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## N4S Special Event Station at Boy Scout Camporee April 26



**Murray Merner, K4MHM, operating N4S with Boy Scouts in the background**

Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, has reserved N4S for use at the Camp Bonner North in Beaufort County on the weekend of April 26. BARC has had members operating for the past several years at the annual Boy Scout Camporee. Pictures and a short video from the 2007 operation is on [w4amc.com](http://w4amc.com).

Operation will be Saturday, April 26 from about 10 AM to 4 PM. Times may vary a little. If the rope is still in the tree that we used for the last couple of years, an all band antenna will be put up in just a few minutes. All Amateur Radio operators are invited to participate and demonstrate Amateur Radio to the scouts. It's a fun operation.

Camp Bonner North is East of Washington. Directions are on page 5.

## 2008 BARC Raffle Tickets Available

The drawing for the 2008 BARC Raffle will be held on Saturday, June 28, 2008 at Field Day. All raffle tickets cost \$1.00.

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.

As a change of pace, this year's grand prize will be a Garmin Nuvi 650 GPS Device valued at \$350.00.

Raffle tickets are available now. If you didn't pick up some tickets at the last club meeting, you can either get them from me at the next club meeting, or you can contact me by e-mail ([kg4czv@gmail.com](mailto:kg4czv@gmail.com)) or phone (353-7161).



## Garmin Nuvi 650

Money is due either when you pick the tickets up or when you turn the tickets back in. Any unsold tickets should also be turned in at that time.

Thank you all for helping make this years raffle another successful event.

Dave, KG4CZV

## Next Meeting April 8

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. The program by Carl Briley, N4JEH, about East Care and Emergency Communications All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

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

## Bell Arthur SAR Team Requests Input

Mark Webb, KI4GCH, with the Bell Arthur Canine Search and Rescue Team is looking for input for effective radio communication for his team during events. The team has an interest in amateur radio if it meets their needs.

On Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> the team is conducting a drill at the Bell Arthur Fire Department. It will provide an opportunity to see if 2m and 440 will work for them. We would like to have a few members work with the team during the drill and would like to have your help. The drill will start about 1 PM and should only last till early afternoon.

For additional information please contact Mike Langley, KD4MTT, at 714-4934 or [kd4mtt@yahoo.com](mailto:kd4mtt@yahoo.com). Mark Webb can be contacted at 327-5591 or [deerskiner@nc.rr.com](mailto:deerskiner@nc.rr.com).

**CONSTITUTION CHANGES**  
See Page 3.

## President's Corner, Terry Monday, K4ZYD

## Next VE Session

### Morse Code Is Alive and Well

The FCC no longer requires that we pass a Morse Code test. Many people predicted that this would be the end of Morse Code on amateur radio. They could not have been more wrong. As I scan through the CW portion of the bands, I hear operators who have obviously been sending code for a long time. But I also hear operators who are just learning Morse code, like me. We are plugging along at 5 wpm, with many repeats and corrections. And when I send out a CQ, many times a more experience operator comes back to me – sending way slower than he normally would. They seem glad to help a new comer.

There are several websites that have helped me learn code. A couple are:

[www.learnmorsecode.com](http://www.learnmorsecode.com) This site has a chart that really helpful to anyone trying to learn code. It also has links to several other code sites.

[www.g4fon.net/CW%trainer.htm](http://www.g4fon.net/CW%trainer.htm) This is

the website for the G4FON Morse code training software. This is free software using the Koch training method. I have found it to be great for practicing code, and you can not beat the price.

You can practice receiving code during the W1AW code sessions. The times and frequencies are listed in QST magazine, or at the ARRL website.

I listen to the Carolina Slow Net each night at 8:00 (frequencies are listed in Ham Chatter). This is great for learning code net protocols.

So break out your key and get back into CW.

*Terry Monday, K4ZYD*



**Happy  
Birthday**

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

3	K4KBB	John McCoy
7	W1REB	Ray Black
12	W4HM	Walter Honea
18	WB4PMQ	Macon Dail

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

## Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

**Gail**, wife of Mac Manning, **KD4AFL**

**Charlie Wells, K4SKI**

**John Prokop, N8MPX**

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



The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **April 11**. 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:

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- ◆ 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.**

## NC ARES Internet

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



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There are a lot of activities for BARC members coming up in April. It starts off the first Saturday, April 5th, with a chance to show what Amateur Radio can do. Mark Webb, KI4GCH, with the Bell Arthur Canine Search and Rescue Team, wants to see if Amateur Radio will work out for them in their communication requirements when they are called to help. He would like a few operators to show up at their drill that will start about 1 PM. He wants to put operators with HT's with his team members. It's a good chance to see the dogs in action. The drill will last a couple of hours or so.

