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The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club is now on a new server. The web site was uploaded late Monday night, March 20. The qsl.net server was very slow and the membership voted to go to a commercial server, Godaddy.com and get a domain name, w4amc.com. All Ham Chatters are now in the PDF format.

The site is very fast. One report came in that after several tries on the old site, it took over 5 minutes to download the March HC. On the new site, it took 4 seconds! The old links will from Geocities and QSL.NET will automatically go to the new address. Thanks to everyone for their assistance. **Please change your bookmarks.**

## Meet the Member, Terry Zipes, W4RCN

Terry Zipes, W4RCN, first became interested in ham radio while studying electronics to get a commercial radio license. In 1976, he got his Novice license and was issued the callsign WD4AQX. The following year he earned his Advanced license. He also got his commercial radiotelephone license that year.

A native of Montreal, Canada, Terry lived in Naples and Avon Park, Florida before moving to Greenville in 1999. Recently, he traded in his original callsign for the vanity call of W4RCN, in

honor of the Royal Canadian Navy, in which he served.

Terry has spent his career working for telephone companies, starting with Bell Canada. He later took a job as a switch tech with United Telephone, which eventually became Sprint. That job took him to Florida.

It was in Miami that he got his commercial radio and ham radio licenses. He then started doing microwave, pager radio and mobile IMTS radio maintenance for the telephone company. Later he went back into switching and did digital switching and fiber optic maintenance.

Terry's job with Sprint is what brought him and his wife of 37 years, Jeanette, to Greenville. He currently works as a support engineer and plans to stay here until he retires.

You can usually hear Terry on 15 and 17 meters SSB while he is operating from one of his two Yaesu 857D rigs. He also enjoys ragchewing from one of his Alinco DR-235s or his Icom 207H rigs. His truck is equipped with a Tarheel Screwdriver. He also has a Cushcraft MH5 mini beam on an Easyway tower.

While in Naples, he helped put

## Next Meeting April 11

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, April 11 at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Mike Langley, KD4MTT, will discuss the NIMS training programs.*

*The next board meeting will be April 25 at 7:30 PM at 3219 Landmark St., Suite 8B.*

up the first packet digipeater system from Naples to Jacksonville. He was also president of the Collier County Amateur Radio Club.

While his work schedule here keeps him away from many local club activities, he enjoys participating in Field Day.

In addition to amateur radio, Terry enjoys working with computers. He took his first computer class in Sir George Williams University in 1970. In 1979 he got his first computer- a TRS 80. Since then he has done machine language programming as well as "Basic" programming.

In 1986 he used those programming skills to cut over an old analog switch in Everglades City to a remote digital switch from Marco Island, Florida. He used a TRS80 model 4 and Quick Basic compiler to build all the trunking into the new switch. In those days, it all had to be done by hand typing on a teleprinter. His work paid off- The program and the TR S80 took the place of several techs having to type all night to enter all the new trunking data. - Amanda, KI4IWS



Terry Zipes, W4RCN

## President's Corner - Dave Pulver, KG4CZV



**KG4CZV**

Those of you who frequent the BARC web site at [qsl.net](http://qsl.net), you are familiar with the fact that during the time it takes to pull up a back edition of Ham Chatter, you could have done your grocery shopping, renewed your driver's license and done your tax return.

For those of you who are aggravated by this, you will find that items on the new BARC web site, <[www.w4amc.com](http://www.w4amc.com)>, takes a lot less time to pull up. In fact, you will no longer have time to leave your chair to do something else.

If you are one of those people who actually like the delay provided by the [qsl.net](http://qsl.net) web site, and plan their day around it – I am truly sorry. I'm sure you will get used to your new routine.

Our web site is the main way we communicate the current happenings for BARC to the members. It is not only a wonderful resource of BARC information; it also has many good links to all kinds of amateur radio sites.

As we are always trying to improve our web site, we welcome any sug-

gestions you may have for improving the web site. Simply contact our webmaster, Dave Langley, W4YDY, with your suggestions.

