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2007 BARC Christmas Party



Dave Langley, W4YDY and Tom Parsons, W4TEP, display their **Honorary Life Member plaques**

Another successful BARC Christmas party was held December 11. BARC members their families and friends enjoyed another outstanding meal and afterwards, Mike Langley, KD4MTT. Master of Ceremonies, presented the annual BARC awards. A 2007 Ham of the Year Plaque was presented to Dave Langley, W4YDY.

Award certificates were pre-



Mike Langley, KD4MTT **Master of Ceremonies**

sented to OM of the Year, Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK; YL of the Year, Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW; New Ham of the Year, Tim Nelson, WA4TMN; Elmer of the Year, John McCoy, K4KBB; Field Day VE Liaison Tom Parsons, W4TEP; VE's Byron Highland, K4BMH; Murray Merner, K4MHM; Richard Cox, K4CRD; Bob Moore, N4USB; Michael Martin, KE4UUT; Dave Langley, W4YDY; Gerry Clayton, K4IDD; Ham Chatter and Web Editor, Dave Langley, W4YDY: and Assistant Ham Chatter Editor, Tim Nelson, WA4TMN. Certificates were also presented to 2007 Field Day co-chairman Murray Merner, K4MHM, and Terry Monday, K4ZYD. A plaque also was presented to Dave Pulver, KG4CZV for his two years as BARC President.

Honorary Life Member plaques in Appreciation For Outstanding Leadership were presented to a pair of surprised members, Tom Parsons, W4TEP, VE Liaison and call sign trustee and Dave Langley, W4YDY, Ham Chatter editor and W4AMC.COM editor.

Terry Monday, K4ZYD, BARC President-elect, introduced the new officers for 2008. They are First Vice President, Bob Moore, N4USB, Second Vice President, Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, returning Secretary, Murray Merner, K4MHM, returning Treasurer, Richard Cox, K4CRD, Two Year Trustee, John Prokop, N8MPX, and One Year Trustee, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV. Past President.

Thanks KG4CZW, and her primary helper, Dave drawing was held for the poinsettias. Pulver, KG4CZV, for their work in setting up the tables, getting the beverages and 50-50 raffle. serving items. She also had poinsettias placed on all the tables that were covered W4AMC.COM web site.

Next Meeting January 8

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, January 8 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program will be about field testing of mobile and portable antennas. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be January 29 at 7:30 PM at 631-B Dickinson Avenue - entrance at back of the building. All members invited.



BARC 2007 Ham of the Year Dave Langley, W4YDY

to Bonnie Pulver, in green. At the end of the program, a

Bob Hanrahan, AF4QY, won the

More pictures can be seen on the

President's Corner, Terry Monday, K4ZYD Friends Help Friends **Become Hams**

How did you become an amateur radio operator, a ham? My guess is that most of us became a ham because someone we knew was a ham. We hear them talk to people in far away places, saw them operate their radios when we visited their houses. We were intrigued by the di da sound of Morse code coming out of their radios. We were fascinated as their fingers worked the key, sending messages all over the world.

I was introduced to ham radio by my father, K4ZYD, a silent key. His radios occupied a corner in the house I grew up in. I remember listening as he talked to hams behind the Iron Curtain and thinking cense. He helped me enroll in the BARC that they were just like my dad. I listened technician class, and study for my exam. as he "worked" hams in Africa, Asia, and South America.

days and install antennas on a pole put up John introduced me to the local ham comby Duke Power in our back yard. Boy munity and BARC. Scout troops came to our house to watch and listen as Dad worked one station after another. Dad lugged his "rig" to Girl 1995 BARC Ham of the Year? Scout camps and church campouts. He would show up anywhere a group of people wanted to know about ham radio, and



Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members birthdays in January.

2	KD4AFL	Mac Manning		
6	W4ESO	Frank Spencer		
6	WB2YFM	Joe Scott		
12	K4CRD	Richard Cox		
15	W4EHF	Bill Finch		
16	KG4WEU	David Cox		
27	W4RCN	Terry Zipes		
30	W4ISO	Dan Drake		
Dlagge let me know of any addition				

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

he spoke with the zeal of someone who truly loved his radios.

I did not become a ham until after my father had passed away. In my youth, ham radio was something that interfered with our television and the local church PA system (a story for another article.) I had to give up my weekends to carry generators and setup tents for field days, hold tarps to keep the "rig" dry during pouring down rain at the Girl Scout camp. I did not like ham radio!