Mark said if it works out, he wants every member of the Bell Arthur Canine Search and Rescue Team to get Amateur Radio license. He is planning to have them come over to Greenville to the BARC VE sessions. Hope the BARC members will participate in the drill and show what we can do. For more information, see the article on the front page of this newsletter for contact info.

The next day, April 6, there is the annual Down East Hamfest in Kinston. It's a good opportunity for first timers since it is close by. It's always a lot of fun and a chance to see a lot of equipment for sale from dealers and the flea market.

Then on Tuesday, April 8, is the regular BARC meeting. That's followed by the BARC VE Session on Friday evening starting a 6:30 PM.

If that's not enough, the next day on April 12, it's the RARSfest in Raleigh. It's always a great one. The hamfest has been changed to Saturday this year. For more info, go to <http://rtpn.net/~rars/hamfest/>.

Want more? How about the Dogwood Festival in Farmville? That's April 25 through 27. BARC will have it's station and display set up as usual.

Also that weekend on Saturday, April 26, a few BARC members will operate N4S at the annual Boy Scout Camporee

at Camp Bonner North. Info about that is on the front page with driving directions on page 5.

BARC members will be selling raffle tickets for the Garmin Nuvi 650 GPS Device at the hamfests and the Dogwood Festival.

In early March, I participated in the Idaho QSO Party. Made a few contacts on 20 meter SSB and CW. It turned out there were only about 6 of their 44 counties on the air. Oklahoma also had a QSO party that same weekend and it was very busy with most of the 77 counties on the air. I was looking for Washington County, ID but it was not on this year. I only need Washington County to finish Idaho for the third time. Guess I will have to wait until someone goes there mobile.

What was most surprising while I was working Idaho stations, I heard W4TVI in Boise, ID (Ada County). I contacted him and asked if he had always had that call sign. He said he had and he said my call was familiar. Jim and I talked for 5 or 10 minutes. I remember his call sign because TVI was a major problem in the 50's as many transmitters back then did not have TVI prevention in them.

Anyway, Jim had retired in Boise, ID and when we use to talk from 1953 to 1958, he was living in Halifax, VA. He went to NCSU in the late 50's and that was when I was also living in Raleigh. We talked a couple of times when he was operating portable in Raleigh. We had met again after last making a contact with each other 50 years earlier. All the contacts were on AM and only the last time I talked to him, I was using SSB. Not sure if he was on AM or SSB since I didn't log the mode of the other station.

Back in the 50's most stations were still on AM so the many times you would hear stations talking together and some would be on AM and others on SSB. Since I had the first SSB station in Wake County, it was lonely if I didn't contact AM stations. Since most of my operation was ragchewing on 75 meters, I had many friends and they would tune in my SSB signal.

Amateur Radio is a great hobby.. You can make many lifelong friends. I will see several that were first contacted in 1953 at the upcoming hamfests at Kinston and Raleigh . - W4YDY

## Proposed Changes to BARC Constitution

The second, and final planned update of the BARC Constitution was presented to the membership at the March membership meeting. The proposed changes originated with a committee consisting of Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, Dave Langley, W4YDY, and John McCoy, K4KBB.

Before being presented to the membership, the proposals were reviewed by the Executive Board at their January and February meetings.

The proposed Constitution can be viewed at the BARC web site. Changes are highlighted in Green. The existing Constitution is also on the web site for comparisons.

Some of the changes were superficial in nature. Titles were added to the headers in Sections II and III. Changes were also made to make all references to meetings uniform throughout the document (i.e. membership meeting, executive board meeting).

The remaining changes are either to reword existing rules for clarity, or to implement a new procedure. Please make sure you read Section IX, as this is the biggest change in the Constitution.

A vote will be held at the April membership meeting. Should two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of these changes, the proposed changes will be adopted and put in place.

Questions regarding the proposed changes can be directed to Dave Pulver at [kg4czv@gmail.com](mailto:kg4czv@gmail.com) or 353-7161.

### MARCH BIRTHDAY CORRECTION

09	WB4RQG	Leland Tucker
09	NW4S	Jeff Wainwright
12	KI6BPT	Rita Pulera
17	KG4CZV	Dave Pulver
20	K4MHM	Murray Merner

Sorry. The April birthdays were picked up instead of March. Fire the editor!!! W4YDY

## The View from the Other Side of the Couch By Gary Hoffman, KB0H

I try to get a little exercise each day by taking a walk with one of my co-workers. We chat about all manner of things, but inevitably I find myself talking about Amateur Radio. My co-worker's face will initially show confusion and then her eyes will glaze over. She doesn't understand what I'm saying. My efforts to simplify the conversation only make things worse.

