OPH**, acting secretary.

NEUSE RIVER DAY

COMMUNICATIONS SUCCEED IN SPITE OF GREMLINS

Remember the Gremlins --- the unexpected things that pop up at the last minute? In spite of all your planning and preparation, the event throws challenges at you to test your resolve. Start with the weather. You remember --- the rain showers? Well, the audio man didn't like them. So he came, looked around, and left. No PA system. Then one of the boats never showed up. Another left at lunch time and never returned. Major headache for Dick, **K4JJW**, who was coordinating the safety boat operation.

Due to the above events, Dave, **K4DJW**, and Charlie, **K4VC**, were unexpectedly unemployed, but contributed in other ways to the operation. Seasoned veterans.

Well, the Neuse River Committee folks wanted specific reports on racers' status and positions at the 8- and 4-mile race turn arounds and at the finish line. They got them in spades this year, but without a PA system to announce the results. So "Hammer," their professional radio announcer, used a bull horn to inform the audience anyway. He also (unknown to many) transmitted many of your reports and several interviews via cell phone to his radio station, to be recorded for broadcast. The race directors also used the information to keep track of progress, which helped in maintaining the schedule for future races. Bottom line ---your reports were well received and well used. Great job!

Ed, **KI4EQH**, and Billie, **KE4YMA**, held forth at the Registration and NRF tents, whose volunteers needed to ask and answer questions for various officials during the day. Bill, **K2UFC**, reported from the launch site, and kept race officials informed of activities and timing there. John, **KR4ZJ**, returned from the Merci Run, to be available as needed.

Sonny, **W3ADD**, and Bruce, **N8UTY**, dutifully shadowed their respective officials around the park. You don't realize how big that park is until you've run around it all day long!

On the safety boats were Al, **W8UT**, Pete, **KA4SXX**, Tony, **N4WUJ**, Howard, **KG4MBD**, Vince, **N6JIB**, Michael, **KG4MSU**, and Martin, **AC4PW**. I believe that your signals were louder, clearer, and more consistent this year than in the past. Did you all add after-burners?

Again we thank Bill, **K4VHO**, for the use of the comm trailer. We recognize that gremlins affect vehicles and their radios, too. All in a day's work.

Robbie, **KG4MBQ**, and Ray, **W7OPH**, smoothed the flow of radio traffic as net controls, with Bruce filling in there at the end of the event. Special kudos to Robbie, who also went out on the Sunfish Regatta committee boat to meet their communication needs during the afternoon. Long day, Robbie. Well done!

So in spite of the gremlins, we did what we were asked to do to support Neuse River Day with communications that assisted in making the event successful. That's what ham radio is all about. Thanks to everyone for a great job!

Bob, **W2HVX**

The 2006 Neuse River Days Group



Front Row, l/r: Dave, **K4DJW**, Martin, **AC4PW**,
Ed, **KI4EQH**, Tony, **N4WUJ**, Pete, **KA4SXX**
Next: Bob, **W2HVX**, Bill, **K2UFC**, Bruce, **N8UTY**
Back Row: Al, **W8UT**, Billie, **KE4YMA**, Charlie, **K4VC**,
Sonny, **W3ADD**, Howard, **KG4MBD**, Vince, **N6JIB**
Not Shown: Ray, **W7OPH**, Robbie, **KG4MBQ**, Michael,
KG4MSU, Dick, **K4JJW**, Bill, **K4VHO**, John, **KR4ZJ**
John ran the Merci race, the others may have been victims of the
parking situation. W2HVX pix

The ARES Angle

Over the last couple of months, I have been talking about preparedness -- not the kind we usually think of in conjunction with ham radio, but more general. I told you about my Altoids tin first-aid kit, and about the gear I carry in my safari vest. (Now that it has warmed up, the vest is in the closet and the gear travels with me in a small multi-pocket pouch made of ballistic nylon, which can be hung on the belt or on a strap over the shoulder. Looks like one of the small camera bags.)

Now we move to the trunk of my car. I carry a wide range of preparedness gear in the vehicle. A plastic "milk-crate" is the perfect size to hold a good-sized first-aid kit, a well-equipped tool kit (in a .50 caliber ammo can), a CB radio (the whip antenna is also in the trunk), some rope, and a lined, water-resistant windbreaker (more useful in the cool months than it will be for the next part of the year!) Yes, a CB radio. It is small, and you just never know.

Then there is my day-pack. I keep this pack ready to go for rambles in the woods on a moment's notice, which I do enjoy regularly. It contains: A lightweight, unlined windbreaker, light mittens, light gloves, toboggan, plastic trash bags, silicone-flannel rag, binoculars, map of Nat'l. Forest, 1st aid kit, flashlight, bugspray, GPS, spare batteries, .22 LR ammo, Handi-wipes, Gerber multi-tool, BreakFree, crow call, compass, 100 ft. of Paracord, and water-proof matches. There is a Camelbak insert but I don't keep it in there all the time. It is accompanied by a 5 ft. hickory stick, with a leather thong, for hiking, balancing binoculars on to get a clearer picture, etc.

Then there is the food supply duffel bag. This is actually more amateur radio related than perhaps anything else. ARES suggests that operators have supplies to last themselves at least 3 days for deployments, so they will not be a drain on the resources of the rescue or disaster-recovery effort. My duffel bag contains 6 MREs, 6 meal heaters, water enough for several days, 2 ponchos, 2 space blankets, 2 lumisticks, 2 body heaters.

There are always 2 or 3 amateur band HT's floating around, in the trunk, or in the passenger compartment, in addition to my mobile rig.

Depending on season, whether I am heading to or from the range, etc., there may be one or two firearms, such as my favorite .22 rifle or a shotgun, or some fishing gear.

It sounds like a lot but it is all compact and well-packed. I can still get luggage for a week's trip into the trunk with no problem (a Nissan Sentra-sized trunk!)

This didn't all happen in one day. In fact, it accumulated over the course of years, as needs arose and were met. The only thing I haven't had to use yet is the food bag, but with a hefty hurricane season coming up, it might come in handy!

And for now, that is the ARES angle.
Bruce, **N8UTY**
Craven County EC

Hamfests

July 8, Sat. -- Salisbury, NC, Rowan ARS Salisbury Civic Center [315 South Boundary Street](http://www.bellsouth.net) for info, Email: [WB4AQK, rkbrown@5902@bellsouth.net](mailto:WB4AQK_rkbrown@5902@bellsouth.net) **Talk-In:** 146.13/146.73 (PL 94.8)

July 15, Sat. -- Cary, new location, Harold D. Ritter Park [301 West Lochmere Drive](http://www.qsl.net/n4nc/) info <http://www.qsl.net/n4nc/> email infoman@bellsouth.net **Talk-In:** 146.88(-) (no tone)

July 29, Sat. -- Asheville, Haywood County Fairgrounds Highway 209 (Lake Junaluska), Waynesville, NC Email: k2jb@arrl.net info <http://www.wcars.org/hamfest>

Aug. 12, Sat. -- Fayetteville, Reeves Auditorium, Methodist College [5400 Ramsey Street](http://www.nc.rr.com) Email: kr4oe@nc.rr.com **Talk-In:** 146.910(-) (PL 100)

Due to various scheduling problems, the newsletter is sent out early this month, before Field Day. It can serve as a reminder to participate in FD, and take pictures, etc. A full account & pix of FD will be published next month.

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Al, **W8UT**, editor

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

Selected Local Nets Times are local time, unless otherwise stated

Club Net Manager: position open
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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