For those of you who enjoy providing communications on for community fundraisers, we have an event on April 8 in Greenville. The MS walk has made a last minute request for volunteers to provide communications for their 4 mile walk. Anyone who is interested in participating in this event should contact me.

For those who have questions or comments, you can call me at (252) 353-7161, or e-mail me at <[kg4czv@earthlink.net](mailto:kg4czv@earthlink.net)>.

### Dave Pulver, KG4CZV

**Win this grill! \$1 donation ->**

### BARC roster

The BARC roster is on page four of this Ham Chatter. The font size is slightly smaller to get it all on one page due to postage costs for more pages. If you want one with larger type, just go to [www.w4amc.com](http://www.w4amc.com) and you can find it there. Also, it will be updated all during the year so you can have the latest.

## Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **April 21**. 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](mailto: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 \$14.00
- ◆ Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.

Be sure to bring **copies** of your Amateur Radio license and / or CSCE if upgrading.



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**Happy Birthday**

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

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|----|--------|--------------|
| 3  | K4KBB  | John McCoy   |
| 7  | WB4FRB | Ray Black    |
| 12 | W4HM   | Walter Honea |
| 26 | K4RJF  | Jeff Hardee  |

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

## Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Gail Manning, wife of Mac, KD4AFL

Bobbie Parsons, wife of Tom, W4TEP.

June Highland, KC4RBE

Please inform Dan Drake, KG4ISO, of any changes.



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Had a good time at the DownEast Hamfest in Kinston on April 2. Always enjoy the fellowship at those events even if I don't spend any money for all the things that I saw I could buy to take home and not use! Below is a picture of the BARC table manned by John McCoy, K4KBB and Dave Pulver, KG4CZW. Looking on are Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, and Doug Ferris, K4ROK.



Do you see that picture at the top of this column? That's what I really look like now. Got home about 2 PM and went to the computer to finish up Ham Chatter and I noticed it was running kind of slow. After using it for a few minutes, rebooted it and it said it could not find Windows and the hard disk was defective!!!! Oh my! Had the newsletter on it about 95% completed along about 40 gigabytes of programs and data. Kept messing with it and it finally came up again but still slow. Started loading my new computer with the data and programs needed for Ham Chatter and the web. Anyway to make a long story short, it looks like a new hard drive will be required! At least I was able to use the old computer, save today's data and not having to do a whole Ham Chatter again. It would probably have been late.

One lesson is to back up your data. I back up almost every day and I did the day before on another hard drive. Only time would have been lost getting it fixed and on another computer.

## "Hello" campaign provides rallying point to promote Amateur Radio

The first components of the ARRL's "Hello" Amateur Radio public relations campaign now are available. "This campaign will give hams the tools they need to reach out in their communities to non-hams and influence their perception of Amateur Radio," says ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, who conceived the campaign and is its principal Headquarters contact. The "Hello" campaign is aimed at recasting Amateur Radio in the light of the 21st century and focusing on its universal appeal. At the same time, it will mark the 100th anniversary of what many historians consider the first voice radio broadcast in 1906 by Reginald Fessenden.

"For years, ARRL public information officers (PIOs) and others interested in promoting Amateur Radio have been looking for leadership and a rallying point from which we can join together in a major promotion for ham radio," Pitts said. This is it! Tools include a distinctive "Hello" Web site <<http://www.hello-radio.org/>> and radio and TV public service announcements.

Based on the word "Hello," which Pitts calls "possibly the most pleasant word in any language," the coordinated campaign will set "a positive, upbeat tone that highlights the international capabilities of Amateur Radio," he explained. The "Hello" Web site is designed for non-hams to learn a little bit about Amateur Radio and to arouse more interest. The site points prospective Amateur Radio licensees to groups that have indicated they will provide a warm welcome to newcomers. The national "Hello" campaign can bring curious people into contact with ham radio groups, but it will be up to local radio amateurs to make them truly welcome, Pitts maintains.

"The key to creating a new ham operator is to develop a relationship with a current ham operator," says Pitts. Behind the effort is "an army of dedicated, truly motivated PIOs and others who want to see ham radio flourish."