I had always assumed that my co-worker thought of me as just another geek spouting techno-babble. But during one of our recent walks she laughed and said something like, "And Gary goes down into the basement to talk to his 'secret friends.'" She was kidding me, but it did make me wonder if perhaps some people have a completely different view of our hobby.

Read on to see how people might perceive us:

I shifted uncomfortably on the couch. I'd prefer to be sitting, or maybe even standing.

"Tell me more about these friends of yours," said Dr Weir.

"Well, they're just ordinary people, like me," I said.

"'Ordinary,' like you," she repeated, writing on her pad.

"Yeah. We get together on the air once in a while and chat," I explained.

"'On the air,'" Dr Weir said, looking up with suspicion. "Do you believe that you can fly?"

"I didn't mean that literally," I said. "I just go down to my shack and talk to them."

"I see. And where is this shack?" Dr Weir asked.

"In my basement," I replied.

Dr Weir's eyes narrowed as she looked at me.

"You put a little building your basement," she said, her pen poised over her pad.

"Do you feel safe inside it?"

"'Shack' is just what we call it. It's just a corner of the basement," I said, hoping that was clear enough.

"So you meet your friends in the corner of your basement, in your 'shack,'" Dr Weir said, making a note.

"Yes."

"Do they live there?"

"No!" I said, exasperated.

"Now don't get excited, Gary. I'm just trying to understand," Dr Weir said soothingly. "So, if I went to your house and went down into your basement, to your 'shack,' would I be able to see your friends?"

"Of course not," I said, gritting my teeth.

"Invisible friends," Dr Weir said, writing it down.



"They're not invisible, and they're not really in my basement," I said. I was starting to get a headache.

"Very good, Gary. I think we're beginning to make some progress!" Dr Weir said, beaming at me.

"I talk to them through my rig," I explained.

Dr Weir's smile faltered. She looked at me sadly, then muttered, "Talks to friends who aren't there through a 'rig' in his 'shack,'" as she scribbled on her pad.

"Yes. It's a 2 meter rig. It's only good for local contacts," I said.

"So you can talk to your friends who aren't there, but are nearby," Dr Weir said.

"Yes, other hams like me."

Dr Weir silently mouthed the word "hams," blinked a few times, then wrote it down.

"Are there 'hams' elsewhere?" she asked.

"Oh yes, all over the world. With the right rig I could talk to any of them," I said.

"Really," Dr Weir said.

She seemed interested, so I elaborated.

"It's not always easy. It depends on atmospheric conditions..."

Dr Weir started writing again.

"...band conditions..."

I could see her say "bands" to herself as she wrote.

"...and a lot of other factors. Making contact can be very tricky. Sometimes a multi-hop will work..."

She kept writing.

"...gray line propagation..."

She wrote faster.

"...or even moonbounce..."

Her eyes got very wide. She muttered "moon" and wrote faster still.

"Gary, Gary, Gary..." she sighed, still looking at her pad.

"Dr Weir, may I call you Julia?" I asked.

"No," she said.

"Sorry," I said, chastised. "Could you loosen these restraints a little?"

"No," she said firmly. "Now, when did you first feel that you had turned into a ham?"

I sighed and tried to relax. Sometimes these sessions seemed to go on forever.

My thanks to Dr. Zulia Kisrieva-Ware, MD, PhD for suggesting the idea. - Gary

Via <http://www.arrl.org> 3/4/08

## MS Walk – Sat 04/19

The Greenville MS Walk will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008. The event will start in the parking lot on the north side of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The four mile route runs a loop through the East Carolina University campus and back to the stadium.

A total of 6 operators will be needed for this event. Operators will be needed from 9 am until noon. The event will start at 10 am. Doughnuts and coffee will be available before the event and lunch will be served after the event.

This is the third year that BARC will be participating in this event. The event has proven to be a good opportunity to practice use of tactical call signs and exercise of handheld equipment.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this event can contact me at 353-7161 or [kg4czv@gmail.com](mailto:kg4czv@gmail.com)  
Dave, KG4CZV




## Directions to Boy Scout Camp Bonner North

Camp Bonner North is located East of Washington, NC. These directions are from Washington starting at the intersection of US17 and US264.

