

New Bern Amateur Radio Club

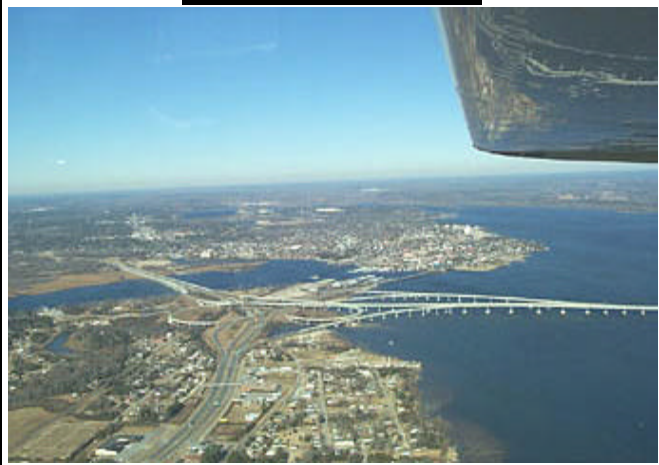


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Logo tnx to Eve, XYL of W2HVX

W4EWN/R

146.610 / 146.010 PL 100 Hz.
444.900 / 449.900 PL 100 Hz.

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

Next Meeting -- Thursday, April 2, 2009

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

Program: Mark Rappaport, W2EAG, will have a class on proper traffic handling, please bring paper and pencil

FINANCIAL REPORT

As of 23 March 2009, the checking account stands at \$1,583.55. The savings account stands at \$3,460.07. The power bill and phone bill are automatically deducted from the account each month; the total (for these two deductions) varies closely to \$50.00 monthly.

The website is registered each year in January, and the cost is \$39.99. Hosting for the website is half price at \$59.85 for six months, an annual total of \$119.70. For 2009, the registration and the first six month fee was paid in February, by check made out to QnA Consulting, Holly Springs, NC. This is the only check that has been written since the first of the year. The special price for website hosting was arranged by Les Payne, N3VC, who designed and implemented the website. The website is presently updated by Al Parker, W8UT, who also publishes the newsletter.

Ray Hemphill, W7OPH

President's Corner

In my last column I mentioned I was having trouble accessing the New Bern repeater with the radio in my truck. The SWR was about 1.8, that is not perfect, but not too bad. I put a multimeter on the coax and found out I had no continuity from the connector at the radio to the antenna! So I began to physically trace the coax from the radio under the seat, then under the carpet, and up to the antenna. When I got to the back seat I saw the problem (and felt stupid). I had an old glass mount antenna on the rear window. When I installed the new roof mount antenna, I took the whip off the glass mount antenna and left the old glass mount on the glass with the coax run to the radio area. At some point, I must have disconnected the coax at the radio for some reason, then reconnected the wrong coax connector. So, for several weeks I was transmitting to the window mount base with no whip attached, basically a dummy load! I was surprised that the SWR was not out of sight. After that, I labeled all my coax cables. Those silver sharpie pens work good for writing on black coax cable. I have also used a label maker then attached the label to the coax with that clear packing tape. See you at the meeting on Thursday. 73's Dave, K4DJW

Minutes of Meeting

NEW BERN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

5 March 2009

The regular scheduled monthly meeting of the New Bern Amateur Radio Club was held this date and the meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Wave Warwick, **K4DJW**. There were 31 names on the roster including one visitor. Roster is attached to the minutes. Introductions were made from the floor.

A get well card was passed around for Andy Griffith, **W4ULD**, who had an accident and Al Parker, **W8UT**, gave an update on Andy, he is already doing better.

Dave Sousa, **K2CQV**, is going through some medical treatments and we all hope for his fast recovery.

As of this time testing will be held at St. Andrews Church the 18th of April 2009. Ken McCain, **K4KDM**, will handle the scheduling for us, Thanks Ken.

Dave, **K4DJW**, Ethan, **K4EAW**, and Sid Purvis, **WA4VBC**, have already checked out the radio at CRMC and made the necessary repairs. It is always good to have some young help on tower repairs, thanks Ethan.

Mac Eutsler, **WA0ZGL**, gave an outstanding presentation on Echo link. He uses it himself and it is catching on all over the world. Echo link is one of the newest technologies involving amateur radio. If you missed it, I'm sure Mac can help you out. Check out the web site for free software @ www.echolink.org. You must be a licensed amateur to use echo link.

The Club has a new QSL card designed by Ethan Warwick, **K4EAW**. The club voted and accepted it as our official QSL card.

