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N4S Special Event Station at Boy Scout Camporee April 26



Murray Merner, K4MHM, explaining Amateur Radio to Boy Scouts at Camp Bonner North

Boy Scouts. Also a station in Scotland was contacted.

Several Boy Scouts were interested in Amateur Radio and want to learn more about being licensed. Several Scout leaders came by to observe the operation.

Over 1000 scouts from Eastern North Carolina were at the Camporee. Several came by from Lenoir, Craven, Wilson, Martin and other counties. They were also observing several activities at the Camporee including the US Army, Indian customs, Revolution reenactments and other activities.

The Indian demonstration was set up near the N4S operation and former BARC member Jim Cooper, KD4AUI, visited. Even Tom-Toms need backup sometime. Amateur Radio has more range and is faster!

BARC was also busy as usual at the Dogwood Festival in Farmville. Many members demonstrated Amateur Radio and sold raffle tickets for the Garmin Nuvi 650 GPS Device valued at \$350.00. The drawing will be held at Field Day on June 28.

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club set up a Special Event Station at Camp Bonner North in Beaufort County, NC using the call sign N4S coordinated by Dave LeMoine, KV4CN. An Icom 706MKIIG HF transceiver and an all band antenna was used and SSB contacts were made 20 meters.

Many stations were contacted in Florida during their QSO party. One station in San Francisco was working the Florida contest but took time out to talk to some of the



Jim Cooper, KD4AUI, uses Amateur Radio to back up Tom-Toms!

Next Meeting May 13

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. The program will be Digital TV by Kip Campbell, KIPEB, Director of New Technologies, UNC-TV. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be May 27 at 7:30 PM at 631-B Dickinson Avenue - entrance at back of the building. All members invited.

Field Day Chairman selected

Murray Merner, K4MHM, accepted the chairmanship of the 2008 BARC Field Day. He has already had some volunteers but many more are needed. He can't do it by himself. Volunteer and you will learn!



Murray has a manual that he wrote several years ago when he was FD chairman. It explains the requirements of each position in the different categories of the Field Day operation. Volunteers will find it very helpful.

2008 BARC Raffle Tickets Available See page 7

President's Corner, Terry Monday, K4ZYD

Field Day, Etc., Etc

Field Day is less than two months away and I am sure this will be our best Field Day ever. Murray Merner, K4MHM, really has the ball moving. Most of the team leaders and assistant team leaders are in place. And the preparations are really starting to come together. All that is missing is you. So find an area you are interested in and let me know. I will be glad to put you in contact with Murray or the Team Leader.

We are adding a feature to this year's Field Day, a VE session. We have tentatively scheduled a VE session for Saturday June 28th. This will be a great time to get that Technician ticket and get on the air, or to upgrade to General or Extra Class and enjoy all the HF privileges. See your June Ham Chatter for more details.

We are also working with the NCCERT (K9 search and rescue teams) to increase the number of licensed amateur radio operators on their teams. Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, is coordinating training and pretest sessions with NCCERT, leading up to the Field Day VE session. Anyone wishing to help should contact me, and I will put you in contact with Ted.



Happy Birthday

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

14	W4TEP	Tom Parsons
19	KB3KR	J. Lawry Bennetts
22	K4PBQ	Jeffrey Meyer

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

As you can see we have a lot going on. There are lots of ways to get more involved with the local ham radio scene, so what are you waiting for.

Terry Monday, K4ZYD

Shelby Hamfest moving!

The Shelby Amateur Radio Club will hold their 52nd Annual Shelby Hamfest at Biggerstaff Park in Dallas, NC, also called Gaston County Park. This year they were forced to find a new location for the Hamfest due to the Fairground Association in Shelby asking for too much money and additional restrictions. The Shelby merchants are very upset. But the "Gaston County Tourism Board is being very helpful in making this event a reality and also KEEPING it in Gaston County."

The park is 100 acres and well suited for a big hamfest. It is located only 3 miles North of I-85, Exit 17, in Gastonia. It is just West of US 321. There are many motels, restaurants and shopping located nearby. For more information and pictures, go to the Shelby Hamfest web site at <http://www.shelbyhamfest.com/>. Also check out the QRZ forum at <http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?t=160125>.

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

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

Charlie Wells, K4SKI

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 **June 13**. 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 ORIGINAL and COPIES of your Amateur Radio license and / or CSCE if upgrading.

