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## Next Meeting February 13

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. The program will feature Phillip Williams, Chief*



*Meteorologist at W N C T - T V , Channel 9. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*February is BARC's birthday.*

*Come and enjoy the ice cream and cake! All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*The next board meeting will be February 27 at 7:30 PM at 3219 Landmark St., Suite 8B. All members invited.*

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## BARC adds additional VE session March 16 due to CW requirement being dropped

Tom Parsons, W4TEP, BARC VE Liaison, announced that there will be an additional VE session held on March 16, three weeks after the new CW regulations are effective. BARC holds VE sessions on even months but since the new regulation will be effective a week after the February session, it was decided to hold one in March. Candidates will be able to upgrade a month earlier in Greenville since the next regular VE session is scheduled for April.

Technicians will be able to do a paperwork upgrade to General if they have passed Element 3 in the past year and have the CSCE. The \$14 test fee still applies.

Be sure to bring a photo ID (drivers license), original and copy of their Amateur Radio license and if applicable, original CSCE and a copy of the CSCE. The \$14 test fee applies to all applicants.

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## President's Corner – Dave Pulver, KG4CZV

Times, they are a changin'. If you haven't done so already, check out the club web site, [www.w4amc.com](http://www.w4amc.com). Our Ham Chatter editor and web site guru, Dave Langley, W4YDY, has made some changes to improve the look and feel of the web site.

Another change that we are all going to be impacted by is the FCC decision to drop the code requirements for all licenses. The change will be effective February 23, 2007.

The immediate impact of this change should be an increase in the amount of traffic on the HF frequencies as the number of operators upgrading to General increase.

On the down side, the FCC is signaling that they believe that Morse Code is becoming obsolete. It is another sign in our culture where we are accepting the newer technologies that provide more automation and less brain power.

When I was in school, all math was done either in my head or written out on paper. No outside tools could be used.

Now students are allowed to use calculators on tests and SAT's. If you want to know the impact of this, just watch cashiers struggle to make change if their register doesn't figure it out for them.

The number of amateur radio operators has decreased as dependence on cell phones has increased. People believe that technology won't let them down, so they don't even consider how communication would take place if the communications fail, they have been trained to blame the federal government.

The next step in training us to be more dependent on technology is the removal of Morse Code. We have all heard the statement the Amateur Radio is the "only fail-safe system" of communications. We also create redundant systems in case we experience failure of our equipment or atmospheric conditions.

In a true emergency situation Morse Code may be the only way to get communications out. By eliminating the requirement, fewer people will be trained to hear and understand those messages. If someone were to use their life because of this, you can rightfully blame the federal government.

Even though the FCC has pulled the plug on Morse Code, we should still use it and encourage others to learn it.

**Dave Pulver, KG4CZV**

## Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

**Gail**, wife of Mac Manning, KD4AFL  
**Charlie** Wells, K4SKI  
**Doug** Ferris, K4ROK

Please inform Dan Drake, W4ISO, of any changes.



## Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **February 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](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.

## BARC 2007 Field Day Co-chairman

Terry Monday, K4ZYD, and Murray Merner, K4MHM, will co-chair the BARC 2007 Field Day to be held June 23/24. Please help them when asked.

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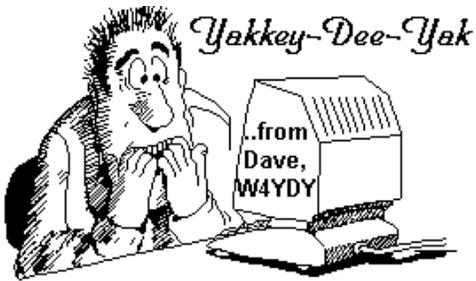
# Happy Birthday

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

5	KI4CRC	Sandy McLaughlin
8	KG4SNB	Ray Vickers
9	W4GDF	Heber Adams
10	N4BNO	James Bridgers
15	KE4JZU	Gene Underwood
16	KE4WEZ	Peter Van Houten
17	K4ROK	Doug Ferris
20	WD4JAD	George Dale
20	KE4UGG	Michael Metcalf

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

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Are there any club members that have a web site that want to get it linked on the BARC web site? There are presently three linked, W4ISO, KG4WEZ and W4YDY.

