



# MARS NEWS

Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society



## Happy Holidays To All!

I'm sure everyone will join me in thanking **Mary & Tom Hunt**, our former newsletter editor & publisher, for the many years of hard work producing our newsletter.

This abbreviated version of the newsletter is due to the change over of editors. A much more expanded version will be published before the January meeting.

Tom Nicholls - W4NCU - Editor - w4ncu@w4bfb.org

**The next club meeting will be @ 7:30pm  
Tues. January 27, 2004 - East Baptist Church**

## Hamfest 2004 - Peel & Stick Party

The first club project in 2004 is the annual Peel & Stick Party. We need **everyone** to help kickoff the Hamfest by placing 25,000-30,000 address labels on Hamfest fliers to be mailed out.

This is a fun time! Folks get to know each other while working together. Biscuits, donuts, and soft drinks are provided free. The party should be over by noon or earlier with good attendance. **Please Come & Help!!**

**Saturday, Jan 17, 9:00 AM  
East Baptist Church**

At the November meeting, you elected **three** new Directors.  
They are shown below. The entire board is listed on the last page.

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| Director | <b>Dave Stewart</b> | <b>AF4ZK</b>  | af4zk@w4bfb.org  |
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## President's Letter - January Meeting High Speed Internet Access over Power Lines - BPL

**Duke Power** will be conducting a trial of broadband powerline (BPL) in 2004. This technology will allow Duke Power to provide broadband internet access to customers by injecting an RF signal onto the powerline. ARRL and others have raised concerns over the possibility that this technology will cause interference with HF and lower VHF radio.

**David Masters**, from Duke Power's BPL project team, will be joining us at the next club meeting, **January 27**, to discuss Duke's plans.



**Shawn Goodin  
K4RSG**

David is a veteran of the Air Force and has been with Duke Energy for 22 years. He has held a variety of positions in telecommunications at Duke Energy, most recently serving as Operations Director for Duke's telecom subsidiary, Duke-Net Communications.

This is a subject we should all be interested in learning more about as it has been a topic of much discussion

among Hams. Please come with lots of questions for our guest.

Thanks to **Tim Slay & Jeff Blythe** for arranging this talk.

Many people attended the Christmas Party earlier this month. The music was great and the food even better. A number of photos, taken there, can be seen on the club web site:

<<http://www.w4bfb.org>>

Dancers at the Christmas Party



**Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society, Inc. - Officers and Board of Directors -2004:**

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Ellis Scott, KG4UDX; Tom Nicholls, W4NCU

**Meetings** @ East Baptist Church, 6850 Monroe Road (next to East Mecklenburg High School, near Conference Drive) - Last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M.

**Clubroom** - Red Cross Building, 2425 Park Road, RM 023, Charlotte, NC Telephone 704-334-3900

**Club Repeaters**

146.34/146.94 w/Autopatch. 144.69/145.29 w/Autopatch.  
144.63/145.23, no Autopatch  
449.60/444.60 w/Autopatch and P/T 100.0  
Autopatches Access \*(don't unkey)+phone number. Disconnect #  
222.80/224.40 w/Autopatch 145.01 Packet Digipeater, W4BFB-1

**W4BFB Web Site**

**<http://www.w4bfb.org>**

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**METROLINA 2m EMERGENCY NET:**

9:00 PM local time, daily on 146.34/146.94 featuring the ARRL Audio News feed on Sunday night.  
Alternate frequencies announced

Next Meeting: January 27, 2004

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