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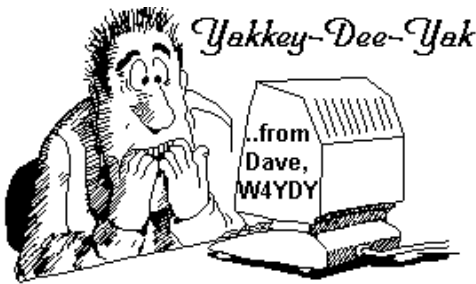
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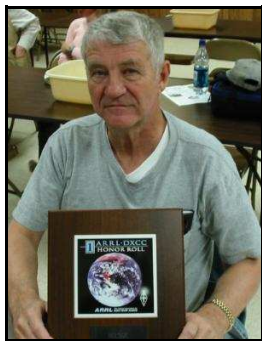
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This month, the BARC program will be about digital TV and the changes coming next year. For those that cannot receive digital signals, the government is giving out coupons worth \$40 to help pay for the cost of digital converters. You can only get 2 coupons per household. Older TV sets have NTSC (analog) tuners. The converters are ATSC (digital) tuners. All new TV sets built starting in March 2007 have ATSC tuners and most if not all have

KC3X receives DXCC Honor Roll Award



Hollis Thigpen, KC3X, received the ARRL DXCC Honor Roll award in December 2007 for working all countries in the ARRL DXCC list. He is pictured with his award at the

April, 2008 BARC club meeting. He has worked them all on SSB and has just a few left to finish up on CW.

When Hollis worked all the countries, there were 337 on the ARRL list. Since then, one new country, St Barthelemy, was added and Hollis has worked it also.

Hollis has many other awards, including the CQ County Award in 1987 for contacting all USA counties. Presently there are 3077 counties. He has also awards for working them five more times since the CQ award and many other awards from the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club including working stations in all counties with call signs that starts with a K.

BARC members congratulates Hollis for his many achievements in Amateur Radio.

NTSC tuners but that may end soon since the analog stations will cease operations on February 17, 2009.

The coupons have either been received or are being mailed now to those that have applied for them. The converters are for those that use antennas to receive TV. Those that are using cable or satellite will still receive analog signals on their receivers without a converter.

Converters in the stores now are selling for 50 to 70 dollars. I bought a converter and hooked it up to my den TV that has an antenna connection in the attic. Even if you get cable or have a satellite dish, you still do not get all the digital stations that you may pick up off the air. I hooked up the Zenith converter and ran the scan to pick stations and I can now get about a dozen stations and about 20 to 30 channels.

For instance, UNC-TV has 4 channels on the digital channels but at night during prime time, they drop 2 of them so they can run HDTV. Using digital signals, a station can carry 4 standard

channels in the same bandwidth (6 MHz) as it takes for one analog channel. The picture is always noise free on digital so therefore you do not ever see snow on weak signals. But you have to have a good signal or it will start dropping out or freezing up. It's either there or not there. With analog, you can still see the picture through noise or snow with a weak signal, but with digital, just expect to look at a frozen or black screen and no sound.

I am able to pick up all the Raleigh area stations and the local stations with my attic antennas. So now I have all the networks on at least 2 stations. Also there are several news channels and weather channels. Channel 12 has ENC TV, a channel that is not carried on Greenville cable. Channel 9 has the CW network on their 9-2 channel. Channel 50 in Raleigh also has 50-2 that carries many older shows, such as *Hawaii 50* and other drama shows. You can see that there is an advantage in getting a converter if you have an older TV. - *W4YDY*

Would you like to have someone to tell you where to go

– and how to get there? Would you like to be able to ignore her with the touch of a button? If you said yes, BARC has just the answer for you.

For the past several years the annual fund raising raffle prizes were items that met our need to feed our stomach. This year's prize will fill the need of getting to your destinations – without stopping to ask directions.

Meet the Garmin NUVI 650. Although the voice is the same one that Garmin users have known to love - or hate – the ways we get told where to go have gotten much better. More than just a GPS receiver, the NUVI 650 is a personal travel assistant.

The features are too numerous to mention in this short space, but here are a few highlights. Preloaded maps mean not having to upload from a CD and the touch-screen makes input a breeze. The wide screen is very bright and easy to read. You can look up addresses and services such as gas stations, food joints, and other local services.

The 650 allows you to listen to

MP3s and audio books or to view JPEG photos. It even has a language translator if you want to dazzle friends.

