



# The Listening Post

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I can't believe the holidays are fast approaching and my final month as president of the Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club. It has been a wonderful experience filled with exciting programs and enjoyment of the hobby we all love. I am proud to announce the new officers have been voted unanimously. Our new president is Ed Reddington W4EBR who brings to the club many years of experience in ham radio and he previously held office in Virginia. Ed has many new and exciting ideas and I know he will take the club to new highs. Our new vice-president is Clarence Sullivan KB4AKH. Clarence also has many years in the hobby and is one of the Battleship work party members instrumental in getting the original equipment back on the air. Martha Eason KD4PSU is once again our treasurer, she has served so ably in the past and is one of the most reliable members in the Club. Martha attends every function and event. The new treasurer is me, I have agreed to the position and hope I can continue building our membership in the future.

I know the members wish all the best to our new officers and pledge full support during their term.

I would like to take a moment and reflect on the past two years, our membership has grown and stabilized we currently have 79 paid members as of tomorrow I believe we have 80 members. I still want to increase our membership by 50%. Consider 10% of all radio amateurs in New Hanover County are currently club members. Some of the programs in place were, The Electronic Newsletter, the Tech Net, the Free Radio Contest, the Mentoring program, the List Server, the new Amateur School, the CW Tech Net American Diabetes Walkathon and the Hurricane Exp. The Battleship Program, Boys and Girls Club Affiliation and GOTA. Not all these programs succeeded but if we do not try nothing succeeds. If we want programs to prosper and grow every member should look to see where they can render some assistance and get involved in one or more of these programs.

**I wanted to take this opportunity to thank each and every member and some non-members who put forth so much time and energy to making these past years a success.** When I started to make a list I discovered that 90% of the membership participated in events in one form or another, rather than list individuals and miss some one I decided to just say **THANKS !!!**. Without everyone's participation the club would not be enjoying this level of success.



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### **Elmer (mentors)**

One of the most important activities in Amateur Radio is becoming an Elmer; these dedicated folk's work to insure the future of the hobby. Not only in additional hams, but trained individuals. A new ham must be taught by another in all the aspects of the hobby, not only learning to become comfortable with speaking on the radio, but learning to be competent in technology and proper radio procedure.

Every Ham should take the time to become an Elmer at some point in there career, by helping one other person to learn about the hobby will insure the survival and growth of the hobby. Remember if **every one mentors just one person we will double our Numbers.**

### **ARES**

ARES is and remains the cornerstone of the hobby/service, without public service the hobby does not exist. I implore every member to join the New Hanover County Ares group. Don't become complacent, just because the war is going well and we have not had any storms for the past 2 years. The Federal Government is considering reactivating the Civil Defense program, only if you were born before 1960 will you remember the folks in the yellow hard hats patrolling our streets, I remember them well. Amateur Radio and Civil Defense are a perfect fit. Our EC Bill Murrell AD4DN will be attending specialized training in January so I am sure we can all look forward to a new type of emergency service training. We need to learn all we can about communications and emergency response, the threat to our country is real and timely. Be Prepared.

### **Christmas Party**

The annual club Christmas Party is on December 4, 2001 7:00 PM at Alleigh's restaurant. Reservations are needed please contact me asap before Sunday November 25, 2001 so we may confirm our reservations. Please bring a gift for the gift exchange up to \$ 10.00 in value.

This year we have 2 special guests John Covington our section manager and Gary Pierce our section PIO coordinator have confirmed reservations. I hope ALL members turn out to show that Amateur radio is strong and thriving in New Hanover County.

One final note:

From the bottom of my heart I want to again say thanks to all members who picked up the slack for me in the past 6 months when new business obligations took me away from being active in the club. Without their help success would have been fleeting. From Joan and I we wish you all the happiest, and healthiest of holiday seasons.

73's

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### Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club Newsletter

Officers and Committee Chairs for 2001

President: Frank Ebbinghouser, N2EMR

Vice President Bill Medcalf KG4KDR

Secretary: Martha Eason , KD4PSU

Treasurer: Bob Fetterman

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Newsletter Editor: Vacant

Public Affairs: Bill Morine, N2COP

Social Events: Cathy Murrell KD4WOF

Net Control Coordinator: Richard Lamb KG4KGP

Special Events: Vacant

Visit our Website: [www.ac4rc.org](http://www.ac4rc.org)

Web Master Dwight Peay K4YNY

#### NETS

**ACARC Ragchew- Mondays 9:PM 147.18**

**New Hanover County Ares- Wednesdays 8:PM 146.67**

**NC ARRL Tarheel Emergency Net-Every Day 7:30 PM 3.923**

**Skywarn as needed 146.82**

Happy  
Holidays