But the seed had been planted. My father's zeal ignited a spark in me that would not die. The spark was rekindled when I meet John McCoy, K4KBB. After John learned that my father had been a ham, he said he would help me get my li-His enthusiasm kept me going.

But it is what happened after I I helped my dad setup for field received my license that made me a "ham". BARC members helped me select my first hand held, an (Continued on page 3)

If anyone knows who the 1995 BARC Ham of the Year was or any before In This Issue 1989, please let me know or email barc@w4amc.com.- W4YDY

irthday Well Wishes

Thoughts Prayers go out to the following:

Taylor Millar, W4WTM Gail, wife of Mac Manning, KD4AFL Charlie Wells, K4SKI

Hollis Thigpen, KC3X Paul Copeland, K4KCS

Please inform Bob Moore, N4USB, n4usb @ embarqmail.com of any changes.

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on February 15. 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 \$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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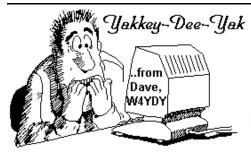
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BARC officers take over with a few holdovers to keep continuity in the club. The Good times will be coming again! officers for the past year did another out-

operators joining the ranks, there is much Mike announced that I was one of two that for them to look forward to. Those that was granted an Honorary Life Membership have come on board in the last 2 or 3 years along with Tom Parsons, W4TEP. I was two weeks later from what have yet to experience the high sunspot speechless and some told me that they levels of 5 to 7 years ago. Ten meters has never thought they would see the day that had almost no activity due to no skip. would happen! With the sunspots heading up next year, it honor. - W4 Yakkey-Dee-Yak won't be long before the 10, 12 and 15 me-

ters will have a lot of activity especially during contest weekends. I've seen 10 me- RALEIGH HAMFEST ter activity so crowded on contest weekends, it's very hard to find a clear frequency. In December 2001, I operated in the ARRL 10 Meter contest and made 280 contacts on SSB and CW in just over 7 hours. That's almost 40 contacts per hour. I'm far from being a good contester, just one that likes to make a few contacts. I Another year and a new slate of listened to the contest in December 2007

I'm still in shock for the honors active. The club thanks them all for their party. The Ham of the Year award was a Thanks again for the

DATE CHANGE

Hank Montgomery, K4HM, RARS Hamfest Chairman, announced at December the and I think I heard 2 or 3 weak stations. Raleigh Amateur Radio Society meeting that the standing job of keeping the club busy and the club extended to me at the Christmas RARSfest 2008 will now dedication to Amateur Radio and the club. very pleasant surprise coming from my take place on Saturday, With many new Amateur Radio fellow members and I was floored when April 12 at the NC State Fairgrounds. This date is had been previously announced and advertised.

President's Corner, Terry Monday, K4ZYD

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Icom W32A, and my first HF rig, an Icom 706 purchased used from Bernie, WA4MOK. I practiced code with several other club members so I could pass the code test, become a General and work Club members answered all my "rookie" questions with patience and understanding. They answered my endless questions about why the radio needed to

be grounded, how to operate my father's old manual antenna turner, what frequencies I could and could not work, the mystical O codes used by CW nets, how to use the repeaters and echo link. And the learning goes on. This is what truly defines someone as a ham.

So when someone says "So you're a ham. I didn't know there were hams anymore," this is a great opportu-

nity to introduce someone new to this great hobby we all share. And when a new face shows up at a BARC meeting, we need to continue our tradition of greeting them and make them feel welcome. And we have to be willing to lug our rigs to Boy Scout meetings and Church campouts. You never know when that seed will be planted. - Terry Monday, K4ZYD

BARC Member plans rare skydiver QSO opportunity

Following are excerpts from emails received from NONKQ. - W4YDY

Here's an opportunity that doesn't come along too often.

I am a skydiver in addition to being a radio amateur. I am in the process of gathering the noise canceling microphone & earphones necessary to allow me to use my Radio Shack HTX-200 while I skydive, I guess you could call it operating paranautical mobile.

If anyone is interested in working me as I jump at the airport in Washington, I'll be glad to work them. My antenna will be V-Pol. I descend at about 1,000 feet per minute when under the

open parachute, so they would be quick QSO's. I can arrange to go up to 12,000 ft. AGL and open immediately after I leave the aircraft. That will give me about 10 minutes of in the air QSO time.