From US 17, go 6.4 miles on US264, a four lane highway to NC32. At NC32, the four lane ends so stay in the right lane and turn right. Go 1.33 miles and turn left onto Harvey Road. At 1.1 miles, turn right into Camp Bonner North, a dirt road in the woods. There is a sign at the entrance. There is an open field on the right just before the Camp entrance. Go 0.44 miles and the shelter is on the right where N4S will be located. It will be the 2nd shelter on the right on the dirt road.

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**For Sale:** Jim Deutremont has a 50 foot (in the air) tower for sale. He's not a ham, but his dad was. The tower was used for an FM antenna to get Raleigh radio stations. If interested, call Jim at 752-1373.

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## BARC Meeting Minutes - March 2008

**Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club**  
**Regular Membership Meeting Minutes**  
 March 11, 2008

**Call to Order:** President Terry Monday, K4ZYD, at 19:30 hours. There were 39 members and visitors present and are listed in the roll book. A quorum was present.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Member Meeting on Feb. 12, 2008 were accepted as published in the March Ham Chatter.

**Treasure's Report:** Richard Cox, K4CRD, gave the report. Further information is available to members upon request.

**Health and Welfare:** Heber Adams, W4GDF, has had his operation and is now at home.

**Volunteer Examiners:** Last testing session was February 15. Dave Bowers, KJ4CDO, successfully passed the Technician and General tests. Allen Stocks, KI4UCZ, passed the General test. Next testing is Apr. 11 at St. Peters School library at 18:30.

**State ARES and Eastern Branch:** Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, reported that the state ARES meeting is expected to be on May 3, at the state EOC office starting at 10:30 hrs. The change is due to the change of day for the Raleigh Hamfest to a Saturday.

ARRL has made the Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator and the Assistant District Emergency Coordinator as ARRL appointed positions.

On May 31 the Hurricane Exposition will take place at Elizabeth City. It is hoped to have an Amateur Radio display there like last year.

**Pitt County ARES:** Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, reported that the SkyWarn Advanced program was at VOA Site C on Feb. 24 and had 32 attending and 13 of those had not been to SkyWarn training before. This was in conjunction with the NC QSO Party.

SkyWarn was activated Mar. 4 at 22:30 hrs to 01:30 hrs with 17 check-ins.

The MS Walk will be Saturday Apr. 19. Operators are needed – contact Dave Pulver.

**Ham Chatter/ Web Site:** Dave Langley, W4YDY, reported that the web site now has a password to get to the membership roster and e-mail roster. The password was e-mailed out to members. Members who have not paid their dues were given a red dot on their mailed or e-mailed Ham Chatter.

**Publicity:** Pat Williams, KG4NSC, reported that the announcement for this meeting was in the paper.

**Old Business:** Mike Langley KD4MTT, showed the Garmin Nuvi 650 GPS as the raffle prize. The ticket will be chosen at

dinner time of Field Day on Saturday June 28.

Field Day is June 28 and 29. Terry Monday asked for volunteers to sign up as Team Leaders and Assistant Team Leaders. We need all the positions filled by the April Membership meeting.

The Dogwood Festival in Farmville will be Apr 25, 26, 27. Motion was made, seconded and passed that we go there. The application fee is \$25.00. We can sell raffle tickets there.

**New Business:** Dave Pulver went over the proposed changes to our Constitution. Its adoption will be put to the vote at the next Membership Meeting. It will be published on the Ham Chatter and the web site.

**Announcements:** Kinston Downeast Hamfest is Sunday, Apr 6. It will be located at Lenoir Community College. Advance tickets for \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 are available from Byron Highland, K4BMH, or at the door for \$5.00.

Dues are due.

Peter Van Houten, KG4WEZ, announced that there will be an Amateur Radio demonstration at the Oakwood School Thursday Mar 13 stating at 18:00 hrs.

Don Stark, N3HOW, announced that the United States Power Squadron's Amateur Radio Station will have a Special Event on Jun. 7 and 8 at the ARRL W1AW station. This is to promote the Memo of Understanding between the two and encourage mutual involvement.

Dan Drake, W4ISO, received the Collaborative Nursing Award along with Mary Ann Rose. Congratulations Dan!

Mike Langley announced that the Search and Rescue Team of the Bell Arthur Fire District will be having a drill on Apr. 5 at 13:00 hrs. for about 1.5 hours. This drill will include K9 personnel. The drill is to see how Amateur Radio would be of value in search situations and may result in members of the search team getting their license.

Mike added information on the company Emergency Essentials that can offer information on survival and emergency equipment. They have a catalog and a web site.

**50/50 Drawing Winner:** Sandy McLaughlin, KI4CRC, won.

**Program:** Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, gave a presentation on the use of the ARRL Radiogram and the ICS 213 form which may be used during emergencies.

