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Meet the Member Bob Moore, N4USB

Bob has returned "home" and is an active member of BARC. He is the new coordinator for the license classes sponsored by BARC. Bob and his wife, Rachel moved back to Pitt County after working and living in other areas. They now live in Grifton after his retirement.

Bob was first licensed May 11, 1993 as N2USB and recently changed his call to N4USB. He has several operating preferences. He likes to chase DX, IOTA, VHF DX and occasional HF and VHF contests. He also chases counties (he says "thanks to the influence of Dave and Hollis). He has earned the ARRL DXCC and WAS awards. As a part of this hobby, he likes to restore old radio equipment and likes to make and experiment with different antennas.

He has several stations operating at present. His primary station is a Yaesu

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Bob Moore, N4USB

Special Olympics North Carolina

Special Olympics North Carolina held their annual basketball tournament in Greenville on March 20 and March 21. Amateur radio was requested to provide communications between their headquarters at the Hilton and the 10 venues where the competitions were held.

In spite of the conflict the Downeast Hamfest, an impressive total of 26 amateur radio operators responded by volunteering a total of 383 hours of their time. This effort helped make this a successful ARES event and was greatly appreciated by the people at Special Olympics. They were especially impressed with our use of tactical call signs and our professionalism on the air.

Special Olympics North Carolina is considering coming to Greenville again next year. Should they decide to do so, we will look forward to working with them again.

This was good practice for all who participated to test out our equipment in an emergency style situation.

BARC members volunteering their time at the various stations were Richard Campbell, KG4SNE, Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, Dan Drake, KG4ISO, Doug Ferris, K4ROK, Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, Dave Langley, W4YDY, Mike Langley, KD4MTT, Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, John McCoy, K4KBB, Sandy McLaughlin, KI4CRC, Tom McLaughlin, KE4NQP, Murray Merner, K4MHM, Taylor Miller, W4WTM, Terry Monday, KG4WEW, Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, Ken Slough, K7UGT, Peter Van Houten, KG4WEZ, and Marty Young, W4MY.

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Next Meeting April 13

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next regular meeting on March 9 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 at 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Vern Wenger from BatteriesPlus will present the program. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting is set for March 30 at 7:30. The meeting is open to all members.

BARC in NC QSO Party

BARC's participation in the 2004 North Carolina QSO Party was a resounding success.

30 NC counties, 39 states, 1 DX, and a bunch of contacts combined for a score of 28,410 points. This was more than double our 2003 score. We competed in the in-state club category, and if you remember, we ranked third in 2003. We should have secured a third spot again this year, but most of all we had a good time.

Operation was from Site C using the NC4PC call sign. Operators for the event were KS4YF, K4ROK, KG4CCX, KD4MTT, K4BMH, KG4ISO, KG4SNE, K4MHM, KG4WEZ and KV4CN. Many thanks to the site work crew led by K4ROK that installed the ladder line from the operating shack to the rhombic antenna feed line. The log has been submitted, and the results should be published in May or June. This is our third year. Come join us next year. It is a really good time. - KV4CN

President's Corner - *Mike, KD4MTT*

Any time that you really enjoy what you are doing and can help others at the same time, it makes life that much better. That is just what happened for me during the Special Olympics state basketball tournament last month.

Several hundred participants, family members, coaches and fans came to Greenville for "March madness" Special Olympics style. Many more gave their time as volunteers to provide management and support of the wide spread operations.

I had the opportunity to operate mobile on Saturday with venue managers and to be at Rose High School on Sunday for the Division 5 and 6 finals. I've never been much of a basketball fan, but I found myself cheering on the teams and enjoying the enthusiasm of the players.

Although the days were long, the time really seemed to fly by while watching the faces of the players and their families. When it came time for awards presentations, the joy on the participants faces made it all worth while, and left me looking forward to next year. I can honestly say that I got more from the experience than I gave.

