

# New Bern Amateur Radio Club



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

## Next Meeting -- Thursday, September 6, 2007

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

**Program:** Bruce Arnold, N8UTY, preparation and new procedures for the MS bikeathon

### FINANCIAL REPORT

AUG. 01, 2007 --- AUG. 31, 2007

#### **CHECKING**

Balance @ July 31, 2007	\$ 1,477.57
Expenses:	
08/09 Prog Nrg	22.60
08/19 Embarq	25.24
Total	(\$ 47.84)

Subtotal \$ 1,429.73

Deposits:

None

Balance @ Aug. 31, 2007 \$ 1,429.73

#### **SAVINGS**

Balance @ July 31, 2007	\$2,858.78
Deposits:	
Dr. Prz: 08/04	31.00
Balance @ July 31, 2007	\$2,889.78

**GRAND TOTAL \$ 4,319.51**

CR Gould, K4VC, Treasurer

### MS Bike Tour

The MS-150 is coming on Sept. 8-9 and we are still a few hams short of the minimum complement. If you have worked it before, you know how much fun it is. If not, join in and find out for yourself. I am appealing especially to our new hams, who have yet to discover the adventure of public service events. Please contact me at: n8uty@arrl.net pronto!

Bruce, N8UTY

### How to Fight MS

The **National MS Society** is kicking off our annual **MS Bike Tour** in New Bern September 8 and 9. Their goal for the 2007 Tour is to raise \$1.2 million. I am planning to be a part of the event in support of their goal, and I am asking you to join me in the fight against MS by making a contribution to support my effort.

The **National Multiple Sclerosis Society** is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of MS. They simultaneously fund research for a cure while

also helping people who currently live with MS lead more fulfilling lives.

You can donate by check to "National MS Society" with John Jaskolka, MS Bike Tour in the Memo line. Get the check to me and I will turn it in at the registration desk, or you can donate at the secure online site at

[http://www.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?px=1782016&pg=personal&fr\\_id=5520](http://www.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR?px=1782016&pg=personal&fr_id=5520) or at [www.msbike.org](http://www.msbike.org)

Click on "Donate/e-pledge" then click on:

"Donate/e-Pledge" link besides "North Carolina-New Bern MS Bike 2007"

Enter (First Name) John and (Last Name) Jaskolka

Click on "Find a Participant"

Click on "Jaskolka, John"

Click on "Donate to Participant"

Follow instructions through donation pages and "process" your donation

You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your donation.

Thank you very much .

John Jaskolka, **KR4ZJ**

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## Minutes of the meeting

2 August 2007

The regular monthly 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 6:45pm. Introductions were made from the floor with thirty-six in attendance. A roster is attached to these minutes. The club approved a new policy: In order to win the door prize you have to be present at the time of the drawing.

Mac had several other opening comments and asked for committee reports, the first of which was **ARES** given by Bruce Arnold, **N8UTY**, E. C. for Craven County. Bruce mentioned that the **MS-150** had been re-designated the **MS Bike Tour**, since there were several different race lengths and routes. He mentioned that the tour would take place on both the Trenton repeater and the Grifton repeater, and asked that any that would like to participate would be welcome. Bruce also explained why the Trenton repeater had to change frequency, which was so that better coordination could exist with the Columbia repeater.

Another comment from club membership was admiration for the work that Al Parker, **W8UT**, had

done for the club regarding the outstanding job on the newsletter, for which he received a big round of applause.

Ken McCain, **K4KDM**, commented on the plans for the Jamboree on the air, **JOTA** in boy scout lingo. This year **JOTA** would be held on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the St. Andrews Lutheran Church in New Bern. They would use the HF station that has been installed there at the church, which was donated by the estate of Ken Coffey, **KT4KJ**, silent key. The antenna and tower to the station was a gift of Lutheran Pastor Dale Kempainen, who also is a ham radio operator. There will be a dedication for the station in honor of Ken Coffey and his family is expected to attend.