Mark Rappaport, **W2EAG**, spoke about proper traffic handling and had handouts for all interested. Any member wanting or needing to learn more, please bring paper and pencil to the April meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45

Robert Melle, **KJ4HJH**, Secretary

ARES ANGLE

HURRICANES ARE COMING! No, I'm not talking about ice hockey... I'm talking about those really strong winds. And one of the things we can do to get ready for weather "events" (such a nice benign word) is to learn more about weather observation. How do we do that? Take a Skywarn class.

We have the opportunity to have a Skywarn class give as the presentation for our May 7 club meeting. Either John Cole or Jim Wingenroth from NWS Newport is

willing to come join us with information that is both useful to us and to them. The NWS benefits greatly from on-the-ground reports from knowledgeable spotters.

I hope all ARES members in particular will be able to come for this presentation. Some of us have already studied weather forecasting and observation, perhaps even in a Skywarn class. Speaking for myself, my weather training as a boater and pilot is now many years old... I'm looking forward to hearing what's new and what we can do to help.

That's it for this month.

73 de Jim, **KS4O**

Craven County **ARES EC**

HAMFESTS

Apr. 5, 2009 Kinston Down East Hamfest

<http://downeasthamfest.org/>

Apr. 11, 2009 RARSFest

<http://rars.org/hamfest/>

Apr. 18, 2009 Catawba: Burke County Fairgrounds, 145 Bost Rd, Morganton, NC. Info :Tom Land (828) 292-6699, ThomasLand@msn.com & <http://www.cvhamfest.org>

Apr. 18, 2009 Hampstead (Wilmington) Swapfest

Maybe by then they'll have info at <http://www.ac4rc.org>

Swap Shop

For Sale: (1) Astron 12 volt, 20 amp power supply, model **RS-20A**. As new, \$70.00

(1) **Icom** Marine radio, model **IC-302**, 25 watts (not a handheld). New in box. \$100.00.

(1) **Calrad** 12 volt, 4 amp, power supply, model **45-738**. Good condition. \$25.00

(1) **Heathkit** 12 volt, 15 amp, power supply, model **HP1175**. Good condition. \$50.00

Contact Sid Purvis, **WA4VBC**, at 252-349-3333.

For Sale: **Cushcraft 13B2** Two Meter Broadband 13 Element Boom, \$80.

Diamond X510MA 2m/70 cm Dual Band High Performance Vertical, \$105. Contact Jim Dugan, **W1JFD**, 252-637-5319

For Sale: Marine Antenna, **Shakespeare** mod. **479959**, 2-30 mhz, 1kw, 23 ft high, bought new in 2007, list price \$187, used less than a season, mount not incl., \$75.

Hammarlund HQ-180A general coverage receiver, refurbished and ready to go, \$250.

Contact Al, **W8UT**, 252-636-0837, anchor@ec.rr.com

Joel Mele, W4SLH, estate eqpt sale

This note was sent out to club members on 3/27/09. Joel was a past member of our club, and a long time ham in Oriental, active in Pamlico County activities.

Christine Mele has asked me to sell Joel's gear, hopefully to folks in the area, who will use it. She's asked me to be the contact person to keep her from being covered up, so please direct any questions, etc., to me. This posting is to the 3 "local" clubs, Pamlico, New Bern, and Morehead City, before going out in a larger range.

Items may be seen online, at <http://www.boatanchors.org/w4info.htm> I am still evaluating other items, and will post them similarly when ready. Joel had a lot of Collins gear, recent Ten-Tec transceivers, and some very good commercial test gear. I have tried to go thru things, test them, etc., and have had some help in establishing prices. Hopefully the prices are towards the low end of a range in which each item's model has been selling in the last yr or so. If any seem out of line, then please let me know, or make an offer, higher or lower. Chris has been, and will be, involved in the whole process. For those who may not know, she is now the holder of Joel's call, W4SLH.

Joel had a large stock of parts for use in maintaining and repairing his equipment, and a good supply of discrete components; resistors, capacitors, connectors, small hardware, some tubes, etc. Chris has said that if anyone needs parts for work that they have in progress they are welcome to have them at no cost if they are there. If you will please contact me, I'll see what's available.

73,

Al Parker, W8UT, 3/27/09

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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: 3927 kHz, 0745 daily
Carolina Slow Net (CW): 3695 kHz, at 8PM ET (5wpm) daily
Coastal Carolina Emergency Net: 3908 kHz, 1900 daily
Tarheel Emergency Net: 3923 kHz, 1930 daily
Carolinas Net (CW): 3573 kHz, 1900 (20 WPM), 2200 (10 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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