It will be several weeks before I have all the parts together to do this. In 2008, it will be live, analog, color NTSC video from a helmet mounted camera on 70 or 33 CM!

As with anything associated with aviation, safety is THE paramount issue at all times. If my main 'chute should malfunction and I have to cut it away and resort to using my reserve 'chute, that will consume valuable time &

altitude to accomplish and would probably eliminate any QSO's for that jump. The rule of thumb is if you have to use your reserve 'chute the fun you originally intended for that jump is over and you devote 100% of your efforts to a safe landing.

As to the frequency, I was originally thinking of 146.58 simplex, w/o tone squelch, until I heard a good deal of simplex activity on that frequency pretty much all the time. So, for now, the frequency is to be determined.

I do want to do this though. Because of the reach of the 2 meter repeater

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Skydiver QSO

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on the WITN tower. I would like to use it as the meeting place for any of those interested in working me once I am in the air & under an open main parachute. We would establish a net. A ham on the ground at the DZ (drop zone) in Washington would announce on the repeater about 1 minute before I left the aircraft that I am about to jump. At that point those interested in a QSO would change to the chosen frequency and I will call CO once my main 'chute is open. I will record the audio I receive under the open 'chute as proof of the QSO and issue a QSL card based on that audio, if any one wishes a QSL card.

I am doing this as a part of a larger high altitude skydiving project. I am developing hardware and procedures to allow a skydiver to maintain 1 and 2-way radio contact with the ground during a proposed jump from 130,000 ft. MSL. I can do the prototype development on amateur radio frequencies and in the process enjoy both of my hobbies.

I will be using a Radio Shack HTX-200 transceiver attached to the chest strap of my parachute harness and a one off, custom manufactured vertically polarized sleeve dipole antenna that dangles below me, once I deploy it by hand, after my main 'chute is open. The HTX-200 has an RF power output of just 0.200 watts but with the elevation, I have enjoyed solid QSO's with my father, W0MWO, who lives in Pueblo, CO, from the DZ in Calhan, CO which is 65 air miles from Pueblo. Those QSO's were done in the early 1990's using a Kenwood TH-21AT.

For future consideration, I can open up as high as 11,000 to 12,000 ft. MSL. At that altitude my line of sight distance to the horizon is 150+ miles, well beyond the reach of the 2 meter repeater on the WITN tower. At that point I would want to establish a 40 or 75 meter net to coordinate with amateurs at those greater distances who may want to QSO with me as I jump from that high.

I would be gratified if this project could interest skydivers and any of the public in Amateur Radio.

Jeff Pearce, **N0NKQ** (N zero NKQ) Chief Engineer, WITN-TV/DT

Is a New Solar Cycle Beginning?

Dec. 14, 2007: The solar physics community is abuzz this week. No, there haven't been any great eruptions or solar storms. The source of the excitement is a modest knot of magnetism that popped over the sun's eastern limb on Dec. 11th, pictured below in a pair of images from the orbiting Solar and Heliospheric Observatory (SOHO).

It may not look like much, but "this patch of magnetism could be a sign of the next solar cycle," says solar physicist David Hathaway of the Marshall Space Flight Center.

For more than a year, the sun has been experiencing a lull in activity, marking the end of Solar Cycle 23, which peaked with many furious storms in 2000--2003.

"Solar minimum is upon us," he says.

The big question now is, when will the *next* solar cycle begin?

It could be starting now.

"New solar cycles always begin with a high-latitude, reversed polarity sunspot," explains Hathaway. "Reversed polarity " means a sunspot with opposite magnetic polarity compared to sunspots from the previous solar cycle. "High-latitude" refers to the sun's grid of latitude and longitude. Old cycle spots congregate near the sun's

equator. New cycle spots appear higher, around 25 or 30 degrees latitude.

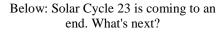
The region that appeared on Dec. 11th fits both these criteria. It is high latitude (24 degrees N) and magnetically reversed. Just one problem: There is no sunspot. So far the region is just a bright knot of magnetic fields. If, however, these fields coalesce into a dark sunspot, scientists are ready to announce that Solar Cycle 24 has officially begun.

