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MAY MEETING

The program for the May meeting will be announced later as no information was received by the editor by publication time.

FROM THE EDITOR:

The fourth weekend of June, we have two events that we are going to need volunteers for. It is Field Day Weekend and we certainly need lots of folks to support this annual event. Daryl Sampson is our chairperson and I am sure he will be asking for lots of help.

The Multiple Sclerosis Society is also having their MS Challenge that weekend on Friday and Saturday and Sunday. This event was held for the first time last year and is a two and one half day walk. So for those of you who are not interested in working Field day but are willing to volunteer your time, we can use the support for this MS event. We worked it last year and it went very well. Last year we had 50 people who participated in the event. This year MS has over 300 people registered so we will definitely need additional hams to support this event. If you are interested, and can donate some time on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, please contact Shawn or Jeff and let them know.



From the President:

THE PREZ SEZ--

Hello to all!

John White, WB2NHQ, reports that the antenna work at the Red Cross building is coming along - I think, very nicely! The tower is down and he has it painted and ready to go back up when the new antenna gets here. He has all the new dipoles built and ready. THANKS JOHN! He will need help to get it all back up.

Summer storm time is here. Remember to disconnect your rigs when not in use. This should include the ground wire. I, and several others I have talked to across the years, have had close strikes which came up the ground and did considerable damage.

Field day is next month. Daryl, W4OH is heading this up.

See you at the meeting!

Wilton WB4PCS

SEALED BID AUCTION

The club offers at sealed bid auction the following items:

Quantity	Make	Model		Min. bid (each)
1	Kenwood	830	HF transceiver	\$400
2	Yaesu	FT5100	dual band FM Transceiver	\$100
2	Astron	RS12A	12v. Power supply 12amps	\$50

The items are in working, good or better condition.

This notice is scheduled to appear in the May newsletter. Sealed bids will be taken at the May Member meeting and may also be mailed to:

David Stewart, AF4ZK
113 Foxfield Lane
Matthews, NC 28105-6546.

Please mark the envelope "MARS BID". To be postmarked no later than June 1, 2002.
The bids will be opened at the June 11th board meeting and the winners promptly notified.

David Stewart, AF4ZK

MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 9, 2002

Present: Wilton McAllister, WB4PCS, President; Vincent Mates, KF4LVC, Vice President; Dave Stewart, AF4ZK, Secretary; John White, WB2NHQ, Treasurer; Board Members: Bob Cole, KD4IIN; Sherry Conrad Frye, KE4LZE; Rick Hampton, WD9KEL; Visitor; Jack Frye.

Wilton McAllister called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM

Reports from the officers:

President Wilton McAllister had no report.

Vice President Vince Mates reports that the April meeting will feature a presentation by the Carolina DX Association.

Secretary Dave Stewart said there is considerable membership interest in receiving the club roster. After considerable discussion the board approved distribution to club members via email and direct mail to members not having email.

Treasurer John White proposed selling at member auction some older equipment to be replaced by newer versions. The board approved a sealed bid auction with the auction announced to members via the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

David Stewart, AF4ZK

MINUTES OF MEETING APRIL 30, 2002

President Wilton McAllister, WB4PCS called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

President McAllister conducted the voting of new members into the club. The new members were voted in unanimously as follows:

Paul Trotter	AA4ZZ
Tim Donley	KG4QES

President McAllister read a card from Kara Hampton, KG4GVS, thanking MARS club members for their support of her Silver Award Project which is intended to promote interest in amateur radio among young girls.

John White, WB2NHQ, requested help from the members to complete the planned refurbishment of the antenna system at the Red Cross Building.

Mary Hunt, N4MH, announced that the next VEC test session will be held at the church on May 11, 2002 starting at 9:00 AM. Please be 15 minutes early to fill out the necessary paperwork.

Tim Shay, N4IB and hamfest chairman, announced that this years hamfest financial results were significantly better than last years.

John White, WB2NHQ and club treasurer, requested membership help in formulating next years budget and associated activities.

Roger Burt, N4ZC, and Don Daso, K4ZA, gave an excellent discussion on tips and techniques useful in DX activities together with many interesting and entertaining examples.

The drawing for an ARRL Antenna Handbook was won by Bill Heybruck, WA2EDN and the drawing for an ARRL Handbook was won by Rick Hampton, WA8KEL.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM

Dave Stewart, AF4ZK, Secretary

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 28, 2002 — Club Meeting East Baptist Church, Monroe Road

Saturday, June 8, 2002 — American Lung Association Triathlon—Latta Plantation Park

Tuesday, June 11, 2002 — Board Meeting, Red Cross Building, Park Road

Friday, June 21-Sunday, June 23, 2002 — MS Challenge Walk

Saturday, June 22-Sunday, June 23, 2002 — Field Day

Saturday, August 19, 2002 — VE Test Session, 9:00 a.m., East Baptist Church

Saturday, September 28-Sunday, September 29, 2002 — MS Break Away to the Beach

LICENSE RENEWAL INFORMATION

Within 90 days of expiration date, you can submit your renewal via the internet at:

www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls (first register in ULSA by following the “REGISTER, TIN/Call Sign” tab procedures, then choose the “FILE, ULS Filing” tab procedures.

Renew by Mail: Mail Form 605 to FCC, 1270 Fairfield Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245. The form has a main form plus Schedule D with two parts. Main form is all that is needed for renewals. Form 605 is available via the internet at: **www.fcc.gov/formpage.html**.

Any ARRL member can send Form 605 to ARRL for renewal which is a free ARRL Members only service.

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You may submit material via Electronic Mail to: n4mh@w4bfb.org or on 3.5" diskette. The files should be in TEXT or WORD format.

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Meeting Place:

East Baptist Church, 6850 Monroe Road (next to East Mecklenburg High School, near Conference Drive)

Meeting Time:

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

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See you at the next meeting —
Tuesday, May 28, 2002