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Amateurs Coordinate Snow Rescue of Fellow Ham



On January 25, Dale Ashcroft, KC7UYM, of Hyde Park, Utah, convinced his wife that it was a fine day for a drive. His pick-up truck was equipped with emergency food, blanket, water, a shovel and tow chain -- and his 2 meter radio. They headed off to Atlantic City, Wyoming, about 225 miles away. Their route took through a remote location where services -- such as gasoline, food, medical attention or a tow from a snow bank -- were nonexistent. In case some unexpected event might occur, those involved in such a situation could either wait, hoping that some other adventurous type would arrive on the scene or they could make an attempt to walk out of the area and back to a highway. It could be days before help might arrive, and to walk out in the winter with bad weather on the horizon could well mean disaster.

As Ashcroft and his wife neared Atlantic City, he drove his pickup truck onto crusted snow that soon gave way under the weight of the vehicle. With too much snow to remove by digging and no way to back out of the drift, Ashcroft and his wife faced a potentially dangerous situation. They tried to use their cell phone, but there was no coverage. Ashcroft then tuned his 2 meter radio to 146.390 MHz and began calling for assistance.

In Riverton, Wyoming, about 60 miles from where the Ashcrofts were stranded, Steve Carpenter, KC7ZVV, heard a faint call on simplex. According to ARRL Wyoming Section Traffic Manager Duane Shillinger, NN7H, Carpenter was unable to contact the Ashcrofts, but he obtained enough information from Ashcroft's

calls to understand just about where he was located.

Carpenter contacted Paul McTee, KB7FGN. McTee, who lives in Pavilion, Wyoming (about 65 miles from Atlantic City and 26 miles from Riverton) was able to hear Dale's call for help. "Paul attempted to establish two-way communications with Dale, but he was only able to hear a faint, nearly unreadable signal," Shillinger said. "Paul called Boyd Potts, KB5JR, on the phone to ask him if he was able to hear Dale's call through the Copper Mountain repeater (146.805 MHz), but Boyd couldn't hear him. A little after noon, Paul telephoned Yancy Allison, N7RON, at his home in Sinclair, Wyoming. Yancy quickly tuned to 146.390 MHz and established two way communications with Dale."

Shillinger said that more than 100 miles separated Ashcroft and Allison: "This 2 meter contact can be considered quite spectacular. Yancy was able to obtain specific information that he relayed back to Steve and Paul. He was also able to tell Dale and his wife that a search and rescue unit would soon be leaving Riverton."

Carpenter contacted the Fremont County Sheriff's Department and provided that agency with the Ashcroft's exact location. "Dale and his wife were extracted from the snow bank, thankful that Amateur Radio had been the important link between their remote location and the assistance provided by the search and rescue unit," Shillinger said. "That Dale, when his cell phone failed him, was able to successfully use his 2 meter Amateur Radio to contact other amateurs should be a reminder to all hams who monitor local repeaters that it is indeed an important, if not a life saving, activity." - via ARRL.ORG 2/10/09

Next Meeting March 10

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, March 10 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville.

The program will be by Dave Langley, W4YDY, about sending and receiving QSL cards. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be March 31 at 7:30 PM at 631-B Dickinson Avenue - entrance at back of the building. All members invited.

BARC DUES ARE DUE!

BARC dues are due on January 1st. Those that have not paid by March 1 will receive a big **RED DOT** on their March newsletter or email. Newsletter will end with the March issue if not paid in time for the April issue. Also the first weekend in April, the password will change on the W4AMC.COM site for the rosters. Only paid up members will receive the new password.



See page 7 for more information about the dues.