The club site moved from QSL.NET due to the slow response. I have had the same trouble with the site also. But it is free. The club moved to a new domain provider last year and it has been

like another world with the fast speed and reliability. I was planning to do the same thing and I may later on if my Internet provider changes again. I recently enabled a web site that comes with Suddenlink and moved my site to <http://pages.suddenlink.net/w4ydy/>. My address at <http://www.qsl.net/w4ydy/> still works (sometimes!) but when you click on the Morse code key, it will send you to the new site. There is plenty of space allowed as you have 2 gigabytes for your email and web site. I am only using about 17 megabytes that includes a 2 megabyte video so there is a lot of room.

Quite a few club members got shifted over to Suddenlink so if any are interested and need any help getting a web site on Suddenlink enabled, I will be

glad to help. Not much help on the net but I got through it after several phone calls and emails. Still had to figure out some of the answers! The site is very fast and I have put a video on it. QSL.NET would not handle videos because of the slow speed and overload.

As some might have noticed, there are a couple of videos on the BARC web site now for those on cable or DSL. If anyone has any suggestions or short videos that members might be interested in, let me know. I can transfer VHS, 8mm, Hi8, Digital 8 tape or DVD to the computer for conversion for the web site. If it is mini-digital tape, it would have to be converted. The video should be limited to five minutes or less. Five minutes would be about a 15 to 20 megabyte file for a 320x240 video. - W4YDY

## It's official! Morse code requirement ends Friday, February 23

Circle Friday, February 23, on your calendar. That's when the current 5 WPM Morse code requirement will officially disappear from the Amateur Radio Service Part 97 rules. Effective that date, applicants for a General or Amateur Extra class Amateur Radio license no longer will have to demonstrate proficiency in Morse code. They'll just have to pass the applicable written examination. Federal Register publication January 24 of the FCC's Report and Order (R&O) in the "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235, started a 30-day countdown for the new rules to become effective.

"The overall effect of this action is to further the public interest by encouraging individuals who are interested in communications technology or who are able to contribute to the advancement of the radio art, to become Amateur Radio operators; and eliminating a requirement that is now unnecessary and may discourage Amateur Service licensees from advancing their skills in the communications and technical phases of Amateur Radio," the FCC remarked in the Federal Register version of the "Morse code" R&O. The League had asked the FCC to retain the 5 WPM for Amateur Extra class applicants, but the Commission held to its decision to eliminate the requirement across the board. The rules that appeared in the Federal Register constitute their official version

<<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20071800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-729.pdf>>.

The new rules also mean that starting February 23 all Technician licensees, whether or not they've passed a Morse code examination, will have CW privileges on 80, 40 and 15 meters and CW, RTTY, data and SSB privileges on 10 meters. Once the new rules go into effect Technicians may begin using their new privileges without any further action.

An applicant holding a valid Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) for Element 3 (General) or Element 4 (Amateur Extra) credit may redeem it for an upgrade at a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) exam session. A CSCE is good for 365 days from the date of issuance, no exceptions.

For example, a Technician licensee holding a valid CSCE for Element 3 credit would have to apply at a VEC test session and pay the application fee, which most VECs charge, in order to receive an instant upgrade to General.

ARRL Regulatory Information Specialist Dan Henderson, N1ND, cautions that a license upgrade is \*not\* automatic for those holding valid CSCEs for element credit. "You must apply for the upgrade at a VEC test session, and you may not operate as /AG or /AE until you have upgraded and have been issued a

CSCE marked for upgrade," he stresses. "A valid CSCE for element credit only does not confer any operating privileges."

Henderson also advises all radio amateurs to know and fully understand their operating privileges before taking to the airwaves. Some Technician licensees reportedly started showing up on 75 meters December 15 in the mistaken belief that they had gained phone privileges there.

