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The ARRL VEC: More than just Amateur Radio exams

When you think of ARRL's Volunteer Examiner Coordinator Department (VEC) <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/>>, Amateur Radio licensing exams are probably what come to mind. Questions regarding exam requirements, exam accommodations, exam test locations, exam question pools and Volunteer Examiner support are handled by the League's VEC department. According to ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, the ARRL VEC has been busy meeting the needs of the Amateur Radio community since 1984. "Helping a person become a radio amateur or upgrade their existing license is what we do best, but that's not all we do," Somma said.

Examiners are accredited by the ARRL/VEC; they obtain their training -- and receive ongoing guidance -- from our office by phone or e-mail. They can also access our online VE Manual."

Somma said that the ARRL's VEC Department is also a primary provider for club license questions and applications (club call signs) and vanity call signs. "We only serve in an advisory capacity in this activity, as application must be made (with their appropriate fee) directly to the FCC," she said. "We also handle the 1x1 Special Event call signs, International Amateur Radio Permits (IARP) and ARRL member (or non-member with accompanying fee) FCC license updates and renewals <<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/forms.html>>."

Since the VE program began in 1984, the ARRL VEC has accredited more than 50,000 Volunteer Examiners. "These VEs have conducted more than 90,000 test sessions," Somma said. "At these sessions, more than 850,000 individuals have taken examinations to earn a license or to upgrade their license privileges. And out of those, 400,000 have had their successful applications submitted to the FCC for new and higher class licenses. Today, the ARRL VEC is the largest of the USA's 14 VECs <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/amateur/licensing/vecs.html>>, representing nearly 70 percent of all exams given."

Somma credits her "skilled, knowledgeable and friendly staff" with the success of the League's VEC department: Assistant VEC Manager Perry Green, WY1O; Pete Warner, K1HJW; Ann Brinius; Lisa Riendeau; Amanda Grimaldi, and China Chaney.

"The ARRL VEC has more than 20 years of service to radio amateurs, oper-

Next Meeting November 11

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, November 11 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville.

The program TBA. BARC Officers for 2009 will be elected. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be November 25 at 7:30 PM at 631-B Dickinson Avenue - entrance at back of the building. All members invited.

ating as a knowledgeable information source for a wide-range of licensing issues," Somma said. "Look beyond the exams -- we're here to help!" - via ARRL Letter Online, 10/31/08

BARC Officer nominees

Members nominated for 2009 BARC Officers will be voted on at the November 11 meeting. Write-ins will be accepted. The nominees are:

President, Bob Moore, **N4USB**
1st Vice Pres., Albert Sanchez, **WA7FXB**
2nd Vice Pres., Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**
Secretary, Bonnie Pulver, **KG4CZW**
Treasurer, Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**

Trustees are not elected this year. Terry Monday, K4ZYD, past President, will be a one year Trustee and John Prokop, N8MPX, will finish out his 2 year term.



All FCC licensing materials in the custody of the ARRL VEC are kept in a locked cage area adjacent to the VEC office. [S. Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA, Photo]

"We provide instruction and support for everyone who wants to get an Amateur Radio license, as well as licensing assistance and procedures for those amateurs seeking upgrades to their current license, regardless of where in the US they may live; some sessions are also provided overseas," Somma explained. "Volunteer

President's Corner, Terry Monday, K4ZYD

2009 Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club Budget

The Board will present the 2009 Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club budget to the membership for approval at the next meeting. I have always taken with pride the fiscal responsibility the club has exercised in the past and hope it continues into the future.

The club has not increased its membership fees since I have been a member. At the same time the club has continued to publish one of the best club newsletters around (thank you Dave Langley W4YDY), have a great Field Day each year, as well as an annual Birthday Bash and Christmas Party.

We have been able to achieve this through thoughtful, deliberate decisions concerning the spending of the club's funds combined with innovative fund raising. The club always conducts researches and price comparison before expending money on equipment or repairs. This allows the club to purchase and maintain the equipment that would be required during an emergency.