I think that the public service part of our hobby is what makes it so great for me. Whether I am at an event like the Special Olympics, being the "weatherman" at the Dogwood festival, driving a SAG vehicle for the Tour de Cure, helping with the MS150 bike-a-thon, working at field day, or operating at the Eastern Branch, Red

Cross or shelters during a disaster, participation and helping others makes MY life richer. Get out, get involved and put you skills to use.

As the public learns more about Ham Radio and what we do perhaps our ranks will broaden. Each public service event gives us a chance to explain to others what ham radio is all about. By behaving in a positive manner and demonstrating good operating skills, we will entice others to join.

To steal a line from the HAM BAND in their music video by the same title, "Come and Join Us On The Airways."

HAM RADIO - TALK IT UP!

Mike, KD4MTT

Special Olympics North Carolina

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We are grateful to the volunteers who drove in from outside of Pitt County to participate in this event - Tim Davis, KF4IIC, Robin Keller, WA4WPD, Brian Winner, KL0IP, Chris Winner, KF4AAU, Dianne Winner, KF4MLK, Fred Winner, KE4LXW, Melissa Winner, KG4NVC. - *KG4CZV*

Forget your CORES/FRN password?

It's possible to reset your CORES/FRN (Commission Registration System/FCC Registration Number) <<https://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/cores/CoresHome.html>> password via the FCC Web site for electronic application filing. This might come in handy if you have forgotten your password, need to change it to another password or were automatically registered for CORES through a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator and don't know your password. Visit the secure "Forgot your Password" <<https://esupport.fcc.gov/password.htm>> Web site and complete all the required fields. You will need to supply your FCC Registration Number (available via ULS or through many on-line call sign servers, such as ARRL's) as well as your Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), typically your Social Security number. Applicants also will need to supply name, e-mail address and telephone number. - *via ARRL Letter Online 3/25/04*

1999 Flood aerial view of Greenville

A very interesting GIF picture shows an aerial view of Greenville from September 15 to 20 and the river from 16 feet to about 30 feet. It can be found at: http://astrolabe.csc.noaa.gov/web site/ncFlood/greenville/main_frame.asp - *W4YDY*

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George Ball, W4GB, SK

George Ball, W4GB, Washington, NC, became a Silent Key on March 31, 2004. George was very active on the Amateur Radio bands. You could hear him often on 75 meters and meet him at hamfests. He was active in contests and held DXCC with over 300 countries. He will be missed by his many friends.

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Gail Manning, wife of Mac Manning, KD4AFL

Bernice Turnage, WA4SLD

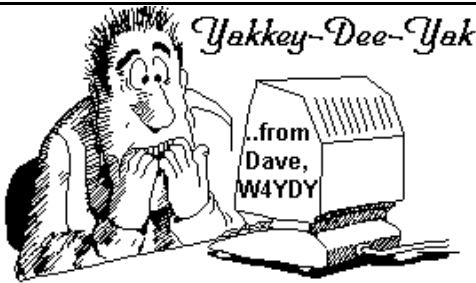


Happy Birthday

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members birthdays in **April**.

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| 3 | K4KBB | John McCoy |
| 7 | WB4FRB | Ray Black |
| 20 | KV4AW | Lily Fainter |
| 25 | AF4XV | Gary Gasperini |
| 26 | K4RJH | Jeff Hardee |

Please let me know of any additions or corrections. - *W4YDY*



FEMA appears to backpedal on BPL

The BARC club and ARES really shinned at the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament in March. Many club members helped with the weekend events. Also, help came in from Nash County and other areas. Considering the monthly attendance at BARC meetings, there was almost 50% participation of active BARC members. More help could have been used. I understand the tournament will return to Greenville next year. Those that could not or were not able due to other commitments may be able to help out next year. I have only heard positive comments from Amateur Radio operators this year and all are looking forward to assisting next year. Much was learned and improvements will be made for next year. The Special Olympics staff seemed to be impressed with the Amateur Radio operation.

Sure hated to miss the Raleigh Hamfest this year. But things do not always work out. My last aunt passed away and I attended her funeral in Nashville, NC that day.