The best part about the NUVI 650 is that you could own one for as little as \$1.00. No, that's not a misprint. Although the MSRP for the unit is well over \$500, you could be the proud owner by just purchasing one raffle ticket from any BARC member. Of course it would be nice to improve your chances by purchasing many more tickets. A departure from previous raffles is that the drawing will take place during the Field Day activities in June instead of at the Dogwood Festival in April.



So, go to <https://buy.garmin.com/shop/shop.do?cID=134&pID=8671> and look at the NUVI 650. You can even download the manual to get a head start. Then all you have to do is pick up your tickets from BARC members or at the club meetings. Someone will be the proud owner of this great unit at Field Day. It could be you, but only if you have a ticket. If you have any questions please contact me at kd4mtt@yahoo.com. - *KD4MTT*

Court finds FCC violated Administrative Procedure Act in BPL Decision



The US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit today released its decision <<http://pacer.cadc.uscourts.gov/common/opinions/200804/06-1343-1112979.pdf>> on the ARRL's Petition for Review of the FCC's Orders adopting rules governing broadband over power line (BPL) systems. The Court agreed with the ARRL on two major points and remanded the rules to the Commission. Writing for the three-judge panel of Circuit Judges Rogers, Tatel and Kavanaugh, Judge Rogers summarized: "The Commission failed to satisfy the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act ('APA') by redacting studies on which it relied in promulgating the rule and failed to provide a reasoned explanation for its choice of the extrapolation factor for measuring Access BPL emissions."

The Court agreed with the ARRL that the FCC had failed to comply with the APA by not fully disclosing for public comment the staff studies on which it relied. The Court also agreed with the ARRL that the Commission erred in not providing a reasoned justification for its choice of an extrapolation factor of 40 dB per decade for Access BPL systems and in offering "no reasoned explanation for its dismissal of empirical data that was submitted at its invitation." The Court was not persuaded by the ARRL's arguments on two other points, on which it found that the Commission had acted within its discretion.

The conclusion that the FCC violated the APA hinges on case law. "It would appear to be a fairly obvious proposition that studies upon which an agency relies in promulgating a rule must be made available during the rulemaking in order to afford interested persons meaningful notice and an opportunity for comment," the Court said, adding that "there is no APA precedent allowing an

agency to cherry-pick a study on which it has chosen to rely in part."

The Court continued, "The League has met its burden to demonstrate prejudice by showing that it 'ha[s] something useful to say' regarding the unredacted studies [citation omitted] that may allow it to 'mount a credible challenge' if given the opportunity to comment." Information withheld by the Commission included material under the headings "New Information Arguing for Caution on HF BPL" and "BPL Spectrum Tradeoffs." The Court concluded that "no precedent sanctions such a 'hide and seek' application of the APA's notice and comment requirements."

With regard to the extrapolation factor, the Court ordered: "On remand, the Commission shall either provide a reasoned justification for retaining an extrapolation factor of 40 dB per decade for Access BPL systems sufficient to indicate that it has grappled with the 2005 studies, or adopt another factor and provide a reasoned explanation for it." The studies in question were conducted by the Office of Communications, the FCC's counterpart in the United Kingdom, and were submitted by the ARRL, along with the League's own analysis showing that an extrapolation factor closer to 20 dB per decade was more appropriate, as part of the record in its petition for reconsideration of the FCC's BPL Order. The Court said that the FCC "summarily dismissed" this data in a manner that "cannot substitute for a reasoned explanation." The Court also noted that the record in the FCC proceeding included a study by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration that "itself casts doubt on the Commission's decision."

The briefs for the ARRL were prepared by a team of attorneys at WilmerHale, a firm with extensive appellate experience, with assistance from ARRL General Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, W3KD. Oral argument for the ARRL was conducted by Jonathan J. Frankel of WilmerHale. Oral argument was heard on October 23, 2007; the Court's decision

was released more than six months later.

After reading the decision, General Counsel Imlay observed, "The decision of the Court of Appeals, though long in coming, was well worth the wait. It is obvious that the FCC was overzealous in its advocacy of BPL, and that resulted in a rather blatant cover-up of the technical facts surrounding its interference potential. Both BPL and Amateur Radio would be better off had the FCC dealt with the interference potential in an honest and forthright manner at the outset. Now there is an opportunity to finally establish some rules that will allow BPL to proceed, if it can in configurations that don't expose licensed radio services to preclusive interference in the HF bands."