And the club has been creative in

its fund raising activities. The newsletter is largely funded by the ad revenue it generates each year. This helps defray the printing and mailing cost. And our annual fund raiser accounts for approximately 25% of our revenues each year.

So review the proposed budget carefully. The Board is open to your comments and suggestions and we value your input.

Terry Monday, K4ZYD

2008 Field Day Results Posted

The results from this year's Field Day are now available online <<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/contests/results/2008/FD/>>. "The addition of the online ARRL Field Day Locator site was a huge success, as more than 1500 sites were listed in this first year of use," said ARRL Field Day Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND.

The Brightleaf ARC came in 7th for the 4A category out of 13 in the Roanoke Division. For all 4A clubs in the contest, BARC was 47th out of 109. For all 2410 clubs that submitted logs, BARC was 554th that included all 58 categories.

The BARC score was 3008 points with 706 QSOs. There were 50 participants.

There are pictures and a video on the w4amc.com web site so you can relive the fun.

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **December 12**. 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.

NC ARES Internet

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



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Happy Birthday

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

3	AF4QY	Bob Hanrahan, Jr.
8	KD4NHZ	Walter Allen
14	KI4PWX	Ted Bertrand
21	KI4DEE	Charles Ingle
25	K4PRG	Philip Garrett

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

Well Wishes

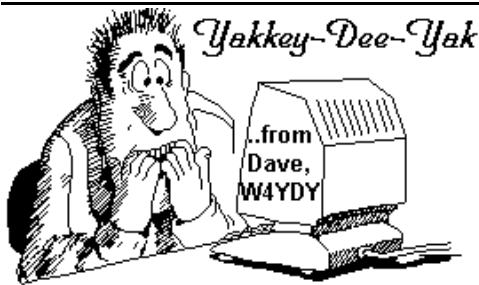
Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Charlie Wells, K4SKI

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



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Besides working on Ham Chatter over the weekend of the ARRL CW Sweepstakes contest, I had hoped to pick up a few more counties on CW. There was a slight glitch thrown in the works. You've probably had one of those days.

Saturday, after failing to be heard on a 40 meter contact that was usually 59 plus, I noticed my SWR was very high. Looked out the window and the rope had

broke on the 160, 80, 40 Meter inverted Vees. A big tree limb had fallen on the 160 Meter antenna and brought the wire antennas down. I had some new very good rope and pulleys that I had planned to get up in the near future so it looked like the time to do it. I had three hours before the contest was to start. Climbing up to the 40 foot level on the tower was not a option at this time so I decided to tilt the tower over with antennas up to 70 feet on it and see if I could reach it with a 16 foot ladder.

I tilted the tower over and the ladder would just reach. I could stand near the top of it and reach the pulley easily. I tied the top of the ladder to the tower so it would not slip when I was on it. Also replaced another pulley and rope for the 30 Meter slop antenna. It was about 5 PM and the contest had just started but I was

going to wait and operate later that night since I wanted to rest a little. About 8:45, turned the rig on and it was not communicating with the computer. It would not transfer the frequency to the logging program. After trying to find the problem for a couple of hours, gave up and logged the frequency manually for a few contacts.

Worked on it for another 3 or 4 hours on Sunday and finally figured out I had a couple of bad COM ports that I added to the computer via USB. Couldn't get the software drivers to work. Switched the radio to a known good COM port and it worked. Will visit the computer store on Monday for a new USB to COM adapter that cost \$12.99 instead of getting one on Sunday from a big box store that's three times more! Now to finish Ham Chatter! - W4YDY

SKYWARN Recognition Day set for December 6

The 10th Annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) Special Event will take place Saturday, December 6, 2008 <<http://hamradio.noaa.gov/>>. SRD is co-sponsored by the ARRL and the National Weather Service (NWS) as a way to recognize the commitment made by Amateur Radio operators in helping to keep their communities safe. According to SRD Coordinator David Floyd, N5DBZ, Amateur Radio operators can visit their local participating NWS office <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/hamradio/participating_offices.php>, working as a team to contact other hams across the world throughout the 24 hour event.