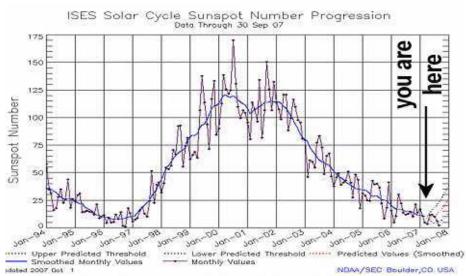
Many forecasters believe Solar Cycle 24 will be big and intense. Peaking in 2011 or 2012, the cycle to come could have significant impacts on telecommunications, air traffic, power grids and GPS systems. (And don't forget the Northern Lights!) In this age of satellites and cell phones, the next solar cycle could make itself felt as never before.

The furious storms won't start right away, however. Solar cycles usually take a few years to build to a frenzy and Cycle 24 will be no exception. "We still have some quiet times ahead," says Hathaway.

Meanwhile, all eyes are on a promising little active region. Will it become the first sunspot of a new solar cycle? Stay tuned for updates from Science@NASA.

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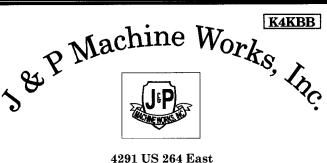
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December VE Session Results

One candidate attended the BARC VE Session on December 14. Alton McLawhorn, KC4UMO, Greenville, passed the exam to upgrade to General Class. He has been active since 1991 on CW, satellites and 2 meter SSB looking for DX. BARC congratulates Alton for his accomplishment.

The Volunteer Examiners were VE Liaison Tom Parsons, W4TEP, Richard Cox, K4CRD, Michael Martin, KE4UUT, Murray Merner, K4MHM, Bob Moore, N4USB, and Dave Langley, W4YDY.





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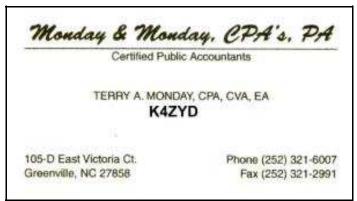
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For Sale: Short tower, rotor and 2 M beam, needs to be taken down. ICOM 745 HF Rig, mike & paddles. Kenwood station monitor SM220. Kenwood Antenna Turner, Astron RE-50M Power Supply. Call Walter Verdick, 252-758-2809 or email walt20@embarg.com

FREE: 20 Meter full size 3 element beam with 24 foot boom. Remove it from the tower and it's yours along with 110 feet of RG8U cable. Charlie Wells, K4SKI. Ph: 355-5188





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BARC Meeting Minutes - December 2007

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club Membership Meeting Minutes December 11, 2007

<u>Call to Order</u>: President Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours. This is the Christmas Party. There were 30 present including visitors and are listed in the roll book.

Old Business: A motion was mad by Tom Parsons, W4TEP, and Seconded by Bryon Highland, K4BMH, to accept the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws as written in the December Ham Chatter. Motion passed anonymously.

Peer Awards: YL of the year: Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW; OM of the Year: Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK; Elmer of the year: John McCoy, K4KBB; New Ham of the Year: Tim Nelson, WA4TMN; Ham of the Year: Dave Langley, W4YDY.

2007 Officers and committee Chairpersons were also given certificates of appreciation.

Tom Parsons, **W4TEP**, and Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, were awarded Honorary Life Members of BARC.

<u>Installation of Officers</u>: President -Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**; First Vice President - Bob Moore, **N4USB**; Second Vice President - Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**; Treasurer - Richard Cox; **K4CRD**; Secretary - Murray Merner; two year Board Member - John Prokop, **N8MPX**; and one year Board Member - Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, (as retiring President).

<u>50/50 Drawing Winner</u>: Bob Harahan, AF4QY, won.

<u>Adjourn</u>: Dave Pulver adjourned the meeting at 2000 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Murray Merner, K4MHM

BARC Board Minutes - December 2007

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 18, 2007 7:30 pm Office of Glennon Bittan Investments in Greenville

Those in attendance: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, Dave Langley, W4YDY, Pat Williams, KG4NSC, John McCoy, K4KBB, Richard Cox, K4CRD, Terry Monday, K4ZYD, Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, John Prokop, N8MPX and Mike Langley, KD4MTT.

The Treasurer's report was given.

The minutes from the November Board Meeting were approved as printed

in the December Ham Chatter.

<u>Health & Welfare:</u> Taylor Millar, W4WTM, is home and recovering from surgery. Hollis Thigpen, KC3X, is also steadily improving from his surgery

<u>Programs:</u> January – Antenna Field Testing; February – BARC Birthday Celebration / CW; March – ARES Training

Farmville Dogwood Festival: A decision was made not to operate a special events station, due to potential conditions that could preclude us from operating as such.