A series of 30-second radio public service announcements (PSAs) <<http://www.arrl.org/pio/pr.html>> has

been developed for the "Hello" campaign. "You can help by downloading the PSAs from the ARRL Web site onto a CD and taking it to your own local radio station," Pitts suggests.

A broadcast-quality video for the "Hello" campaign will be available in April.

Copies of the special four-page "Hello" brochure <<http://www.arrl.org/pio/hello/Hello-Campaign-Brochure.pdf>> are available from ARRL Headquarters for use during presentations to non-ham groups. (Full details on the "Hello" campaign plus a pull-out copy of the brochure are available in the April issue of QST.) The brochures are suitable for talks to schools, clubs, displays and other venues promoting Amateur Radio to the public. There is a space on the back page to add local club info.

"For 100 years, the magic of the human voice over radio has brought imaginations to life. It opened a whole new era of human communication," the brochure declares, urging, "It's your world. Get on the radio and say "Hello."

To obtain copies, e-mail the "Hello" campaign <[hello@arrl.org](mailto:hello@arrl.org)>. Donations are welcome (make checks out to "ARRL") to help cover return postage to ARRL, Public Relations, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

"Hello" logo bumper stickers will be on sale through the ARRL on-line catalog <<http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=9731>>. Buttons for the "Hello" campaign will be available at Dayton Hamvention and at other major Amateur Radio events. Banners for the "Hello" campaign will be flying at Dayton Hamvention and at the National Association of Broadcasters convention in April. After that, they will be made available for use at major events in 2006.

"ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, was correct in stating that the Main Street of today is not the same as the Main Street of yesteryear," Pitts says. "To reach out today, the very first requirement is that Amateur Radio operators be perceived as friendly and trustworthy. That's a true public relations goal and the primary focus of the campaign." - ARRL Letter Online 3/17/06

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## Failure to respond to FCC could lead to enforcement action

The FCC has held up the license renewal of a New Jersey Novice ticket holder for failing to respond to a Commission field office Citation and a Warning Notice, both dating back several years. FCC Special Counsel in the Enforcement Bureau Riley Hollingsworth told Ronald A. Mondgock, KA3OMZ, of Burlington, that if he did not submit a timely reply to his February 6, 2006, letter, the Commission would dismiss his renewal application and issue a Notice of Apparent Liability

for Monetary Forfeiture.

In February 2002, Hollingsworth wrote Mondgock regarding allegations he'd transmitted in the 75-meter phone band, which is unavailable to Novice class licensees. In July 2004, the FCC's Philadelphia Field Office cited Mondgock for allegedly failing to identify, making transmissions involving obscenity and indecency and operating on a frequency not authorized under his license.

Warning Notice to Frank J. Fatigate, KB2YDO, of Hopewell Junction, New York, for allegedly failing to reply to a complaint the FCC forwarded to him nearly a year earlier. The FCC cited US Postal Service records indicating that Fatigate, a Technician licensee, refused delivery of the Commission correspondence. Subsequent attempts to reach Fatigate yielded no response. Noting that Fatigate had apparently changed his address, the FCC gave him additional time to reply or

face a possible fine of up to \$4000. - via Hollingsworth sent a *ARRL Letter Online* 3/24/06



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## BARC Meeting Minutes - March 2006

### BARC Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2006

#### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES VFW HALL, MUMFORD ROAD

Dave Pulver, KG4CSV, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 P. M. He called for the following reports:

#### Secretary Report:

Taylor Millar, W4WTM, acting secretary, reported that he was serving as secretary tonight. He reported about an article in the newspaper concerning a Ham Radio operator wanting to end antenna restrictions in subdivisions in Wilmington.

#### Treasurer Report:

Terry Monday, KG4WEW, reported on all of the income and expenses during the month. He also reported getting his Dad's old call letters, and he was proud.

#### Health & Welfare Report:

Nothing new to report. Everyone was told to report any illness that they know of.

#### Ham Chatter:

It was reported that the web site

has been having problems. Hopefully the new web site will be up and running shortly.