The idea for the first SRD took shape in the summer of 1999. Meteorologist-in-Charge of the Goodland, Kansas NWS office Scott Mentzer, N0QE, tried to find a way to recognize the valuable contributions storm spotters make to the National Weather Service. "Since many of those storm spotters were also hams," Floyd said, "it seemed like a natural fit for the recognition to be centered on Amateur Radio."

With the approval of NWS headquarters and a commitment to participate from many local NWS offices across the country, the first National Weather Service Special Event took place on November 27, 1999. "At the end of the event, an amazing 15,888 QSOs were logged, with contacts

made to all 50 states and 63 countries," Floyd recounted. "The Des Moines forecast office took the honor of making the most contacts of any office that first year with 761 QSOs, and went on to lead the pack until 2003 by logging between 1300-1500 contacts each year!"

Floyd said that feedback from that first event was "overwhelmingly positive" from both the NWS staff and the local ham clubs: "Suddenly there was incentive for more NWS staffers to either obtain a license or upgrade so that more people could work ham radio during severe events. In addition, many club members had never visited an NWS office before. When they came for the special event, they learned the value of their reports and how they were used in conjunction with existing technology."

And so began an annual tradition. The following year, 85 of the 122 NWS offices -- almost 70 percent -- participated in the event, making nearly 24,000 QSOs. "Perhaps the most unusual contact occurred in 2000 with an airliner 39,000 feet above Utah," Floyd said. "The pilot ended the QSO with a request for a 'spot weather forecast' for his arrival at Salt Lake City airport."

In 2001, the name of the event was changed to SKYWARN Recognition Day, a name Floyd said better relayed what the day was all about: "Each year since the

inception of SRD, the number of NWS offices and local ham clubs participating has increased, until now more than 100 offices sign up each year to take part. The most contacts made during any SRD occurred in 2006 when -- thanks to the staff and local hams in the Grand Junction, Colorado area -- 1640 QSOs were logged!"

Station call signs have also changed over the years. Floyd said that some NWS offices and clubs apply for a special event call sign, "such as W3B in Brownsville or N0Y in Aberdeen, South Dakota. Other call signs hint at office location, including WX9GRB in Green Bay and WX4NHC at the National Hurricane Center. Still others represent more of the big picture, as in KC0SKY in Pleasant Hill, Missouri."

Floyd said that as SKYWARN Recognition Day has grown throughout the years and is mainly an SSB event, he has seen a greater use of digital communications in addition to CW, RTTY and packet radio: "Each year, more and more contacts are being made using EchoLink and Winlink."

2008 SKYWARN Recognition Day will be held on December 6 from 0000 UTC-2400 UTC. Last year, contacts were made in all 50 states and 40 countries during the 24 hour event. If you haven't joined in the fun, make 2008 your year to do so! - *via ARRL Letter Online, 10/31/08*

Ohio Hams discover, fix "Ditters" on 40 Meters

Silent since the summer of 2000, "ditters" have been heard once again on 40 meters by hams in North Carolina. According to ARRL Field and Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG, hams in that state contacted him on October 22 complaining of hearing a continuous string of "dits" on 7.0574 MHz. "We informed the FCC HFDFing station of the situation and asked if they could locate the approximate area of the 'dits' so we could get this resolved as soon as possible," Skolaut said. "They responded promptly and said it was coming from Westerville, a town just north of Columbus, Ohio."

Once the general location had been pinpointed, Skolaut called on ARRL Ohio Section Official Observer Coordinator Rick Swain, KK8O for assistance. Swain immediately alerted his team of Official Observers (OO) to check out the situation. "Neither I nor the OOs could hear the transmitter," Swain said in his report. "In a telephone conversation with one of the OOs near the target area, he suddenly stated that he could hear it, but that the signal was at the noise level, about S2 to S3. At just about the same time, I could hear it as well at my location [about 50 miles from the target area] -- just above the noise level -- for about five or ten seconds, then it disappeared."