I had planned to meet several there including Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement. I recently sent him a copy of Ham Chatter to inform him of my use of his quote on the front and back of the newsletter. He emailed me to thank me for the newsletter and also stated, "That's an awesome web site as well." He was interested in some of my comments in this column about profanity on the Amateur Radio bands. He also wanted to meet me at the Raleigh Hamfest. Guess that will have to wait. - W4YDY

After expressing "grave concerns" to the FCC last fall about the interference potential of Broadband over Power Line (BPL) systems, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) now appears to be backing away from that strong stance. Now a part of the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA filed comments December 4 in response to the FCC's April 2003 Notice of Inquiry in ET Docket 03-104. Many have cited those remarks in their own comments opposing BPL deployment. In a January 8 letter that's now part of the BPL Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in ET Docket 04-37, Michael D. Brown, the US Department of Homeland Security's under secretary for emergency preparedness and response, told FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell that FEMA wanted to "clarify the record" to ensure that its filing was not "misunderstood or misconstrued."

"We have become aware that certain distinct approaches to BPL may have the potential to cause interference to FEMA's high frequency radio communications system," Brown said in his January letter. "However, we continue to study the BPL proceeding and have not concluded that there is a material interference problem or that all of the distinct technological approaches to BPL pose a risk of interference."

The FEMA official said his agency expects that there may be ways to provide BPL's benefits "without compromising the emergency communications capabilities available to FEMA."

The January letter stands in stark contrast to FEMA's predictions last December that "the introduction of unwanted interference from the implementation of BPL technology into the high frequency radio spectrum will result in significant detriment to the operation of FEMA radio systems." Saying such interference could "directly impair the safety

of life and property," the agency also had recommended the FCC beef up its Part 15 rules to ensure no increase in interference levels to existing FCC or NTIA-licensed communication systems.

"The purported benefits of BPL in terms of expanded services in certain communications sectors do not appear to outweigh the benefit to the overall public of HF radio capability as presently used by government, broadcasting and public safety users," FEMA asserted last December in comments filed on the agency's behalf by Chief Information Officer Barry C. West.

BPL also could render such "essential communications services" as the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) and the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) useless, FEMA said. FEMA and ARRL are signatories to a Memorandum of Understanding that focuses on how Amateur Radio personnel may coordinate with the agency to support emergency communications functions. FEMA's December comments also referenced ARRL's "Interference to PLC systems from Amateur Radio Operation."

Brown's January letter conveys a much milder, conciliatory tone. "We know that the FCC shares our appreciation for the importance of reliable communications in the context of disaster recovery and are confident that the Office of Engineering and Technology's technical assessment, as well as the Commission's regulations implementing BPL, will be sensitive to this issue," he concluded. "FEMA stands ready to assist in any way the Commission might find helpful."

The deadline to file comments in response to the FCC BPL NPRM is Monday, May 3. Reply comments are due Tuesday, June 1. Interested individuals and organizations may file comments via

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FCC invites comments on Amateur Radio restructuring Plans



The FCC is seeking comment on three plans, one from the ARRL, that would reshape the Amateur Service licensing structure. Each

Petition for Rule Making responds to World Radiocommunication Conference 2003 actions last summer that made changes to Article 25 of the international Radio Regulations. While differing substantially in some other aspects, the three petitions call for modifications at Amateur Radio's entry level and for a three-tiered license system. One petition goes beyond licensing structure to recommend additional changes to amateur testing and HF digital privileges. A fourth petition focuses solely on the Morse requirement. Comments are due by April 24 on all four petitions.

Designated RM-10867, ARRL's

petition asks the FCC to create a new entry-level license class--being called "Novice" for now. It would offer limited HF CW/data and phone/image privileges on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters plus certain VHF and UHF privileges. The League plan also would consolidate Technician, Tech Plus (Technician with Element 1 credit) and General licensees into a new General license that no longer would require a Morse examination. Current Technician and Tech Plus licensees automatically would gain General privileges, and Advanced license holders automatically would be upgraded to Extra without further testing. Applicants for Amateur Extra would still have to pass a 5 WPM Morse code examination, but the General and Extra written exams would stay the same.