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, added: "We are gratified that the Court decided to hold the FCC's feet to the fire on such a technical issue as the 40 dB per decade extrapolation factor. It is also gratifying to read the Court's strong support for the principles underlying the Administrative Procedure Act. Now that the Commission has been ordered to do what it should have done in the first place, we look forward to participating in the proceedings on remand, and to helping to craft rules that will provide licensed radio services with the interference protection they are entitled to under law."

ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, concluded: "I am very pleased that the Court saw through the FCC's smoke screen and its withholding of valid engineering data that may contradict their position that the interference potential of BPL to Amateur Radio and public safety communications is minimal. The remand back to the FCC regarding their use of an inappropriate extrapolation factor validates the technical competence of Amateur Radio operators and especially of the ARRL Lab under the direction of Ed Hare, W1RFI. We are grateful for the work of our legal team and especially for the unflagging support of the ARRL membership as we fought the odds in pursuing this appeal." - *via ARRL Letter Online 4/25/08*

April VE Session Results

Four candidates attended the BARC VE Session on April 11 and all were successful. Tod LeMoine, **KG4CCX**, Winterville, passed the exam to upgrade to General Class. Geraldine Sanchez, **KJ4DMV**, Greenville, passed the Technician and General license exams. Susan Hodges, **KJ4DMT**, Wilson, and Christopher Shelton, **KJ4DMU**, Oak City, passed the Technician Class exams. Geraldine, Susan and Christopher received their new call signs on April 23.

The VE's were acting VE Liaison Bob Moore, **N4USB**, Richard Cox, **K4CRD**, and Dave Langley, **W4YDY**.

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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 - April 2008

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2008

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

Introductions: were done by members and guests. 51 were in attendance including visitors. A quorum was present. Hollis Thigpen, KC3X, was welcomed back.

Program: Carl Briley, N4JED, Flight Nurse and Chris Starbuck of Pitt County Memorial Hospital gave an overview of the emergency communication aviation and on the ground resources at PCMH.

50/50: Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, won.

Minutes: Minutes of the Membership Meeting on 10 Mar 2008 were reviewed.

A spelling correction was noted to change the spelling from Garvin to Gamin. Minutes were approved as corrected.

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

Ham Chatter: Correction: the MS Walk date was corrected from 29 April to 19 April. Pat Williams, KG4NSC, noted that Brad Nichols wants to sell his equipment and it will be posted in the Ham Chatter.

VE Session: Next session is Friday April 11 at 6:30 at St Peter's School Library. Bob Moore, N4USB, will fill in for Tom Parsons, W4TEP, as coordinator. Tom noted that two people had expressed an interest in taking a test.

Equipment: Mike Langley, KD4MTT, reported he had priced 50 foot extension cords and GFI multiple outlet boxes for \$55.00 and \$32.00 respectively. A motion was made and seconded to purchase two of each and the motion carried. Mike will purchase the items.

Because of lack of free weekends, cleanup of the trailer will take place at the Dogwood Festival.

State and Eastern Branch ARES: Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, State ARES Director, reported that the state Emergency Management will have a statewide tabletop drill. There may also be a separate Communications drill. The state ARES meeting will be 5 May starting at 0900 hrs and ending 1300 hrs at the EOC in Raleigh. Areas 1 and 2 will meet in Columbia on 10 May. The

Hurricane Expo. Sponsored by the Coast Guard in Elizabeth City will be May 31 - there will be an Amateur Radio display.

Pitt County ARES: Doug Ferris, K4ROK, reported that the Pitt County Emergency Management will provide the tower / generator trailer for the Dogwood Festival and for Field Day. Doug will arrange with the county for it to be transported. It is not definite if or when there is going to be a Lowes Hurricane expo.

Six members took part in the Fire Rescue drill: Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX; Dave Pulver, KG4CZV; Paul Copeland, K4KCS; Bob Moore, N4USB; Dave Langley, W4YDY and Doug Ferris, K4ROK. Mark Web, KI4GCH, who coordinates the rescue team, made some remarks complimentary of Amateur Radio's role and that they intend to get all rescue team members licensed as Amateur Radio Operators. They would like BARC to help with that effort. They have a meeting on 17 Apr and would like to have someone go there and provide them with licensing and testing information.

Old Business: A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed changes to the Constitution and Bylaws - motion carried

Registration for a booth at the Farmville Dogwood Festival has been paid and received by Cliff Kendall, N3LEX, festival coordinator. Friday Apr 25 setup will start at 1800 hrs; Gerri Schnatz volunteered to serve as Asst. Coordinator.

57 raffle tickets were sold at the Down East Hamfest. The drawing will be at dinner time at Field Day.