The program was presented by John Jaskolka, **KR4ZJ**, on the subject of the US National Grid system. John presented a detailed explanation and video of how the grid system works which was very interesting. He mentioned also that the subject was available in the July 07 **QST**, for those that wished to study up on the finer details of such a geo-spatial tool.

Ken, **K4KDM**, also mentioned that he would be coordinating the Veteran's Day Parade again this year, with more information as it was available. During a discussion on whether or not to have a field day, Mark Rappaport, **W2EAG**, jumped up and volunteered to be the field day chairman for next year. Many of the members had expressed various levels of disappointment that there was no field day this year. Mac explained that there had been so few participating operators to justify all the work involved in getting set up, and tearing down after a long night. Mark operates CW at 30 wpm going to EAN, 4RN, and is net manager of the Carolinas Net, and will sit up all night on field day. Let's all pitch in and help him out next June.

Sid Purvis, **WA4VBC**, brought in another box of goodies. Two of them were door prizes and were drawn by Bill Wilson, who won the signal strength meter, and Mac Eutsler, who won the power strip. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Hemphill, **W7OPH**, Club Secretary.

Note: A letter of appreciation went to Sheriff Jerry Monette and Frank Mitchell thanking them for arranging the tour last month of the county communications facility.

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## President's Corner

My, how time flies when you are having fun. I'm having trouble keeping the happenings of July separated from August and now we are looking at September. Yes, I know, some would say that is a factor of age. At our last meeting we were given a very interesting, thought provoking, question extracting program presented by **KR4ZJ**- John Jaskolka. John succeeded in presenting several schemes on map reading, position calculating, position reporting, and "where the heck am I's". John's program was very well explained and easy to follow, unless you happened to blink, take a sip of your drink, or sneeze. For sure, no one went to sleep on John and when all was said and done, all enjoyed John's program.



"That's a very interesting question", says John.



"Is that right", says **W3ADD**- Sonny



So, Hope all of you can make it to our next meeting on Sept 6. I think the plan is for another memorable program and door prize. Have fun and be safe.

**K4VC**-Charlie says, "I didn't know that."

Tnx to W2RLG & WA0ZGL for pix

## Hamfests

**Shelby** was great, tho' rained Wed. PM & Fri. PM. Remember John, **W4SSG**? He came into the "overflow" tailgate area early Sat. AM with a trailer with a lot of estate stuff. He lives on a lake in Blair, SC now, with a 1200 ft longwire antenna.

**Sept. 15-16, 2007, Virginia Beach**, Virginia Beach, VA

[1584 Wesleyan Drive](http://www.vahamfest.com/) Virginia Wesleyan College. Talk-in 146.970 Email: [hamfest@exis.net](mailto:hamfest@exis.net)

**Oct. 14, Maysville**, plan ahead, Tom &/or John will probably have tickets at the next 2 club meetings.

## Swap & Shop

**For Sale** Cushcraft 2 meter 11 element beam, model A-147-11, Used some, with original box, manual & warranty card. \$45 cash and carry, call Charlie, **K4VC**, at (252) 633-3178 (he might deliver to a club meeting)

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Have you lusted for the 4th edition, 1500-page "Radiotron Designer's Handbook", but couldn't afford the \$100 price tag? How About Rider's "Inside the Vacuum Tube" or Gernsback's make-it-yourself "Radio and TV Test Instruments"? Or need some tips on operating an oscilloscope?

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Tnx to :Jim, **W8KGI**, for this tidbit

--from the website, the owner says, "I've found that most of the technical books published before about 1964 never had their copyrights renewed, so now are in the public domain. So I am endeavoring to digitize and post some selected books relating to the "vacuum tube age" of electronics here. I have checked to the best of my ability to confirm that these works have expired copyrights and are now in the public domain."

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

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**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: 3926 kHz, 0745 daily  
Carolina Slow Net (CW): 3.571 kHz, at 8PM ET (5wpm) daily  
Coastal Carolina Emergency Net: 3908 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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