

New Bern Amateur Radio Club



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

Next Meeting -- Thursday, Apr. 1, 2010

6:20 PM at The Courtyards at Berne Village, 2701 Amhurst Blvd.

Program: Stanley Kite, the Craven County Emergency Manager will be speaking about ARES role in the county emergency plan.

Treasurer's report for March 2010

As of 3/22/10, we had deposits of two membership renewals, \$40.00, \$39.00 ARRL renewal (Ed Valentine). From the last meeting we had \$149.00 in memberships and door prize. Total deposits \$228.00. Also from the checking account we had two checks of \$37.00 ARRL (W2YPM) and \$44.48 to Progress Energy.

The checking account balance stands at \$1166.65 and the savings account balance is \$2798.93.

Thanks.....Ray Hemphill, **W7OPH**, treas.

Meeting Dinner Menu

MENU: Cup of Chef Choice soup
Roast Pork w/Gravy or Bacon Wrapped Beef Patty
Augratin Potatoes, Vegetables, Chef dessert
Coffee and Tea service \$7.00 per person all incl.

If you wish to wish to eat, let Ed, **W2YPM**, know on Mon., at 637-3161

Repeater Problems?

There's been a suggestion from a few of the members concerning the controller at the repeater site. The present one is giving problems, one of which is a bad autopatch that doesn't seem to be repairable, as well as some of the other components internally. Anyway it was suggested that we discuss it at a meeting and see what the people think about getting a new one which should solve all the problems and use this old one as a backup. Digestible food for thought?

The President's Corner

The April 1, 2010 meeting will be at our new meeting place, the Bern Village Courtyard Dining Room, located on Amhurst Road, which is off Glenburnie Road.

Stanley Kite, the Craven County Emergency Manager will be speaking to the Club at the April Meeting about ARES role in the county emergency plan. This should be an interesting program. Thanks to Jim (KS4O), for setting this up.

I finally got permission to install a radio station at Boy Scout Camp Boddie (formally Camp Bonner) in Blounts Creek, NC. My long range plan is to ask Hams to volunteer to teach Radio Merit badge at Summer Camp every year. This will help foster interest in Amateur Radio to young people. I plan to install some antennas, a radio box and a battery power supply and possibly take the Comm Trailer. I will talk more about this project at the meeting.

Ed (W2YPM) has several good ideas about fostering new club members and monthly programs. We shall discuss these topics at the meeting as well.

Looking forward to seeing everyone Thursday.

73's Dave, **K4DJW**

Meeting Minutes

4 March 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the New Bern Amateur Radio Club was held this date at the Courtyards and the meeting was called to order at 7:15 by President Dave Warwick, **K4DJW**. There were 36 names on the roster, one of which is attached to these minutes. Introductions were made from the floor. Dave turned the floor over to our guest speaker Pat Gorman, **KE4WZY**. Pat Gorman, **KE4WZY**, is the ARES DEC for districts 3 and 4, and also the acting Skywarn EC. He spoke about the importance of using our bands and the commercial people the want more of our bands. We need to protect what we have and use it or loose it. Also the fact that all ARES nets need to be submitted so he can log the contacts showing the number of check ins on each band. The ARRL website has all the contacts listed. Thank you Pat for your presentation.

Ken McCain, **K4KDM**, announced the antenna at St. Andrews has been repaired and we will be transferring the HF radio back from the Comm Trailer to the church on Friday.

Ralph Bitely, **N4RAB**, won the door prize, which was a very nice amplified speaker donated by Dave Sousa, **K2CQV**. Door prize raised \$30.00

Jim Wright, **KS4O**, spoke about the email from ARRL about the waiver for hospital employees to operate during emergencies.

Greg Mijal, **WA7LYO**, thanked all that helped out at the club auction. Our auctioneer was at the top of his game and it was a success.

Motion to adjourn at 8:10

Robert Melle, **KJ4HJH**, Secretary

PARS will be hosting a Skywarn class after its meeting 27 March. There is no cost for the class and a Certificate will be awarded to you after completion. Contact Bill, **KI4NSI**, for additional information.