The FCC R&O includes an Order on Reconsideration in WT Docket 04-140 -- the so-called "omnibus" proceeding. It will modify Part 97 in response to ARRL's request to accommodate automatically controlled narrowband digital stations on 80 meters in the wake of other rule changes that became effective last December 15. The Commission designated 3585 to 3600 kHz for such operations, although that segment will remain available for CW, RTTY and data. The ARRL had requested that the upper limit of the CW/RTTY/data subband be set at 3635 kHz so there would be no change in the existing 3620 to 3635 kHz subband.

The ARRL has posted all relevant information on these important Part 97 rule revisions on its "FCC's Morse Code Report and Order WT Docket 05-235" Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/morse/>>. - via ARRL Letter Online 1/26/07

## ARRL Board accepts National Emergency Response Planning Committee Report

The ARRL Board of Directors accepted the Report of the National Emergency Response Planning Committee (NERPC) when it met January 19 and 20 in Windsor, Connecticut. Upon dissolving the committee with its thanks, the Board set in motion a process to identify and implement action items in the report as soon as possible. ARRL First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, chaired the 13-member NERPC, charged with developing comprehensive recommendations to improve the League's response to regional, national and international disasters. Among other things, panel members evaluated the responses and actions of ARRL and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) during Hurricane Katrina as well as lessons learned.

"If 'lessons learned' are not followed by 'behaviors changed,' then the lessons have not been learned at all," the report concludes. The report describes disaster preparedness as "a moving target, moving faster all the time." No recommendations, plans or systems should be considered "the permanent answers for all cir-

cumstances and hazards," the report asserts.

The unprecedented scope of the Katrina response placed ARRL Headquarters into a leadership coordination role through national-level requests for help from served agencies such as the American Red Cross. While the level of expertise in emergency communications and emergency management among US radio amateurs is growing, the report noted, so is the expectation that the ARRL provide first-rate leadership and guidance.

Among the report's wide-ranging recommendations and suggestions:

- \* enhance ARRL and ARES training in basic message handling.

- \* develop a continuing education course covering installation, configuration, and use of Winlink 2000 for e-mail.

- \* formally establish a national ARES volunteer database for use during major disasters and establish training criteria.

- \* institute a Major Disaster Emergency Coordinator (MDEC) function to coordinate responses to large-scale national or regional disasters or emergencies.

- \* become better acquainted with the emergency response needs of distant ARRL sections, such as Pacific, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Alaska.

- \* improve working relationships with national-level served agencies.

- \* ensure ARRL staff training in the Incident Command System (ICS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS) and, as necessary, adapt ARRL's emergency response structure to the Unified Command model.

In addition, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, has appointed an ad hoc committee to study issues relating to background investigations as they apply to ARRL Amateur Radio volunteers and to recommend a background investigation policy. - *via ARRL Letter Online 1/26/07*

*Editor's Note:* The NERPC report is on the BARC web site at <http://www.w4amc.com/ares/NERPC-32aa.pdf>. There is also a link to the report on the home page <http://www.w4amc.com/> in the Emergency Preparedness column. - W4YDY

## Bill seeks BPL interference study, report to Congress

US Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR), has introduced a bill in the 110th Congress calling on the FCC to study the interference potential of broadband over power line (BPL) technology and report its findings back to Congress. One of two radio amateurs in the House, Ross submitted the "Emergency Amateur Radio Interference Protection Act of 2007" (HR 462) on January 12. The bill's official text became available this week. ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, says the League shares Ross's concern about interference to emergency communication networks.

"We wholly support his effort to ensure that public safety remains a priority over flawed political agendas regarding communication technology," Harrison commented.

The bill calls for the FCC to conduct "a comprehensive BPL service study leading to improved rules to prevent interference." If the measure is adopted by both houses of Congress and signed by the president, the FCC would have to undertake a study of BPL's interference potential within 90 days of enactment and report to

the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

In 2005, Ross introduced a non-binding House resolution, HRes 230, in the 109th Congress that would have had the FCC conduct "a full and complete analysis" of radio interference from BPL with an eye toward revising the FCC rules that govern BPL to minimize the potential of harmful interference. It was unsuccessful.