A news report "ARRL to Propose New Entry-Level License, Code-Free HF Access," <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2004/01/19/1/>>, has further details. Frequently asked questions (FAQs) are addressed on the ARRL Web site, <<http://www.arrl.org/news/restructuring2/faq.html>>.

In a wide-ranging petition designated as RM-10868, an "unincorporated grassroots organization" calling itself the Radio Amateur Foundation (RAF) has asked the FCC to modify the Technician ticket to allow limited HF phone, image, data and CW privileges. HF phone/image

privileges would be restricted to portions of the 160, 15 and 10-meter bands.

The group also proposes retaining the 5 WPM Morse requirement for General and Amateur Extra applicants, upgrading Advanced class holders to Extra and Novices to Technician. The Radio Amateur Foundation said it sees no need to change licensing requirements for General or Amateur Extra applicants.

The RAF also wants to scrap existing Amateur Radio question pools and start over from scratch, keeping the question pools out of the public domain and requiring a 10-day waiting period before retesting. In addition, it would permit only Generals and Amateur Extras--or Technicians licensed more than two years--to request vanity call signs.

The RAF has further asked the FCC to permit digital experimentation from 29.0 to 29.3 MHz at bandwidths of up to 15 kHz.

In his two-page petition designated RM-10869, Ronald D. Lowrance, K4SX, calls on the FCC to retain the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for General class applicants and to raise the Morse requirement to 13 WPM for Amateur Extra class applicants. He called Morse code "the most reliable mode of communication" in an emergency. Lowrance would make no change in Technician licensing requirements.

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the Internet using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) <<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>>. The FCC asks that anyone filing comments do so "only in the newly established ET Docket No 04-37." - Via ARRL Letter Online 4/2/04

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **April 16**. Exams will be held at St. Peter's School on 5th Street and will start promptly at 6:30 PM. Tom Parsons, W4TEP, 355-2815. w4tep@arrl.net. Please bring the following:


- ◆ Photo ID (drivers license)
- ◆ Original Amateur Radio License
- ◆ Copy of Amateur Radio License
- ◆ Original CSCE's
- ◆ Copy of CSCE
- ◆ Test fee is \$12.00
- ◆ Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.

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Please send me your new addresses so I can update my records. I need the correct addresses to notify members when the latest *Ham Chatter* goes online, important notifications and update the email roster on the web site. - W4YDY

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Meet the Member, Bob Moore, N4USB

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FT847 for VHF/UHF communications, an ICOM 706 for mobile operations and a Collins S line station consisting of a 32S-1 transmitter, a 75S-1 receiver and a 30L-1 amplifier. Additionally, Bob has a couple of boat anchor receivers, a Collins 51J-4 and a couple of R390-A for SWL and a Yaesu FT 101 station.

He participates with the BARC VE sessions and will be busy as the new coordinator for the license classes. Bob also helps at the NC Eastern Branch ECO when needed and when activated.

His past activities shows he has experience with club activities. In his former radio club, The Rochester Amateur Radio Association, Bob served three terms as a member of the Board of Directors, one term as Vice President and one term as President and served as a sub-committee chair for the Rochester Hamfest Committee for five years. In addition he participated in VE testing and in teaching license classes. He also participated in many public service events and manned the Amateur Radio station in the county EOC during drills and emergencies. He was presented an Honorary Life Membership in The Rochester Amateur Radio Association.

Bob attended East Carolina University and earned a BS degree in Industrial and Technical Education in 1968 and Masters of Arts in Education in 1976. He has completed many Naval Aviation training courses, Electronic Warfare Courses, and many Industrial Electronic and Industrial Trainer courses.

His past occupations include High School Teacher, Naval Flight Officer, Community College Instructor and Senior Electrical/Plant Engineer with Delphi Automotive Systems Division of General Motors Corporation.

Bob and Rachel have two sons, the older, Robert, is a Washington State Trooper and has been activated by the Washington State National Guard and is now serving in Iraq. Their younger son, Patrick, is employed with Delphi Automotive Systems in Rochester, NY.