ARES Angle

We had an excellent presentation by Pat Gorman **KE4WZY**, the ARRL District Emergency Coordinator (DEC) for Areas 3 and 4. He made it clear that the numbers sent to the FCC carry a lot of weight in determining if we should keep spectrum. That means counts of ARES members, counts of Net check-ins, counts of participants in exercises... you know, *numbers*. Bigger numbers are better numbers.

This coming meeting our presenter will be Stanley Kite, the Emergency Services Director and Fire Marshal for Craven County. Stanley thinks highly of hams and fully understands what we can and do contribute. I'm looking forward to hearing what he has to say.

I've been checking in nightly to the Tar Heel Emergency Net at 1930 local time on 3923 KHz. This is an important net. In a real disaster, our primary help is going to come from our neighbors in NC and adjoining states. We need to be able to communicate with them, and this net is good practice in doing so. It's also a great opportunity to hone your "netting" skills. It's a good group, a non-critical group that encourages everyone to check in, whether or not they're formally involved with emcomm. You are also encouraged to volunteer to be a net control, particularly if you've never done it before. There is also occasional training offered on the net. You'll be operating in the sometimes bad conditions on 75 meters. You'll have the opportunity to relay for stations that you can hear but that net control can't, and you'll learn to put up with S-9 noise with net control 3 db above that. The "formal" part of the net is usually over in 10-15 minutes, and if you like you can stick around for some ragchewing afterward.

On April 1, the day of our upcoming meeting, I will be attending a meeting of hams who cover the American Red Cross that includes Craven. The ARC headquarters office for this area is in Nash County, but the meeting will be more centrally located in Greenville. We plan to discuss disaster communications.

We're still waiting to hear from the Hospital regarding getting the roofing contractor to return and put the hard line back through the roof into the radio room.

That's it for this month.

Jim Wright, **KS4O**, Craven County ARES EC

ARRL 2 Meter Sprint

The next SSB sprint contest is coming up on April 12th. 7 to 11 PM

You will need Grid Square (6 character preferred) Generally most use just the 4 which in our case is FM15. To check on yours just go to www.QRZ.com site. Another way is to use the ARRL calculator at <<http://www.arrl.org/locate/grid.html>>

It has been suggested that in the next NBARC FM Sprint we use the 6 character grid notation. So lets get ready for that too.

These are fun evenings and will get you ready for the big weekend June contest not too far off. Get prepared, fix those rusty bolts and poor contacts on the antenna, maybe replace the old coax or add an amplifier to the line up. As they say in IBM Plan Ahead.

Ed, W2YPM

Hamfests

April 3, THIS Saturday.: Raleigh Hamfest,
NC State Convention <http://rars.org/hamfest/>

AAADD

Thank goodness there's a name for this disorder. Somehow I feel better even though I have it. Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder.

This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing. As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier.. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car. I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first. But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my check book off the table, and see that there is only one check left.

My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Pepsi I'd been drinking. I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Pepsi aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. The Pepsi is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold. As I head toward the kitchen with the Pepsi, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need water.. I put the Pepsi on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote.

Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers. I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day:

the car isn't washed
the bills aren't paid
there is a warm can of Pepsi sitting on the counter
the flowers don't have enough water,
there is still only 1 check in my check book,
I can't find the remote,
I can't find my glasses,
and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day, and I'm really tired. I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail....

Cast of Characters for 2010:

President: Dave Warwick, K4DJW
Vice President: Ed Valentine, W2YPM
Secretary: Bob Melle, KJ4HJH
Treasurer: Ray Hemphill, W7OPH
Emergency Communications: Jim Wright, KS4O
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Public Svc/Special Events/VEC: Bruce Arnold, N8UTY
Repeater Trustee: Sid Purvis, WA4VBC
Program Committee Chairman: Ed Valentine, W2YPM
Web site maintenance: Jim Wright, KS4O

Selected Local Nets Times are local time, unless otherwise stated

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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