President's Corner, Bob Moore, N4USB

At the February board meeting the Board agreed to add two new standing Committees to the staff of the club. The first new committee is a Public Service Committee, for the coordination of public service events and to provide a single point of contact for the members of the community to request our participation in community events. The second committee is to function as the BARC Historian. This committee is charged with collecting and preserving the history of BARC and any other significant Amateur Radio events that have affected the local community. The BARC board is fortunate to have a member volunteer to chair these committees and the board accepted Pat Williams, KG4NSC offer to chair both of these committees. Again these are committees, meaning they should be the efforts of more than one person and I encourage you to be a part of this effort and volunteer to be a member of one or both of these committees. The Board and I agree that emphasizing community service will provide a more positive exposure to the community and that the formalizing the history of BARC will enhance membership in our club. While on the subject committee positions BARC needs to fill the chair position of

the Training and Education Committee. We have been fortunate to have our members step forward and conduct classes to fill special request that we have received and we are grateful for the time and effort and success of their work. This is a very important position and needs to be filled. By stepping forward and filling this position you will have the chance to effect people's lives and their public service and leisure time activities and present a very positive face to the community.

BARC is very fortunate to have another volunteer step forward to fill another important position. Dave Pulver, KG4CZV has stepped forward to chair the Field Day Committee. This is one of the more difficult chairs that we have in this organization and is one whose efforts and results often indicate the success of the year. But again this is a committee and many members need to step forward to carryout the many tasks that it takes to have a successful Field Day.

This month is a month of opportunity for our members to take the lead and contribute to the welfare and success of our organization. There are opportunities in many different areas of expertise and interest from Public Service, Club History, Education and Training, and to the many needs of Field Day. Consider where in these opportunities you can make the greatest contribution and volunteer to un-

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **April 17**. 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 \$15.00 (\$1 increase in 2009)
- ◆ 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/>

dertake that position. The personal satisfaction will amaze you.

Step forward and make a difference.

Bob Moore, N4USB



Happy Birthday

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

9	NC4RR	Neal Sumrell
9	WB4RQG	Leland Tucker
9	NW4S	Jeff Wainwright
12	KI6BPT	Rita Pulera
17	KG4CZV	Dave Pulver
20	K4MHM	Murray Merner
25	W4UEF	Rick Parker
31	N3HOZ	Marjie Stark

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

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Charlie Wells, K4SKI

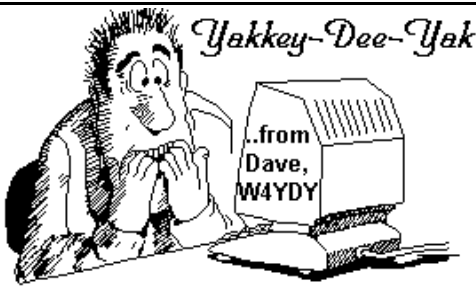


Please inform Albert Sanchez, WA7FXB, albertsanchez@suddenlink.net of any changes.

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Some have picked up a few bargains at the closing of a local electronics store. Their last day will be March 8th so some competition will be lost in Greenville, but there will still be plenty of competition for electronics with the other stores still in business. There's not much left on the shelves now.

Some picked up bargains on GPS units. They sold out shortly after it hit the 50% discount. I picked up one and it seems to work very well. Haven't used it much in the car yet but still learning the many things I can do with it. I downloaded the latest maps and installed them.

I don't think any of them have

county lines but I downloaded a file, ran the program and put the data on a card that slips in the GPS unit. After turning on the unit with the card inserted, there were county lines for all 50 states. It's nice for county hunters that transmit from different counties. Also, just traveling, you will see the county lines across the road as you move along. Bernie and I were looking for a county line a few years ago and we lost a little time looking for it. I'm all set next time Bernie!!!

Also picked up a TV tuner, a Pinnacle A PCTV HD Ultimate Stick at a nice discount that plugs into the USB port of a computer. It has the program stored in the stick and enough memory to store 2 hours of video that you can transfer to DVD if you want to keep it. It has analog and digital turners and comes with a portable antenna. With the portable antenna, I can pick up the local stations and the HD on the laptop is great. ABC is too far away for the portable antenna. Now I can pick up digital TV stations during hurricanes and storms when the power lines go down. I can use the laptop with battery power only.