Swain also placed a call to Assistant Section Manager Bill Carpenter, AA8EY. "Bill lives within the target area. I briefed him on the situation and he went right to his station," Swain said. "Bill checked the frequency and told me he was hearing [the 'dits'] at about S9. He said he thought he might know who it could be and that would make some calls."

Around 7:30 AM on October 23, Swain checked the frequency and found no signal. "I assumed that either Bill had found the transmitter or the owner came home, found it transmitting and turned it off," he said. "Later that morning, Bill sent me an e-mail saying that the signal was back on and about S7. I called Bill's house and left a message telling him I was on my way to Westerville to track down the signal. If he wanted to ride along with me while I looked for it, he was more than welcome to come." Skolaut said the signal was also heard in Newington that day.

When Swain arrived in Westerville, he had a list of the names and addresses of 172 licensees in the area, as well as a general idea of where the signal should be, based on the data from the FCC's HFDFing station. He also had his HF radio, an all-band screwdriver antenna, a GPS receiver and a VHF radio for information and directions.

"I drove around the area checking the signal and noted that it was about S9 and climbing," Swain said. He and Carpenter met up and continued the search together. About 15 minutes later -- with Swain driving and Carpenter giving directions -- "we noted that the signal was 30 over S9 and Bill had me make a left turn at the next street, saying that there was an address on the list we should check out. We stopped at that address, but no luck."

Swain said he then injected 30dB of attenuation and continued to drive in the same direction: "The signal was now reading 20 dB over S9 with the attenuator still on. We turned down the next street and the signal rose another 20 dB. I pulled into a parking lot and made a 360-degree turn as to determine the signal's direction. The turn indicated that we should proceed to a newly constructed housing area adjacent to the parking lot."

Swain and Carpenter then made their way over to the housing development and found that signal peaked. "Bill checked the list and found a ham lived on the street we were on, so we stopped and knocked on the door, but no one answered," Swain said. "We checked out the backyard and saw a 4-band trapped vertical antenna. We went next door and spoke to the neighbor and told him who we were and what we were trying to do."

With help from the neighbor, Swain contacted the ham at work and explained the situation. The ham told the neighbor how to get in the house and where they would find the transmitter. "We went in, found the transmitter in operation and turned it off," Swain said. "I noticed the ham had a large cat lounging near the transmitter and assumed the cat could have leaned up against the keyer paddle and started the transmitter. No other explanation could be possible without the owner hearing the transmit relay clicking."

When Swain and Carpenter left the house, they listened to the receiver and discovered the signal had disappeared.

"This was a great example of coordinated cooperation by the FCC and OOs to resolve a problem in a timely fashion," Skolaut said. "The DFing station told us that hopefully the OOs could handle it as the FCC District Office was unable to work the case at this time."

Calling this a "splendid example of cooperation," ARRL Great Lakes Division Director Jim Weaver, K8JE, echoed Skolaut's praise: "I believe the response to the situation was as fine an example of symbiotic relationship between member-staff-FCC-staff-field organization as one might find. Extremely well done by all hands." - *via ARRL Letter Online 10/31/08*

ARRL membership newsletters, bulletins and notifications

Did you know the ARRL offers more newsletters than just The ARRL Letter? One of the many ARRL membership benefits includes other newsletters, such as the ARRL Contest Update (a bi-weekly contest newsletter), the ARES E-Letter (sent monthly, containing public service and emergency communications news), the ARRL Club News, the ARRL Instructor/Teacher E-Letter and the VE Newsletter, just to name a few.

You can also elect to receive news and information from your Division Director and Section Manager (keep in mind that not all Divisions/Sections send notices), as well as WIAW bulletins that relate to DX, propagation, satellites and Keplerian reports. The ARRL also offers a free notification service to members, letting them know when their membership and license are due to expire.