**Adjournment:** Terry Monday adjourned the meeting at 21:15 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Murray Merner, K4MHM*

## BARC Board Minutes - March 2008

**Brightleaf Amateur Radio club**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
 March 25, 2008

**Call to Order:** at 19:30 hours by President Terry Monday, K4ZYD.

**Board Members Present:** Bob Moore, N4USB (First Vice-President); Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX (Second Vice-President); Dave Pulver, KG4CZV (Trustee) and Murray Merner, K4MHM (Secretary). A quorum is present.

**Others in Attendance:** Pat Williams, KG4NSC; Mike Langley, WD4MTT; and John McCoy, K4KBB.

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## BARC Board Minutes continued

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**Minutes:** Board meeting minutes of February 26, 2008 were approved as published in the Ham Chatter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Terry made the report and it is available to members upon request. Non renewing members received a red dot on their Ham Chatter. It was suggested that they get a personal letter to renew.

**Health and Welfare:** John Prokop, N8MPX, has been in the hospital for an operation. It is thought that he is home now.

**Programs:** Ted reported that the April program will be Carl Briley of Pitt County Memorial Hospital to speak on the hospital's emergency communications.

### Old Business:

The possibility of having a table at the Down East Hamfest in Kinston and the Hamfest in Raleigh to sell raffle tickets was discussed.

The Dogwood Festival application has been sent in.

### New Business:

Terry displayed a New Member packet that Richard Cox, K4CRD, had assembled. It included: the CD Dave Langley W4YDY, produced, a BARC brochure, a BARC application, a description of NC ARES, a Pitt County ARES application, a list of nets, an ARRL application, and a band plan. It was suggested that the Pitt County Repeater Association be invited to provide information too.

**Field Day:** Terry noted that all but the positions of: Coordinator, Asst. Coordinator, Radio Team leader and Asst. Radio Team leader and GOTA team leader have been filled. Bob Moore volunteered to be Radio Team Leader. Terry wants to meet with the Team Leaders before or after a Membership Meeting. There still is the possibility of last year's site and there is another one close by on Firetower Rd. Mike Langley brought up the need for multi outlet extension cords.

**Announcements:** The VE session will be: Friday, April 11 at St Peter's School library using the fifth Street entrance.

Upcoming events in April:

- 5<sup>th</sup> - Bell Arthur Fire / Rescue Drill
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Down East Hamfest
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Raleigh Hamfest
- 19<sup>th</sup> - MS Walk
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Dogwood Festival
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Boy Scout Camporee

This doesn't leave much time for a BARC trailer work day.

**Adjournment:** by Terry Monday at 21:40 hours

Respectfully Submitted,

*Murray Merner, K4MFM*

## David Landry, Eagle Scout



David Landry, 15, passed his board of review on March 11 to become an Eagle Scout. David's project was building shelves in the music storage room at Jarvis United Methodist Church. He had the help of other scouts and Larry Landry, his grandfather.

His parents, Robin and Bob Landry, Greenville, grandparents, Jane and Larry Landry, Kinston, and Anne and David Langley, W4YDY, Greenville, are very proud of him.

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## NETS

### VHF

- ◆ 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 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
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- ◆ 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.

### HF

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

Apr 5. . . . . Bell Arthur Canine SAR Team  
 Apr 6. . . . . Down East Hamfest, Kinston  
 Apr 8. . . . . **Regular Meeting**  
 Apr 11. . . . . BARC VE Session 6:30 PM  
 Apr 12. . . . . RARS hamfest  
 Apr 25/27 . . . . . Farmville Dogwood Festival  
 Apr 26. . . . . N4S Special Event Station  
 Apr 29. . . . . **Board Meeting**  
 May 1 . . . . . *Ham Chatter* **Deadline**  
 May 13 . . . . . **Regular Meeting**  
 May 27 . . . . . **Board Meeting**  
 May 29 . . . . . *Ham Chatter* **Deadline**

May 24/25. . . . . CQ WW WPX Contest, CW  
 June 10. . . . . **Regular Meeting**  
 June 13. . . . . BARC VE Session 6:30 PM  
 June 24. . . . . **Board Meeting**  
 June 28/29 . . . . . **Field Day**  
 July 3. . . . . *Ham Chatter* **Deadline**  
 July 8. . . . . **Regular Meeting**  
 July 12/13 . . . . . IARU HF World Championship  
 July 29. . . . . **Board Meeting**  
 July 31. . . . . *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  
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**April 2008**  
 Next Meeting  
 April 8

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