<u>Member Expulsion:</u> The Board voted to begin expulsion proceedings on Daniel Rouse, KI4WRS. The grounds will be

presented to the membership at the January meeting and a vote on the issue will take place at that time.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Any interested BARC members are invited to attend the January board meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, January 29 at 7:30 pm at the offices of Glennon Bittan Investments in Greenville.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV

Substitute minute taker

2008 Dues

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Membership dues for BARC are due January 1. Those who have not paid their dues will not be listed on the roster and will be removed from the Ham Chatter mailing list starting in April. 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.pdf.

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 @ embarqmail.com. Thank you for your support and participation in BARC.

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New Amateur Extra Class Question Pool Released



(Dec 26, 2007) -The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) has released the new pool of questions for the Amateur Extra class license. This pool will become

effective for examinations given on or after of Bosnia and Herzegovina in August, the July 1, 2008, and should be in service until June 30, 2012. The pool, which consists of 741 questions and 12 graphics, can be downloaded from the NCVEC Web site http://www.ncvec.org/ in Word, PDF or RTF formats. If you have any questions concerning the new Amateur Extra question pool, please contact the NCVEC's Ouestion Pool Committee via e-mail. qpc@ncvec.org - Via ARRL.ORG

Incorrect Date Listed for Frostfest 2008

The December issue of OST (page 106) and last week's ARRL Letter listed the incorrect date for Frostfest 2008. The correct date is Saturday, February 2. The Richmond Frostfest 2008 will host the Virginia ARRL State Convention. - via ARRL Letter Online, 12/21/07

From more information, their website is at http://www.frostfest.com/>.



New Prefix for Bosnia-Herzegovina Officially Announced



Ιn sponse to a request from the Ministry Communications and Transport

International Telecommunication Union (ITU) withdrew the call sign prefix allocation T9A-T9Z for Bosnia and Herzegovina and made a new allocation, E7A-E7Z. The change was made initially on a provisional basis under authority of the ITU Secretary-General and was confirmed by the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference to be effective November 17, 2007.

According to International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) Secretary David Sumner, K1ZZ, the Ministry of Communications and Transport (BiH) held a press conference in Sarajevo on December 18 to formally announce the change. Minister Dr Bozo Ljubic explained the desirability of changing a prefix that initially was allocated during wartime and how it was now being replaced with one that has no connection to that troubled time; similar steps have been taken with regard to passports, drivers' licenses and automobile registrations, he said. Liubic also observed that the costs associated with the change were minimal compared to the benefits. Amateur Radio station licenses bearing E7 prefixes will be issued beginning in January 2008, and the use of other prefixes will be phased out. - Via ARRL.ORG

The Pitt County Repeater Association • needs your support

ciation maintains three local repeaters and tone. needs the support of the local Amateur Radio operators. It is an expensive operation donations to PCRA, 1401 E. Wright Road, to keep the repeaters maintained and have Greenville, NC 27858. proper insurance coverage. They can only be operated with help from the local Ama- association is available at www.pcra.us and teur Radio operators, especially the ones in the April issue of Ham Chatter. The Pitt County Repeater Association that use them.

The repeaters are on 147.09, com/hc/pdf/hc0704.pdf>.

The Pitt County Repeater Asso- 145.35 and 444.8 MHz. All use the 131.8 ◆

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- BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- 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 2000 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 Ahoskie 145.13, Buxton 145.15, Columbia 146.835 & 443.30, Elizabeth City 146.655, Greenville, 145.35, Hertford 147.33, Williamston 145.41 & 444.25
- Beaufort County Emergency Communications Net, Thursday 2000 on 147.345 MHz. Preceded by Newsmen at 1930.

Tar Heel Emergency Communications Net on 3923 kHz Nightly 1930.

NTS CW Nets

- 3.571 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

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BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 8	CQ WW CW 160M Contest Board Meeting Ham Chatter Deadline CQ WPX RTTY Contest Regular Meeting BARC VE Session ARRL CW DX Contest CQ WW SSB 160M Contest NC QSO Party	Mar 11	ARRL SSB DX Contest Regular Meeting Board Meeting Ham Chatter Deadline CQ WW SSB WPX Contest Down East Hamfest, Kinston Regular Meeting RARS hamfest, DATE CHANGE Farmville Dogwood Festival Board Meeting
Feb 26	•	May 1	

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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