Sign up for these newsletters, bulletins and notifications on the Member Data page of the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html>>. - *via ARRL Letter Online 10/31/08*

October VE Session Results

One candidate was successful at the October 10 VE session. David Shirk, KI4KQ, from Oriental, upgraded from Advanced to Amateur Extra. BARC congratulates David for his accomplishment.

The VE's were VE Liaison Bob Moore, N4USB, Murray Merner, K4MHM, Dave Langley, W4YDY, Richard Cox, K4CRD, Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, and Michael Martin, KE4UUT.

The next regular VE session is December 12.


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BARC Meeting Minutes - October 2008

**Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2008**

Call to Order: President Terry Monday, K4ZYD, at 1940 hours.

Introductions: There were 36 members and visitors present and are listed in the roll book. A quorum was present.

Program: Bob Lukaszewski, K4HA, & Captain Alan Melvin, N4SHP, presented on the NC Highway Patrol's VIPER (Voice Interoperability Plan for Emergency Responders) Radio System.

Minutes: Minutes of the Member Meeting 9 Sep 2008 were approved as published in the October Ham Chatter.

Secretary's Report: No report

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

Health and Welfare: No report.

Ham Chatter: No report.

Public Information: There was a notice in the paper of this month's meeting

Volunteer Examiners: Two examinees took the test one upgraded to Extra Class, the other was not successful. Next session will be Friday, 12 December at St Peters School library at 1830 hrs.

Equipment: No report.

State ARES: Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, reported on the NC SET of 4 Oct from 0800 hrs to 1200 hrs. The scenario included 2 storms coming from different directions in the east and west. There was good participation at local levels and Western Branch. This weekend there is the statewide ARES meeting at Western Piedmont College in Morganton.

Pitt County ARES: Participation by Pitt County ARES was good. There were 13 operators and 4 shelters were "opened".

Old Business: The election of officers will take place during the November meeting. The slate had included Phillip Garrett, K4PRG, but he withdrew and Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, has taken hi place on the slate for 2nd Vice President.

New Business: Voting for peer awards took place. The outcomes will be announced at the Christmas meeting.

Announcements: The Down East Hamfest will be 5 Apr 09 at Lenore Community College where it was last year. Bryon Highland, K4BMH, has tickets -\$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 and at the door \$5.00 and 3 for \$12.00. Website is: www.downeasthamfest.org.

We were reminded that if we are planning to go to a hamfest, to please remember those who can't drive and invite them along.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Terry Monday won.

Adjourn: Terry Monday adjourned the meeting at 2105 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Murray Merner, K4MHM

BARC Board Minutes - October 2008

**Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club
Board Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2008**

Call to Order: President Terry Monday, K4ZYD, brought the meeting to order at 19:30 hours.

Board Members Present: Bob Moore, N4USB, (First Vice President); Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, (Trustee); John Prokop, N8MPX, (Trustee); and Murray Merner, K4MHM, (Secretary). The quorum requirement of 4 Board members being present was met.

Others in Attendance: Dave Langley, W4YDY; Pat Williams, KG4NSC; John McCoy, K4KBB; Taylor Millar, W4WTM, and Mike Langley, KD4MTT.

Minutes: The minutes of 30 Sep 2008 were approved without objection as written in the October Ham Chatter.

Secretary's Report: No report.

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

Health and Welfare: No report.

Equipment Report: Mike Langley brought up he need for the trailer to be protected from the elements was expressed. Options include: a tarp, a solid structure or a canopy. No costs were determined. No further action was taken.

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BARC Board Minutes - October 2008

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Ham Chatter: No report.

Publicity: No report

New Members Presented: None

Programs: Next month's program was not known by those in attendance.

Announcements: The next membership meeting is the BARC Annual Meeting and will include elections. It was noted that the nominations were closed at the last meeting however, write-ins are permitted.