#### Publicity Report:

Pat Williams, KG4SNC, said that nothing to report at this time.

#### VE Session Report:

It was reported that the next VE Session will be held at St. Peter's Church on April 21st.

#### Equipment Report:

Mike Langley, KD4MTT, reported getting a table at Frost Fest for the Raleigh Ham Fest.

#### ARES Report - Eastern Branch:

Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, reported about an upcoming tornado drill, and ARES Meeting planned for 10:30 a. m. in Raleigh on Saturday, April 22nd before the Ham Fest. This meeting will be held at the State Highway Patrol Building #4, Classroom #6.

#### ARES Report - Pitt County:

Doug Ferris, K4ROK, reported about the recent QSO Party held at VOA Site C. The feed line to the antenna had been cut down, and new ladder line was put up to the Rombic Antenna. He said that last year's scores were beaten. Doug

mentioned using Simplex Operation during emergencies, and having emergency antennas in attics. He also announced that the ARES trailer is ready to go, and new cabinets are stained. Doug needs volunteers to help with the applying of polyurethane which is left to be done. Byron Highland, K4BMH, asked for everyone to sign up for net control operators for Monday nights. Byron also introduced our program tonight.

#### PROGRAM: Sgt. Small - 42nd Civil Support Team USC Display:

Sgt. Small told about recent duty in Hurricane Katrina areas. He gave a brief talk, and then invited everyone to view his radio equipment outside in his government van.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the demonstration.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned about 9:15 P. M.

Respectively Submitted by

*Taylor Millar, W4WTM*  
Substitute Minute Taker

## BARC Board Minutes - March 2006

### BARC Board Meeting Minutes

March 28, 2006

#### MONTHLY BOARD MINUTES HILTON OFFICE

Dave Pulver, KG4CSV, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 P. M. He called for the following reports:

#### Secretary Report:

Taylor Millar, W4WTM, acting secretary, reported that he was serving as secretary tonight since our secretary was out of town.

#### Treasurer Report:

Terry Monday, KG4WEW, reported on all of the income and expenses during the month. He also reported other paid-outs such as postage, club birthday party, grill purchase, raffle tickets, and recent annual dues received.

#### Health & Welfare Report:

Nothing new to report.

#### Ham Chatter:

Dave, W4YDY, reported that we presently have 73 paid members. The new web site is up and running, and it is fast.. [www.w4amc.com](http://www.w4amc.com)

#### Equipment Report:

Mike Langley, KD4MTT, reported getting some "T" connectors for the club. He also mentioned having the blue light and battery for the Kinston Ham Fest. He also mentioned having someone to get some club QSL cards to send out.

#### Special Happenings:

Volunteers are needed to man the route at the MS walk on Saturday,

April 8th. The walk will start at Dowdy-Ficklin Stadium at 10:00 a.m. They have requested our help at 3 rest stops plus one ham at the start and finish. There is lunch afterwards at the Pizza Hut. Come on down everyone.

We will test our handhelds using simplex at that time.

#### Field Day:

A new location for Field Day was discussed. Also discussed were several people to head up Field Day.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned about 9:15 P. M.

Respectively Submitted by

*Taylor Millar, W4WTM*  
Substitute Minute Taker

### Injured miner Randy McCloy, KC8VKZ, goes home

Randy McCloy, KC8VKZ, the sole survivor of the January 2 Sago Mine disaster in West Virginia, left a rehabilitation center and headed home March 30.

"I'd just like to thank everybody for their thoughts and prayers," McCloy remarked on his departure. Neurologist Julian Bailes told reporters that he believes McCloy, 26, has a great potential for "a possibly complete" recovery.

On March 2, McCloy's wife Anna told CBS The Early Show co-anchor Hannah Storm that her husband has told her he remembers "bits and pieces" of the mining disaster that left 12 of his co-workers dead of carbon monoxide poisoning.

Earlier this month McCloy visited his home in Simpson for the first time since the mine tragedy.