My battery powered analog TV will be useless after June without a battery powered digital converter! The small stick can be simply inserted into a USB port on any computer that meets specs, connect an antenna and watch and record TV. It will be great for emergencies using the laptop when power is out. - W4YDY

2009 NC QSO Party

It was a cold and rainy day, but BARC members got together to warm the airwaves for the 2009 North Carolina QSO Party. Again this year BARC participated in the club/in state category. The party took place in the radio room at the decommissioned VOA Site C. Claimed score was 9568 with 104 contacts. This was a little less than last year, but we operated fewer hours and without the benefit of cw contacts. Many thanks to Paul, KS4YF, and Doug, K4ROK, for access to the site and to all who came and participated.

Dave LeMoine, KV4CN

NCVEC Question Pool Committee Begins Work on 2010 Technician Pool Revisions

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators' (NCVEC) <http://www.ncvec.org> Question Pool Committee (QPC) <http://www.ncvec.org/page.php?id=333> is currently reviewing the Technician class (Element 2) question pool. According to QPC Chairman Rol Anders, K3RA, the review is part of a regular process: "Each question pool is reviewed on a four year rotation. The next Technician class pool will become effective on July 1, 2010."

According to QPC Member and ARRL Assistant VEC Manager Perry Green, WY1O, the reason the QPC reviews the three question pools every four years to ensure that the questions are asking for information relevant to the that particular license class. "In the case of the Technician pool, the question set should provide for the new Technician licensee to be able to establish his station and operate it legally, courteously and safely. The Technician question pool and exam are intended to be the beginning of the journey into the Amateur Radio Service. It prepares the person for the enjoyment of operating, and that of preparing to learn electronics, the cornerstone of the education needed to

obtain the further enjoyment that can come with the higher license classes."

Green said that the QPC must rely on members of the Amateur Radio community to suggest questions and answers in a responsible manner to preserve a high level of legitimacy for our radio service, so the NCVEC QPC is seeking input from the amateur community concerning the revision. They are accepting input for new question topics and new questions, as well as suggestions for changes or deletions.

Anders said that amateurs may also submit questions for the QPC via the NCVEC Web site <http://www.ncvec.org/feedback.php>. If you choose to submit a question for the QPC's consideration, please be sure to observe the following procedure:

- * Questions must have no more than 210 characters, including spaces, or a maximum of three 70 character lines.

- * Answers must be no more than 140 characters, including spaces, or two 70 character lines in length

- * Each question must be accompanied by four possible answers. The answers may be in any order, but the correct answer must be indicated.

- * Each question must be accompanied by a resource or Part 97 rule to support the correct answer or explanation of the correct answer.

Green said that the most difficult part of writing the questions and answers is creating the incorrect answers. "We try to stay away from 'All of these answers are correct' and 'None of these answers are correct' for some obvious reasons," he said. "It is a more difficult task to find three incorrect answers that are plausible, but are absolutely incorrect!"

The current Technician question pool <http://www.ncvec.org/page.php?id=349>, effective July 1, 2006, will expire on June 30, 2010. The General class question pool <http://www.ncvec.org/page.php?id=350> is effective July 1, 2007 and is valid through June 30, 2011. The Amateur Extra class pool <http://www.ncvec.org/page.php?id=351> became effective July 1, 2008 and is valid until June 30, 2012. If you have any comments or suggestions on the current Element 2 question pool, please contact Anders via e-mail <mailto:qpcinput@ncvec.org>. - via ARRL Letter Online 2/13/09

Boy Scouts of America Updates Radio Merit Badge Requirements



The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has updated the requirements needed to earn the Radio merit badge. The new requirements became effective with the publication of Boy Scout Requirements 2009. While no new content has been added to the program, the new merit badge pamphlet features lots of new information -- including color pictures and updated charts and text -- that reflects the changes in the Amateur Radio Service since the last pamphlet update in 2002. Approximately 4000 Radio merit badges are earned each year.

According to ARRL ad hoc Scouting Committee member Larry Wolfgang, WR1B, the new Radio Merit Badge pamphlet had been in the works for some time. "BSA has been replacing all merit badge pamphlets with new booklets using color graphics and more modern presentations," he said. "With attractive color photos and clear text explanations of the requirements, the new merit badge pamphlet is a pleasure for the Scouts to read. The new text is due in large part to the efforts of longtime Radio Merit Badge Counselor and K2BSA National Jamboree Staff member Mike Brown, WB2JWD. I am looking forward to using the new pamphlet to teach Radio merit badge at our Council's Merit-Badge-O-Ree this spring, and to having a supply of the new books available for Scouts during the 2009 summer camp season."

