
MARS NEWS

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Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society, Inc

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NOVEMBER MEETING

The main and most important item at the November club meeting will be the election of officers. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please follow the instructions on the absentee ballot and mail your ballot to the secretary.

FROM THE EDITOR:

Electronic copy of the newsletter. If you are receiving your monthly newsletter by mail and have the capability to receive it electronically, please let me know so we can get you set up on the club roster.

When you receive the newsletter electronically, you receive it quicker and it also saves the club money in having the newsletter printed and also postage.

You just need to have the latest version of Adobe Acrobat to read the newsletter and it is available at not cost. Go out to the Adobe website, www.adobe.com and download the software.

Also, just a reminder if you have not sent in your reservation for the Christmas Party, please send it in as soon as possible. It is always a great party. The invitation is enclosed again this month for your convenience.

Mary Hunt, N4MH



*******ABSENTEE BALLOT*******

MECKLENBURG AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

ELECTION OF OFFICERS, November 26, 2002

PRESIDENT:

_____ **Shawn Goodin, K4RSG** _____ **Wilton McAllister, WB4PCS**

VICE PRESIDENT:

_____ **Jeff Blythe, KA4WYC**

SECRETARY

TREASURER

_____ **John White, WB2NHQ**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS — VOTE FOR 2:

_____ **Irvin Hoechner, KF4KFN** _____ **Greg Onachila, KD4IOE**

_____ **Vince Mates, KF4LVC**

If you are unable to attend the November club meeting, this ballot may be used as an ABSENTEE BALLOT. Enclose the ballot in a separate sealed envelope market BALLOT and put this envelope in another envelope and mail it to the Secretary. This outer envelope shall contain the name and call of the club member submitting the Absentee Ballot.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BY-LAWS — SAID ABSENTEE BALLOTS SHALL BE MAILED SO THAT THEY ARE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 25, 2002 WHICH IS THE DAY BEFORE THE MEETING DATE.

Any Absentee ballot received thereafter WILL NOT COUNT. The envelopes marked BALLOT will be opened the tellers at the meeting. If the person sending in an Absentee Ballot attends the meeting, said person shall not vote at the member meeting.

**The Secretary's address is: Dave Stewart
113 Foxfield Lane
Matthews, NC 28105**

MINUTES OF MEETING OCTOBER 29 , 2002

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

President McAllister said that Vincent Mates would take ID pictures after the meeting.

Mary Hunt, N4MH, announced that the Christmas Party would take place on December 7 and that the next VE test session would take place at the church on November 9.

Tim Slay, N4IB, said that the first meeting of the Hamfest Committee had taken place last week and that work is underway.

Shawn Goodin, K4RSG, discussed nominations for the upcoming election of officers and board members to be held at the November meeting. At the close of the evening the following slate of candidates was formulated:

President

Wilton McAllister, WB4PCS

Shawn Goodin, K4RSG

Vice President

Jeff Blythe, KA4WYC

Secretary

No Candidate

Treasurer

John White, WB2NHQ

Board Members (Two Openings)

Irvin Hoechner, KF4KFN

Gregory Onachila, KG4IOE

Vincent Mates, KF4LVC

Daryl Sampson, W4OH, gave the evenings presentation on the work that Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) does in serving our community in times of crisis.

Vince Mates, KF4LVC, won the door prize drawing which was a Digital Multimeter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Dave Stewart, AF4ZK, Secretary

Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society

Cordially invites you and a guest to attend

our annual club Holiday Dinner Dance



To be celebrated at

Idlewild Country Club, 10141 Idlewild Road,
Mint Hill on

Saturday, December 7, 2002
at 7:00 p.m.



Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar, Door Prizes

Music will be provided by
The Wax Museum (Chris Beechley)

There is a nominal charge for the party this year. The charge is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 a couple. Each member is entitled to bring one guest. Please complete the bottom of this sheet and return by November 20 with your check:



Mail to:

Mary Hunt, N4MH
16007 Wynfield Creek Parkway
Huntersville, NC 28078



Name: _____

Total number of persons attending: _____

Check enclosed in the amount of: _____

Dinner for member and one guest at \$5.00 each.

Additional guest \$25.00 each

From the President :

The Prez Says:

Wow! Where has the year gone? One more meeting, BUT it is an important one. Election time. Every one please vote either by being at the meeting or by absentee ballot.

Also, I would like to remind everyone that the Christmas party is coming up (details elsewhere). Get you reservation in to Mary. I promise you will have a good time & the food is good. DJ always does a great job.

Hope every one has a good Thanksgiving. Don't eat TOO much.

See you at the next meeting--

73's

Wilton , WB4PCS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Tuesday, November 12, 2002 — Board Meeting, Red Cross Building, Park Road

Tuesday, November 26, 2002 — Club Meeting, Monroe Road, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 7, 2002 — MARS Holiday Party, Idlewild Country Club

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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

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See you at the next meeting —
Tuesday, November 26, 2002