Well-wishers have been sending cards and QSLs to McCloy at PO Box 223, Philippi, WV 26435. A fund has been set up to accept donations for McCloy's benefit: The Randal McCloy Jr Fund, c/o Clear Mountain Bank, 1889 Earl Core Rd, Morgantown, WV 26505. - *via arrl.org*.

### Ham Chatter and BARC photos on CD

A CD is available with 103 issues of *Ham Chatter* edited by Dave Langley, W4YDY. They are from June 1997 to December 2005. They are in the PDF format and the latest Adobe Reader is included on the CD for those that do not have it installed. The menu is similar to the one on the club web page.

Also, ten years of photos and commentary for BARC Field Day operations from 1996 to 2005 is on the CD along with several special event station operations. The menus and photo pages are in the HTML format and it will use your browser.

Other features of the CD are some Amateur Radio software for CW training, PSK, RTTY, SSTV and logging. The 2005 ARRL video with Walter Cronkite narrating is also included.

Cost is \$5.00. Anyone who may be interested may email [w4amc@qsl.net](mailto:w4amc@qsl.net). Also you may contact Terry Monday, **KG4WEW**, at the BARC address.

### Volunteers needed for the MS Walk 4/8

Amateur Radio Volunteers have been requested for the MS Walk on April 8, 2006 at 10:00 am. The walk begins and ends at Dowdy Ficklin Stadium on the ECU Campus. There are a total of 6 volunteers that are needed for this event. Volunteers will be needed to man 3 rest stops, 2 SAG vehicles and 1 for the Start/End location.

The plan is to use 147.09 as a simplex station. This will give us practice on using simplex in a live event situation.

All interested in participating in this event, please contact Dave Pulver at [kg4czv@earthlink.net](mailto:kg4czv@earthlink.net) or 353-7161. If you know what role you would like to participate in, please indicate that as well.

### Vanity call sign fee poised to drop slightly later this year

The FCC wants to reduce the Fiscal Year 2006 regulatory fee to obtain an Amateur Radio vanity call sign to \$20.10 for the 10-year license term. The current vanity fee is \$21.90. More at [arrl.org](http://arrl.org).

## Ham Ads

*Ham Ads* will be run, free of charge in Ham Chatter for three months for each renewal. Ads must be received by the last week of the month to be included in the following issue. Send ads to: **Ham Chatter, PO Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835, ATTN: Dave Langley** or email to: [w4amc@qsl.net](mailto:w4amc@qsl.net) (no spaces)

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**Free:** ARRL General Class License Manual 5th edition and ARRL General Q&A Guide. Free to any club member studying for General License. Contact Terry Monday, **KE4WEW**, at 321-6007 (daytime).

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### NETS

#### VHF

- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- ◆ Pitt County Emergency Communications Net, Mondays, 2100 on 147.09 MHz. (131.8 Hz Tone)
- ◆ 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

### NC ARES Internet

<http://www.ncarrl.org/ares/>



# BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 8 ..... MS Walk  
 Apr 11 ..... **Regular Meeting**  
 Apr 21 ..... BARC VE Session  
 Apr 23 ..... RARSFest, Raleigh  
 Apr 25 ..... Board Meeting  
 Apr 28/30..... *Farmville Dogwood Festival*  
 Apr 29 ..... **Ham Chatter Deadline**  
 May 9 ..... **Regular Meeting**  
 May 27/28 ..... CQ WW CW WPX Contest  
 May 30..... Board Meeting  
 June 3 ..... **Ham Chatter Deadline**  
 June 13 ..... **Regular Meeting**  
 June 16 ..... BARC VE Session

June 24/25..... **ARRL Field Day**  
 June 27 ..... Board Meeting  
 July 1..... **Ham Chatter Deadline**  
 July 8/9 ..... IARU HF World Championship  
 July 11..... **Regular Meeting**  
 July 25..... **Board Meeting**  
 July 29..... **Ham Chatter Deadline**  
 Aug 8..... **Regular Meeting**  
 Aug 18..... BARC VE Session  
 Aug 29..... **Board Meeting**  
 Sep 1..... **Ham Chatter Deadline**

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

BARC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone  
 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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*Next Meeting  
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