Last year, the US House passed a telecommunications bill containing language that Ross proposed requiring the FCC to study the interference potential of BPL systems. The study requirement did not make its way into the final version of the bill, however.

HR 462 would require the Commission to address several technical facets, including variations in BPL emission field strength with distance from power lines and a technical justification for using a particular distance extrapolation factor when making measurements.

The FCC also would have to investigate the degree of notching necessary

"to protect the reliability of mobile radio communications," and provide a technical justification for permitted BPL radiated emission levels relative to ambient noise levels. Finally, the study would have to outline options for new or improved BPL rules aimed at preventing harmful interference to public safety and other radio communication systems.

Ross's bill zeroes in on some of the same issues the ARRL cited last October when it asked the US Court of Appeals -- DC Circuit to review certain aspects of the Part 15 BPL rules. The ARRL specifically has taken issue with §15.611 (c)(1)(iii), which sets a lower standard of protection for licensed mobile stations in any radio service, including public safety, that may receive BPL interference.

The League's lawsuit also faults the FCC's decision not to adjust the 40 dB per decade "extrapolation factor" applied to BPL emission measurements taken at distances from power lines other than those specified in Part 15.

Complete text at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/01/18/101/?nc=1>.

**2007 BARC Raffle Tickets Available**

The drawing for the 2007 BARC Raffle will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2007 at the Farmville Dogwood Festival.

As with our other fundraisers in the past, the purpose is to acquire sufficient funds to keep our equipment up to date and stored properly.

This year's grand prize will be BBQ Pro Stainless Steel Grill, Model BQ4023. Unlike the grills that have been the prize in past years, this is a full sized grill.



At the February and March club meeting, there will be a drawing for a smaller prize, pre determined by the club at the January meeting. The winner of these drawings will be eligible for the grand prize drawing on April 29.

As an added bonus, there will be a special surprise prize for the person who sold winning ticket at the February club meeting. Thanks to Mike, KD4MTT for that prize.

If you haven't picked up your tickets from me yet, you can either get them from me at the next club meeting, or contact me by e-mail (kg4czv@earthlink.net) or phone (353-7161).

Thank you all for helping make this years raffle another successful event. - Dave, KG4CZV

**2007 Dues**

Membership dues for BARC are due January 1, 2007. The 2007 membership roster will published in the April 2007 Ham Chatter if possible. Those who have not paid their dues will not be listed on the roster and will be removed from the Ham Chatter mailing list. Membership dues are the same as they were in 2006, and are as follows:

- Regular Member \$20.00
- Family Member \$2.00
- Associate Member (Non-Licensed) \$5.00
- Honorary Member \$0.00
- New Hams: 18 and younger (1st year) \$5.00
- New Hams: 19 and older (1st year) \$10.00

Please mail your dues, along with the member application form to: Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835. We are requesting that you send the application form in so that we can have your correct information on file. The form can be downloaded from <http://www.w4amc.com/application.html>. If anyone has any questions concerning their membership status or their dues, please call Richard Cox, **K4CRD**, BARC Treasurer, at (252) 524-4089 or e-mail [k4crd@earthlink.net](mailto:k4crd@earthlink.net). Thank you for your support and participation in BARC.

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## BARC Meeting Minutes - January 2007

BARC Membership Meeting Minutes  
VFW Hall, January 9, 2007

President Dave, KG4CZV, called the meeting to order at 1930 hours.

Members and guests introduced themselves. Those in attendance are listed in the roll book. Dave welcomed all in attendance

**Minutes:** The Club accepted the minutes of the December 12, 2006 BARC membership meeting (Christmas Party) as published in the January 2007 Ham Chatter.

**Secretary's Report:** No report

**Treasure's Report:** The financial report was given by Richard Cox, K4CRD. Further information is available to members upon request..

**Health and Welfare:** Bob Moore, N4USB, was welcomed back after surgery. Sympathy was expressed to Bernie Noble, WA4MOK, for the loss of his father. David Cox, KG4WEU, returned after surgery some months ago.