To quote Bob, "After 24 years in the frozen North, my retirement from the U.S. Naval Reserve and General Motors and my wife's retirement from the N.Y. State Teachers System, we moved back to our home area, for me Greenville and for my wife Goldsboro. Needless to say we are now happily ensconced in our home state of NC and home region of Eastern NC. - W4YDY

BPL handout available from ARRL

ARRL has posted a two-page document <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/BPL-leave-behind.pdf> that discusses Broadband over Power Line (BPL) in lay terms. "Broadband over Power Line: Why Amateur Radio is Concerned about its Deployment" is available for reprinting and use as a handout when, for example, dealing with members of Congress, municipal officials, power utilities and the news media.

While emphasizing that hams do not oppose broadband services per se and tend to be "early adopters" of new technology, the information sheet outlines Amateur Radio's concern about BPL's potential to create interference. Other broadband delivery methods "do not pollute the radio spectrum as BPL does," the paper states.

It also defines BPL, outlines its current deployment status, discusses FCC regulations already in place and explains that BPL's interference potential is real, not just theoretical. Finally, it lists "Others at risk," including short-wave listeners, public safety agencies and federal government radio systems. - Via ARRL Letter Online 4/2/04

FCC invites comments on Amateur Radio restructuring Plans

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The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) wants the FCC to establish a new "Communicator" entry-level license. Its petition, designated RM-10870, reiterates the NCVEC's call--first made last fall in RM-10787--to altogether eliminate the Morse code testing requirement.

The NCVEC petition would upgrade all current Novices to Communicator class, all current Technician and Tech Plus (Technician with Element 1 credit) licensees to General and all Advanced class licensees to Amateur Extra without further testing. Once the Morse requirement goes away, the NCVEC said in its filing, "there will be no effective difference between the Technician and General class licenses."

The new Communicator ticket

would permit a power limit of 100 W on bands below 24 MHz and 50 W on all frequencies above 24 MHz. Communicator licensees would have to use commercially manufactured equipment (or gear built from a commercial kit). Communicator licensees could operate both voice and digital modes on 80, 40, 15 and 10 meters plus VHF and UHF up to 70 cm.

All three license restructuring plans call for changes to the present HF subbands.

Interested parties may view and comment on these petitions via the FCC Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. When entering the RM number in the ECFS "Proceeding" field, RM must be in capital letters and the hyphen must be included. - Via ARRL Letter Online 2/25/04

Raffle



The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club is holding a raffle for the second year for the "Companion" Holland Grill. Tickets are one dollar each and club members are asked to help out with the selling of the tickets. The winner will be selected at the Dogwood Festival in Farmville on April 25. Tickets have been sold at the Downeast Hamfest in Kinston and the RARSfest in Raleigh. More info will be provided at the BARC club meetings.

BARC Monthly Minutes - March 2004

BARC Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 9, 2004
7:30 p.m. at the VFW Hall

PRESIDENT: Mike Langley, KD4MTT, called the meeting to order by asking everyone to introduce themselves by announcing their call letters, their name and their city. While the sign-up book was being passed around, the minutes from the prior meeting were approved. He then asked for staff reports.

TREASURER REPORT: John McCoy, K4KBB, gave the balance on hand, discussed the new Holland Grill that was just purchased by the club for the spring raffle.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Byron Highland, K4BMH, mentioned for everyone to let him know if a member is sick so he can send out a card from the club.

EQUIPMENT: At the last meeting Mike Langley, KD4MTT, talked about creating an inventory of all equipment belonging to the club. He asked all members to fill out an inventory form on all club equipment that they have at home. He mentioned that no forms have come back to him as yet. He asked everyone to help with this.

Mike mentioned that the club has 2 or 3 antenna tuners, and he has had a request for one of these to go to the VOA site.

PUBLICITY: Pat told about a new Daily Reflector Family Guide publication. Our meeting information was in the Sunday paper, he reported. It was suggested putting the times of club meetings on the 3 local television stations that have free public service announcements.

HAM CHATTER: Dave Langley, W4YDY, mentioned that club 2004 dues are now due to remain a current member. He had about 15 red dots of members who have not paid their dues for this year.