Wolfgang said that the requirements for the badge have been shifted around: "The old Part 4 of Requirement 7(b) Broadcast Radio was pulled out and placed in the main body of the requirements as Requirement 8. In addition, the old Requirement 8 (to visit a radio installation and discuss what types of equipment, how it was used, what types of licenses are required to operate and maintain the equipment, and the purpose of the station) was moved up to Requirement 7, so that now the three options appear as Requirement 9. The main result is one additional full requirement."

The new requirements for the 2009 Radio merit badge are (as they pertain to Amateur Radio):

1. Explain what radio is. Then discuss the following:

- * The differences between broadcast

radio and hobby radio.

- * The differences between broadcasting and two-way communications.

- * Radio call signs and how they are used in broadcast radio and amateur radio

- * The phonetic alphabet and how it is used to communicate clearly.

2. Do the following:

- * Sketch a diagram showing how radio waves travel locally and around the world.

Explain how the broadcast radio stations, WWV and WWVH can be used to help determine what you will hear when you listen to a shortwave radio.

- * Explain the difference between a DX and a local station. Discuss what the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) does and how it is different from the International Telecommunication Union.

3. Do the following:

- * Draw a chart of the electromagnetic spectrum covering 100 kilohertz (kHz) to 1000 megahertz (MHz).

- * Label the MF, HF, VHF, UHF, and microwave portions of the spectrum on your diagram.

- * Locate on your chart at least eight radio services such as AM and FM commercial broadcast, citizens band (CB), television, amateur radio (at least four amateur radio bands), and public service (police and fire).

4. Explain how radio waves carry information. Include in your explanation: transceiver, transmitter, amplifier, and antenna.

5. Do the following:

- * Explain the differences between a block diagram and a schematic diagram.

- * Draw a block diagram for a radio station that includes a transceiver, amplifier, microphone, antenna, and feed line.

- * Explain the differences between an open circuit, a closed circuit and a short circuit.

- * Draw eight schematic symbols. Explain what three of the represented parts do. Find three electrical components to match to three of these symbols.

6. Explain the safety precautions for working with radio gear, including the concept of grounding for direct current circuits,

power outlets, and antenna systems.

7. Visit a radio installation (an amateur radio station, broadcast station, or public communications center, for example) approved in advance by your counselor. Discuss what types of equipment you saw in use, how it was used, what types of licenses are required to operate and maintain the equipment, and the purpose of the station.

8. Find out about three career opportunities in radio. Pick one and find out the education, training, and experience required for this profession. Discuss this with your counselor, and explain why this profession might interest you.

9. AMATEUR RADIO

- * Tell why the FCC has an amateur radio service. Describe some of the activities that amateur radio operators can do on the air, once they have earned an amateur radio license.

- * Using proper call signs, Q signals, and abbreviations, carry on a 10 minute real or simulated radio contact using voice, Morse Code, or digital mode. (Licensed amateur radio operators may substitute five QSL cards as evidence of contacts with amateur radio operators from at least three different call districts.) Properly log the real or simulated ham radio contact and record the signal report.

- * Explain at least five Q signals or amateur radio terms you hear while listening.

- * Explain some of the differences between the Technician, General, and Extra Class license requirements and privileges. Explain who administers amateur radio exams.

- * Explain how you would make an emergency call on voice or Morse code.

- * Explain the differences between handheld transceivers and home "base" transceivers. Explain the uses of mobile amateur radio transceivers and amateur radio repeaters.