**Ham Chatter:** No comments by editor, Dave Langley, W4YDY.

**Volunteer Examiners:** Tom Parsons, W4TEP, noted that while tests are ordinarily given on the third Friday of the even numbered months, three test dates will be changed to the second Friday for Easter, St. Peter's School Festival, and the BARC Christmas Party. Next examination date is Feb. 16 at St Peter's School.

**Equipment:** No report from Mike Langley, KD4MTT.

**State ARES:** Bernie, WA4MOK, State/Eastern Branch ARES, reported that Areas 1 and 2 will meet Sat. Feb. 10 in Columbia, NC. The annual state ARES meeting in Raleigh will take place Mar. 31 - no location has been determined at

this time. Eastern Branch location has moved; antennas will remain where they are so more coax is needed.

**Pitt County ARES:** Doug Ferris, K4ROK, complimented Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, for doing a good job as last night's net control. Site C has had some upgrades in furniture, and a server which will be used for WinLink after it has been refurbished. Also 3 high end UPSs have been acquired. Doug requested that ARES registration forms be updated as needed.

**Old Business:** Dave, KG4CZV, announced that raffle tickets have arrived and are available to be picked up at this meeting. We were reminded that there will be a drawing in Feb. and Mar. for a prize for the ticket sellers. Mike, WD4MTT added that he has a special surprise gift for the seller of the winning ticket. He is financing that himself - thanks Mike. All sellers are reminded to put their call sign on the back of the ticket stubs they turn in.

**Announcements:** Dave, KG4CZV reported that Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, informed him of the ECU Centennial. While the celebration will be all week, the celebration will combine with the Greenville International Festival the weekend of April 14 at the Town Common. Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, will get further details.

Also that same weekend will be the MS Walk. We did it last year and we have committed to helping out again.

It was noted that there are now e-mail addresses of: barc@w4amc.com and president@w4amc.com to have generic e-mail addresses so BARC can be e-mailed.

Byron Highland, K4BMH, announced that tickets for the Downeast

Hamfest in Kinston on Mar. 25 are available from him. Tickets are \$4.00 in advance and \$5.00 at the door. For tables, etc contact Jane Dupree, KD4ARS, at (252) 523-2703.

2007 dues are due.

Mike, KD4MTT, presented Bob, N4USB, his awards as the New Ham Instructor and as a Volunteer Examiner since he missed the Christmas Party due to surgery.

Peter Van Houten, KG4WEZ, spoke about the Oakwood Amateur Radio Society (OARS) and his need for help with various activities, ideas and anyone who would like to coordinate it. He reminded us that it is open to all kids. OARS has a web site "wavelength1@mac.com". He can be contacted at: kg4ezc@mac.com or 830-3931

**Program:** Tim Slay, N4IB, ARRL Section Manager of NC. Tim has been a ham for 30 years and a member of ARRL for that time. He works for Duke Power in Charlotte. He reviewed the statistics and services of ARRL - an amazing organization that supports hams and our best interests. He also reviewed the NC ARRL (volunteer) organization including our own Bernie, WA4MOK, who is Section Emergency Coordinator and Rick LaMonica, W4ZRA Official Observer Coordinator. The web site for the NC section is: www.ncarrl.org. Tim spent some time informing us about the BPL situation and the effort to get PRB-1 as a state law in NC (there are only 23 now). Tim can be reached at: n4ib@arrl.org.

Dave, KG4CZV, adjourned the meeting at 2100 hours.

Respectfully submitted

*Murray Merner, K4MHM*

## BARC Board Minutes - January 2007

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club  
Board Meeting  
January 30, 2007

President Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, called the meeting together at 1930 hours.

Other attendees were: Joel Mulhaluk, KI4LMY, Dave Langley,

W4YDY, Pat Williams, KG4NSC, Terry Monday, K4ZVD, Richard Cox, K4CRD, Taylor Miller, W4WTN, Murray Merner, K4MHM and Mike Langley, KD4MTT

**Treasurer's Report:** Richard gave financial report. The 2007 budget will be presented to the members at the February meeting.