Field Day: Murray Merner was nominated to be Field Day Coordinator - (since all exits were blocked) he accepted the nomination.

New Business: Richard Cox has come up with a new member's packet consisting of Dave Langley's CD, net information, ARRL application ARES application.

Announcements: Hollis Thigpen won an award for making contacts with all the countries on the ARRL DX list. (He has also made contacts with all the counties in the US 6 times!)

Adjournment: Terry Monday at 21:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Murray Merner, K4MHM

BARC Board Minutes - April 2008

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club
Board Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2008

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

Board Members Present: Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX (Second Vice-President); Dave Pulver, KG4CZV (Trustee), Richard Cox, K4CRD (Treasurer), John Prokop (Trustee), N8MPX (it's good to have you back John), and Murray Merner, K4MHM (Secretary). A quorum is present.

Others in Attendance: Pat Williams, KG4NSC; John Johnson, KE4TZN; Dave Langley, W4YDY and John McCoy, K4KBB.

Minutes: Board meeting minutes of March 25, 2008 were approved as published in the Ham Chatter.

Treasurer's Report: Richard made the report and it is available to members upon request.

Presented for Membership: Stanley Barney, Donald Stark, N3HOW, and Marjie Stark, N3HOZ. Motion to accept, seconded and approved.

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BARC Board Minutes continued

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Programs: Ted reported that the May program will be on Digital TV.

Old Business: Terry will send a card to non-renewing members.

New Business: Murray suggested that we may need to look at BARC shirts again due to new members and others who may want to get another one.

John Johnson representing the Pitt County Repeater Association described the equipment and financial needs to get the repeaters operating at their potential. Repeater in the PCRA are: 145.35 MHz, WD4JPQ (Trustee, John Johnson), 147.09 MHz, (Trustee, Heber Adams, W4GDF) and 444.80 MHz (Trustee/Owner, Macon Dail, WB4PMQ). Terry and Pat agreed to help them apply for IRS non-profit status. Further discussion was tabled until the next Board meeting.

Field Day: The event (of the year) will be: Jun 28, 29. Murray will be contacting Team Leaders.

Announcements: The Chocowinity Fire Station (AKA Bell Arthur Fire / Rescue) drill went well. The North Carolina Canine Emergency Rescue Team (NCCERT) is requiring rescue teams to have their Amateur Radio Operators license so the rescue squad is interested in a class and a VE session. Arrangements will be made to provide a review session - Bob Moore, N4USB, will be asked to coordinate. Tom Parsons, W4TEP, will be contacted regarding the VE session. It was proposed to have the test during Field Day. The NCCERT has a communications van that includes Amateur Radio radios that can be used for special events.

The MS Walk went off fine and appreciation was expressed by the walk coordinators.

Dogwood Festival was able to use the Pitt County Emergency Mgt. antenna trailer. ECU had a communications trailer there.

Boy Scout Camporee took place at Camp Bonner east of Washington, NC. BARC had one station there. A scout master informed Dave Langley that there is some interest in getting scouts licensed as Amateur Radio Operators.

Adjournment: By Terry Monday at 21:10hours

Respectfully Submitted,

Murray Merner, K4MFM

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) or phone (353-7161).



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

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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 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.

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- ◆ 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

May 13. **Regular Meeting**
 May 27. **Board Meeting**
 May 29. *Ham Chatter Deadline*
 May 24/25 CQ WW WPX Contest, CW
 Jun 10 **Regular Meeting**
 Jun 13 BARC VE Session 6:30 PM
 Jun 24 **Board Meeting**
 June 28/29..... **Field Day**
 Jul 3. *Ham Chatter Deadline*
 Jul 8. **Regular Meeting**
 Jul 12/13 IARU HF World Championship
 Jul 19. Cary Swapfest
 Jul 29. **Board Meeting**
 Jul 31. *Ham Chatter Deadline*

Aug 12. **Regular Meeting**
 Aug 15. BARC VE Session 6:30
 Aug 26. Board Meeting
 Aug 28. *Ham Chatter Deadline*
 Aug 30/31 Shelby Hamfest in Dallas, NC!
 Sep 9. **Regular Meeting**
 Sep 20/21 VA Beach Hamfest
 Sep 27/28 CQ WW RTTY Contest
 Sep 30. **Board Meeting**
 Oct 7 **Regular Meeting**
 Nov 16? JARSfest Benson

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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May 2008
 Next Meeting
 May 13

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