VE SESSION: Tom Parsons told about the number of people who passed exams at the last VR session on February 20th. He also told how quickly new call signs were issued after taking the exams. The next VE session would be on April 16th at St. Peters School.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Mike Langley, KD4MTT, announced that Robert Moore, N4USB, has agreed to become the coordinator for the new ham radio class.

ARES: Byron Highland, K4BMH, reported on the County appropriations to emergency communications. He also

mentioned the needs for operators at the upcoming Special Olympics. Operators will be needed all day Saturday and ½ day on Sunday. Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, told details of the ARES meeting in Columbia. The next Columbia meeting is scheduled for May 8th at 10:30 a.m. The statewide ARES meeting will be on April 3rd at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS: The tickets for the raffle of the Holland Grill were passed out, and would be on sale at the Down East Hamfest in Kinston, the Raleigh Hamfest, and the Dogwood Festival in Farmville. The winner is to be announced at the close of the Dogwood Festival on April 25th. A \$25.00 prize will be given to the person selling the winning ticket.

Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, reported on the NCQSO party held at VOA Site C last week. They had 10 operators, and the total score was double the score from last year.

NEW BUSINESS: The Teddy Bear Walk will be on April 17th from 9:00 to 12:00. The International Festival will be the same day. The Dogwood Festival will be held on April 24th at 10: a.m., the same location as last year. The trailer would be set up on Friday. It was also announced

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BARC Board Minutes - March 2004

BARC Board Meeting 03-30-04,
7:30 PM

Mark's Marine Hwy #33 East

PRESIDENT: Mike Langley, KD4MTT, called the meeting to order, and asked for staff reports around the table.

PROGRAM PLANNING: Dan Drake, KG4ISO, reviewed plans for upcoming club meetings thru the balance of the year. Thanks went to Dan for doing a great job on this.

HEALTH & WELFARE: Byron Highland, K4BMH, told about a ham from Farmville, Morris Lewis, who is in the hospital for triple bypass surgery shortly. He mentioned to still keep Bernice Turnage and Gayle Manning in our thoughts and prayers.

SECRETARY REPORT: Taylor Millar reviewed items from his notes discussed at the last monthly club meeting to re-

fresh everyone's memory on these subjects.

FIELD DAY: Richard Campbell, KG4SNE, reviewed plans so far for field day. It was mentioned that he will need help from all club members in putting on field day.

PUBLICITY REPORT: Pat Williams, KG4NSC, told about getting us on Channel 9, WNCT-TV, told about being on Channel 7 last Monday morning at 6:30. He has not talked to Channel 12 as yet.

SKYWARN: Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, reported on the recently held Skywarn class. Thirteen people attended. He also mentioned a future hurricane preparedness class. It was suggested possibly having this in place of our regular meeting in July..

TREASURER REPORT: John McCoy, K4KBB, reported on raffle ticket sales at the Down East Hamfest. He will check

on a table for the Raleigh Hamfest. John also reported on incoming funds for March.

HAM CHATTER: Dave Langley, W4YDY, mentioned having someone write an article about the Special Olympics since this was one of the biggest projects that the club has had.

TECHNICIAN LICENSE CLASS: Robert Moore, N4USB, said that he needs a list of all of the class instructors. Robert also mentioned the availability of a video training tape and book from ARRL. He said that this might help with this class. It was mentioned that there may be about 12 people interested presently in taking the class.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: Mike talked about all efforts with the Special Olympics on both Saturday and Sunday. He said that we learned a good deal from this

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that we need a trailer day soon. The Skywarn Training meeting will be held at the Belk Building on Saturday, March 27th at 9:00 a.m. Field Day will be June 26th and 27th, and is going to be at the same location as last year. Richard, KG4SNE, says that he needs a cook. Everyone was asked to give Richard some help with Field Day. The Tour DeCure bicycle tour will go from Campbell University, Buies Creek, NC to Wilmington, NC on May 1st and 2nd. The Boy Scout Camporee will be on Saturday, May 1st.