ARRL Rocky Mountain Division Director and Chairman of the League's ad hoc Scouting Committee Brian Miles-shosky, N5ZGT, called the Radio Merit Badge "a perfect avenue to introduce Scouts and Scouters to the wonderful

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BSA Updates Radio Merit Badge Requirements

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world of ham radio. Ham clubs across the nation should locate a local Boy Scout Troop, secure permission from their Scoutmaster and/or committee to teach the merit badge and deliver an exceptional Radio merit badge class. What the boys -- and their leaders and parents -- will learn in the process is a fair amount of what is part of the Technician license exam, so the next logical step after a merit badge class is an all-out recruiting effort to get that Troop involved in Amateur Radio. They'll meet new friends and have a great way of communicating while in transit to and from the field, as well as additional peace of mind through an effective means of emergency communications while in the backcountry." - via ARRL.ORG 2/24/09

Ham Ads

Ham Ads will be run, free of charge in Ham Chatter for three months for each renewal. Ads must be received by the last week of the month to be included in the following issue. Send ads to: **Ham Chatter, PO Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835, ATTN: Dave Langley** or email to: barc@w4amc.com (no spaces)

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BARC Meeting Minutes - February 2009

BARC Meeting Minutes –February 10, 2009

Call to Order: President, Bob Moore, N4USB, brought the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There were 34 members and guests present as are listed in the roll book.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as published in Ham Chatter.

Secretary's Report: Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, announced that several fliers had arrived announcing the Raleigh Ham Fest on April 11. Anyone after the meeting could take them if interested.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, gave the report. Further information is available to members upon request. Membership dues of \$ 20.00 should be paid by March 1 or a red dot will appear with your next Ham Chatter.

Health and welfare: Albert Sanchez, WA7FXB, announced that Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, mother is better. Also, Jack Kear, K4MI, is a silent key. He passed on February 4 and was one of the founders of BARC. He had been an engineer with the VOA for 25 years.

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley, W4YDY, explained that the red dots that will appear on your Ham Chatter if you have not paid your dues. This will also appear on your newsletter on line.

Public Information: Pat Williams, KG4NSC, announced that the meeting information had been published in the Daily Reflector.

Volunteer Examiners: Tom Parsons, W4TEP, announced that the next VE exam will be on February 20. 6 people are coming from Belhaven to take the test.

Equipment: No report

State ARES: Bernie Nobles, W4MOK, reported that there had been an area 1 & 2 meeting on February 14, in Plymouth, at the Golden Skillet. There is a statewide meeting at an undetermined date in May and a drill possibly on Field Day.

Pitt County ARES: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, announced that 13 people were in attendance at the Pitt County ARES meeting on February 4. Training and organizational structure that had been discussed, were sent out via email along with new membership forms. Everyone is urged to fill out the new forms since the forms have changed.

There are two upcoming walks where members can practice their radio skills and use of tactile signs. March 21 is the Juvenile Diabetes walk and May 2 is the walk for Multiple Sclerosis.

Old Business: Tim Nelson, WA4TMN, announced that a letter has been completed on Dr. John McKnight's radio equipment being donated to Pitt Community College.

New Business: Murray Merner, K4MHM, announced that the old roll book is getting rebound. A new roll book is now in use and it was urged that a pen should not be left in the book since it will break the binding.

Announcements: Richard Cox, K4CRD, announced that the NC QSO party will be on March 1. Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, has reserved use of VOA site C for the party, which will be held from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm

The change over from analog to digital TV has been pushed back to June 12.

BARC's birthday was celebrated with cake and ice cream. BARC was founded in 1967.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Linda Hanrahan \$ 13.00

Program: Prentice Tyndall, N4VBH, from Pitt Community College discussed the proposed ham radio program for the college.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW

BARC Board Minutes - February 2009

BARC Board Meeting Minutes 02/24/09

President Bob Moore, N4USB called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Board members present: Bob Moore, N4USB, Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, Albert Sanchez, WA7FXB, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, John Prokop, N8MPX, Terry Monday, K4ZYD

Non-board members present: Dave Langley, W4YDY, John McCoy, K4KBB, Taylor Millar, W4WTM, Pat Williams, KG4NSC

Board meeting minutes from January: Approved with the following correction: In the programs section, Pitt County should have been Pitt Community College.

Secretary's Report – None

Treasurer's Report – Report was made, which is made available to members upon request. No new members to be presented for approval by the board. At this time, 31 current members have not paid their dues for 2009.