**Health and Welfare:** Joel noted that Doug Ferris, K4ROK, is still in the hospital after complications from the surgery.

**Programs:** Taylor reported that the February meeting will include the birthday party and Phillip Williams the meteorologist at WNCT-TV Channel 9. March will

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be the Vern Wegan from Batteries Plus.

**Public Information:** Pat Williams noted that it is time to register for the Food Lion program – BARC gets a small percentage of what is spent by those who register. We need at least 25 to register or we don't get anything.

The Internationals Festival will be April 14 in conjunction with the ECU Centennial celebration. Also that day will be the MS walk.

**Secretary:** No report.

**Ham Chatter:** Dave L. reported we are going to lose an advertiser. Mike is interested in being an advertiser. Dave L. noted the advertisement pays for the newsletter.

**Web site:** Dave L. circulated data on the web site activity and reported we get about 300 hits per month.

**Equipment:** Mike reported no equipment issues, but did voice a need to have a work day for the trailer in preparation for its future use.

**Discussion:**

Murray announced that there will be an additional VE session on Friday 3/16/07 to help those who are anxious to upgrade because of the elimination of the Morse code requirement. The information will also be put in the Ham Chatter, ARRL web site, and the BARC Internet reflector. It has already been put on the web page.

Joel asked for some clarification on RACES. The state has to activate RACES and the Amateur Radio Operators are covered by insurance. Doug is making efforts to have Pitt County ARES also become RACES.

Mike announced that he received information on the internet on the National Emergency Response Planning Committee. There is an emphasis on the need for training, credentialing of Amateur Radio Operators. Dave L. will put the report on the web site.

There is a need to get a letter to Richard Honea, W4HM for his donation of equipment. Richard, Terry and Dave P. will work on it and get it out this week.

Terry was permitted to use the club's 897 in order to learn more about the radio. Others were encouraged to borrow the radios to become proficient at running them.

Terry volunteered to be co-chairperson with Murray on this year's Field Day. Murray, seeing the handwriting on the wall, agreed to co-chair FD.

Murray asked if we could consider supporting the ARRL with a donation for the band protection effort and BPL lawsuit. It was suggest that it be brought up at the regular meeting.

Taylor had been contacted by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (this is not the Baptist Men) regarding support in time of emergencies.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:30 hours

Respectfully submitted by

*Murray Merner, K4MFM*

### Processing for new vanity call signs still on hold

More at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/01/23/100/?nc=1>

## Ham Ads

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- ◆ 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
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### HF

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- ◆ 3.571 2000 hours, slow speed (5-8 wpm) Carolinas Slow Net
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# BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 10/11.....	CQ WPX RTTY Contest	Apr 1 .....	RARSFest Raleigh
Feb 13.....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Apr 10 .....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Feb 16.....	BARC VE Session	Apr 13 .....	BARC VE Session
Feb 18.....	Richmond FrostFest	Apr 24 .....	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Feb 17/18.....	ARRL CW DX Contest	Apr 28 .....	<i>Ham Chatter</i> <b>Deadline</b>
Feb 24/25.....	CQ WW SSB 160M Contest	May 8.....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Feb 27.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>	May 26.....	CQ WW CW WPX Contest
Mar 3.....	<i>Ham Chatter</i> <b>Deadline</b>	May 29.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Mar 3/4.....	ARRL SSB DX Contest	Jun 2 .....	<i>Ham Chatter</i> <b>Deadline</b>
Mar 13.....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Jun 12.....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Mar 16.....	BARC <b>Extra</b> VE Session	Jun 15.....	BARC VE Session
Mar 24/25.....	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest	Jun 23/24.....	<b>ARRL FIELD DAY</b>
Mar 25.....	<b>Downeast Hamfest - Kinston</b>	Jun 26.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Mar 27.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>		<b>Regular Meeting</b> - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
Mar 31.....	<i>Ham Chatter</i> <b>Deadline</b>		<b>Board Meeting</b> - 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  
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**Next Meeting  
February 13**

**February 2007**

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