PROGRAM: Tonight's program, "Red Cross Emergency Situations" was presented by Tom Parsons. W4TEP. Everyone enjoyed Tom's presentation, and we learned more about the Red Cross.

OTHER BUSINESS: Byron Highland, K4BMH, was asking members to sign up to handle nets on Monday nights. He also mentioned that the scripts for the nets could be printed out from the BARC web page.

ADJOURNMENT: With no other business, the meeting adjourned about 9:15 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Taylor Millar, W4WTM

Hollingsworth issues interference reminder

FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth says no Amateur Radio stations are exempt from the requirement to avoid unnecessarily interfering with ongoing communications. "It is very important for all stations, including automated ones, to realize that they are responsible for any interference caused when they come on top of existing communications," Hollingsworth said in response to a recent inquiry. "There are no exemptions for automated stations." FCC Part 97 <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/news/part97/>> Amateur Service rules generally address interference with other communications in §97.101(d): "No amateur operator shall willfully or maliciously interfere with or cause interference to any radio communication or signal." - more in ARRL Letter Online 3/5/04

Ham Ads

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Icom IC-745 Price \$400 negotiable. Mosley Classic 33 \$100. The center part of the reflector was bent in hurricane Floyd. I worked on it and got it as straight as I could. Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, 946-4760 or dawsonw@mail.ecu.edu.

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project, and it will be easier to handle next year since we will know what to expect. The tactical call signs worked very well also.

OTHER STUFF:

Mike also updated us with latest news about broadband over power lines. Several told about recent items and complaints in the news recently.

Mike told about a new project that the Pamlico Club wants us to help them with in 2005. It will be setting up radios in Bath, NC communicating with Hams in Bath, England.

A letter from each club member should be drafted so that everyone can send letters to oppose BPL was suggested.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Taylor Millar, W4WTM

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- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
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- ◆ Kinston Amateur Radio Society Net, 1,3,4 Tuesdays, 2000 hrs. on 145.47 MHz., W4OIX repeater in Kinston.
- ◆ Eastern North Carolina Traffic Net, Every night, 2030 on 146.685 MHz.
- ◆ Wilson Amateur Radio Club Net, Monday 2030 on 146.76 MHz.
- ◆ Piedmont Coastal Traffic Net, Nightly 2030 on 146.88 MHz.
- ◆ Newport WFO SKYWARN Net, Tuesday, 2100 on 145.21 MHz
- ◆ Carteret County ARS (CCARS) Emergency Net, Tuesdays, 1930 on the Newport 145.45 (-) MHz.
- ◆ Coastal Emergency Linking Net, Wednesday, 2100 ET on Williamston 145.410 & 444.250, Columbia 146.835 & 443.300, Rocky Mount 147.120, Ahoskie 146.910, Franklin, VA 147.300, Farmville 145.270
- ◆ Beaufort County Emergency Communications Net, Thursday 2000 on 147.345 MHz. Preceded by Newsmen at 1930.

HF

- ◆ Tar Heel Emergency Communications Net on 3923 kHz Nightly 1930.

NTS CW Nets

- ◆ 3.695 2000 hours, slow speed (5-8 wpm) Carolinas Slow Net
- ◆ 3.573 1900 hours, high speed (20 wpm)
- ◆ 3.573 2200 hours, slow speed (12-14 wpm), South Carolina/North Carolina

BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 13..... **Regular Meeting**
 Apr 16..... VE Session
 Apr 17..... International Festival - Greenville
 Apr 23-25..... Dogwood Festival - Farmville
 Apr 25..... BARC Holland Grill Raffle
 Apr 27..... **Board Meeting**
 May 1..... **Ham Chatter Deadline**
 May 11..... **Regular Meeting**

May 25..... **Board Meeting**
 May 29-30..... CQ WW CW WPX Contest
 Jun 8..... **Regular Meeting**
 Jun 18..... VE Session
 Jun 26-27..... ARRL Field Day
 Jun 29..... **Board Meeting**

Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
Board Meeting - Last Tuesday @ 7:30 PM

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 PCEC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 9:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone
 BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATIONS

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