Health and Welfare – None

Programs – The March program will be Dave Langley, W4YDY, talking about sending and receiving QSL cards. The April program is being worked on.

Ham Chatter – Money needed for stamps. The cost of stamps is going up to \$0.44 in May. Forever stamps will be purchased.

Publicity – None

ARES – Pitt County ARES meeting was held February 4. 13 members attended. Pitt County Emergency Management is updating their Emergency Operations Plan. Amateur Radio was involved in the updating of the plan. Upcoming events: Coastal Carolina Search Team will hold an exercise on April 26 at the Bell Arthur Fire Station. It will be similar to the exercise last year, but will be larger in scope and number of participants. The annual MS Walk will be on Saturday May 2 on the ECU campus. We will be participating for the 4th year in a row.

VE – Seven individuals successfully passed their exams at the VE session held on February 20.

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BARC Board Minutes - February 2009

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Old Business – None

New Business –

- Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, made a motion that the club should begin each meeting at the VFW hall with the Pledge of Allegiance. By unanimous vote, the Board voted to recommend this to the membership at next meeting for ratification.
- Bob Moore, N4USB, discussed adding three positions reporting to the board: Public Service Coordinator, BARC Historian and Training and Education Coordinator. The purpose of the Public Service Coordinator is to seek out, organize and promote public service events the club can participate in to raise public awareness and increase member activity. The Training and Education Coordinator will coordinate classes to be held for future hams. Pat Williams, KG4NSC, volunteered to serve as Public Service Coordinator and BARC Historian.
- The recognized committees consist of Ham Chatter, Equipment, ARES, VE, Field Day, Public Service Coordinator, BARC Historian, and Training and Education Coordinator.
- NC QSO Party will be held on Sunday March 1, 2009 between 11:00 am and 7:00 pm at VOA Site C.
- Field Day – Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, has agreed to be Field Day Chairman.
- Discussion on possible need for second trailer. Cost would be \$2,600 - \$3,000 to purchase 6 x 12 trailer. The board did not believe the need for a second trailer was pressing at this point and tabled the issue.
- The board voted to recommend to the membership that a raffle be held with a GPS as the prize. The drawing would take place at Field Day.
- The board voted to recommend that the club not participate in the Farmville Dogwood Festival this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, Substitute Minute Taker

2009 Membership Dues

It's that time of the year once again. Membership dues for BARC will be due January 1. Membership dues are as follows and are the same as 2008:

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

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 at <http://www.w4amc.com/application.pdf>.

Please mail your dues, along with the member application form to:

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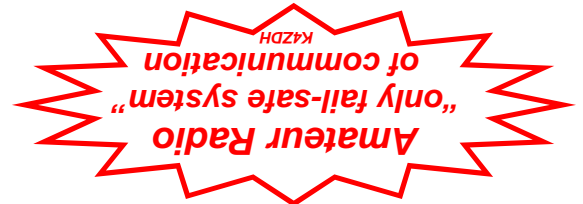
BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 7/8	ARRL SSB DX Contest	May 30/31	CQWW WPX CW Contest
Mar 8	Daylight Time Begins	Jun 9	Regular Meeting
Mar 10	Regular Meeting	Jun 12	BARC VE Session
Mar 28/29	CQ WW WPX SSB Contest	Jun 27/28	ARRL Field Day
Mar 31	Board Meeting	Jun 30	Board Meeting
Apr 2	Ham Chatter Deadline	Jul 11/12	IARU HF World Championship
Apr 5	Down East Hamfest, Kinston, NC	Jul 14	Regular Meeting
Apr 11	RARSfest, Raleigh, NC	Jul 18	Cary Swapfest
Apr 14	Regular Meeting	Jul 18/19	CQWW VHF Contest
Apr 17	BARC VE Session	July 28	Board Meeting
Apr 28	Board Meeting	Aug 11	Regular Meeting
Apr 30	Ham Chatter Deadline	Aug 14	BARC VE Session
May 12	Regular Meeting	Aug 25	Board Meeting
May 26	Board Meeting		

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

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March 10

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