Budget: The Revenue and Expense items of the budget were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the budget; motion was seconded and passed unanimously. It will

be presented to the membership for ratification at the next meeting.

Discussion:

There was a suggestion that the club purchase an LCD projector. Murray stated that it was no problem for him to continue to bring the projector to the meetings. No further action was taken.

It was recommended that we start thinking about next year's Field Day.

Adjournment: by Terry Monday at 20:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Murray Merner, K4MFM

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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
- ◆ 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

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We have received several reports from ARRL members with arrl.net e-mail accounts who have recently been contacted via e-mail asking for personal information, such as user names and passwords. Please be assured that these e-mails are fraudulent attempts at "phishing" <<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phishing>> and did not originate from ARRL. According to ARRL Information Technology Manager Don Durand, "This is a very

crude attempt at phishing, using an easily determined spoof of the originating/return address. There is never a time when we would ask via mass e-mail for user names and passwords of arrl.net users. There is simply no need to ever do so." If you receive an e-mail asking for personal information and it looks like it originated from ARRL, please do not respond, just delete it. - via ARRL Letter Online 10/17/08

FCC amends WE2XRH experimental license

In response to the October 20 ARRL Petition for Modification or Cancellation of Experimental Authorization (Petition) concerning an experimental license issued to Digital Aurora Radio Technologies (DART) station WE2XRH, the FCC issued an amended license that redefines one of the station's frequency ranges to eliminate conflict with the Amateur Radio Service. This revision addresses ARRL's concern that the original 7.10 to 7.60 MHz range would cause unacceptable interference to Amateur Radio operations in the 40 meter band. The amended license narrows the range to 7.30 to 7.60 MHz and gives as the reason for the change, "operation in the band 7.1-7.3 MHz will cause harmful interference to Amateur Radio Service licensees."

"We are delighted that the FCC acted so promptly to correct this error and are pleased that the matter has been resolved," said ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ.

WE2XRH will be testing a proposed domestic broadcast service using a 20 kHz bandwidth digital emission at a transmitter output power of 100 kW and an ERP of 660 kW within a radius of 1500 kilometers of Delta Junction, Alaska. According to the amended license, the transmissions will take place in the frequency ranges 4.4 to 5.1 MHz, 7.3 to 7.6 MHz and 9.25 to 9.95 MHz. - via ARRL Letter Online 10/24/08

HF

- ◆ 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

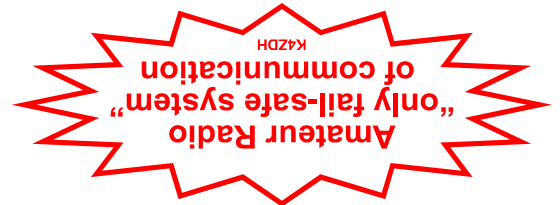
Nov 11. **Regular Meeting**
 Nov 15/16 ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
 Nov 16. JARSfest Benson
 Nov 29/30 CQ WW CW DX Contest
 Nov 25. **Board Meeting**
 Nov 27. *Ham Chatter* **Deadline**
 Dec 6/7 ARRL 160 Meter Contest
Dec 9. Christmas Party
 Dec 12 BARC VE Session
 Dec 13/14. ARRL 10 Meter Contest
 Dec 30 **Board Meeting**
 Jan 2. *Ham Chatter* **Deadline**

Jan 3/4 ARRL RTTY Roundup
 Jan 13. **Regular Meeting**
 Jan 17/18 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes
 Jan 24/25 CQ WW CW 160 Meter Contest
 Jan 27. **Board Meeting**
 Jan 29. *Ham Chatter* **Deadline**
 Feb 10. **Regular Meeting**
 Feb 14/15 CQ WPX RTTY Contest
 Feb 21/22 CQ WW SSB 160M Contest
 Feb 21/22 ARRL CW DX Contest

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

BARC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone
 PCEC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 9:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone
 BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATIONS

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**Next Meeting
November 11
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