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N4S Special Event Station set for Boy Scout Camporee on April 25



Murray, K4MHM, demonstrating Amateur Radio to Scouts at Camp Bonner North at the 2008 Camporee

can telephones, crystal sets, hearing a ball from Washington starting at the intersecgame or a far away place on the radio was tion of US17 and US264. the magic of communication when I was young. I remember too trying to learn US264, a four lane highway to NC32. At semaphore and the Morse code in cub NC32, the four lane ends so stay in the scouts. Scouting is the very act of passing right lane and turn right on NC32. Go 1.33 on skills of the past and having them en- miles and turn left onto Harvey Road. At rich the life of the present. These are the 1.1 miles, turn right into Camp Bonner skills of: survival, confidence and working North, a dirt road in the woods. There is a

play a part in the experience of our young Go 0.44 miles and the shelter is on the people. We have a chance to expose the right where N4S will be located. It will be wonders of Amateur Radio to approxi- the 2nd shelter on the right on the dirt road. mately 1000 Scouts who will be at Camp Murray Merner, K4MHM (757-3429) Bonner North for their Camporee on April Editors Note: I first learned the Morse 25. A bit of your time getting the scouts code when I was in the Boy Scouts and on the air have allow them the experience enjoyed the semaphore competition at of the magic of radio, and more to the Camporees at the Washington and Kinston point - Amateur Radio.

As big as Bonner Camp North is, we can be more than one location. Dave Langley, W4YDY, and I have had a great time the past few yeas with a station at the Camporee. Be a part of the Scout and Amateur Radio experience. Let me, Dave Langley or Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, know if you are going to join us. We will even have a special call sign N4S.

Directions

Camp Bonner North is located East of

The excitement of string and tin Washington, NC. These directions are

From US 17, go 6.4 miles on sign at the entrance. There is an open field Amateur Radio can, and does, on the right just before the Camp entrance.

airports! W4YDY

Next Meeting April 14

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on more than one station, at 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville.

> The program TBA. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

> The next board meeting will be April 28 at 7:30 PM at 631-B Dickinson Avenue - entrance at back of the building. All members invited.

Jack Kear, K4MI, SK

Jack Kear, K4MI, passed away February 24, 2009. He was a life member of the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club and one of the founders of the club in 1967. One of there reason Jack gave for the selection of "Brightleaf" is because the tobacco companies would pay for the OSL cards. He was very active in the club until he moved to Pennsylvania about 6 year after his retirement from the VOA in 1990.

Jack served in the US Army during World War II in the Pacific and participated in the liberation of the Philippines. Before going to work with the VOA, he worked in broadcast radio and the Radio Voice of Gospel of the Lutheran Church in Ethiopia.

There is an article in the March 2000 Ham Chatter http://www.w4amc. com/hc/pdf/hc0003.pdf> about Jack with many more details of his professional career and Amateur Radio activities.

BARC sends its condolences to his wife, Regina Catherine of Tyrone, PA and his family and friends.

President's Corner, Bob Moore, N4USB

Editors note: Bob is living it up in Europe this month. Been following him on APRS and he has been stopping a lot for refreshments in Nice, France and Amsterdam, Netherlands! He didn't have time to do his column! ©

Pitt Community College Amateur Radio Station Following email received from Prentice Tyndall, N4VBH

munity College Amateur Radio Station...

The approval for the antenna is above that. in!...with some limitations...

antenna, etc.) attached to the main building ment so that this project can be completed where we are located. So, our tower will this summer, if not before. I already have have to be supported alongside the shed at some Rohn 25 sections, but will need a the rear of the building (about 40 to 50' house bracket. A self-supporting tower of away), or we will need to somehow ac- 60 to 80' would be nice! Anyone that can quire a self-supporting tower. Also, we offer assistance is more than welcome. cannot have any guy wires or other wires Simply contact me with your ideas... leaving the tower, except for the transmission lines back to the building. So, we ba- PLEASE PASS ALONG TO INTERsically get to erect a Rohn 25 tower of ap- ESTED PARTIES! proximately 50' (or more, if we can get a self-supporting tower). I don't know of P.S. I have several students that are in the any antenna limitations other than those process of preparing for their Technician already mentioned that applies to the exam. Be watching (or listening) for them! tower. Wire antennas are out, I'm sure, since guy wires are prohibited.

So, we will most likely have a Prentice Tyndall small tower with either 1) an HF vertical Instructor antenna on top and VHF/UHF antenna Electronics Engineering Technology



Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members birthdays in April.

3	K4KBB	John McCoy
7	W1REB	Ray Black
12	W4HM	Walter Honea
16	KJ6WMV	Geraldine Sanchez
18	WB4PMQ	Macon Dail

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

Exciting news for the Pitt Com- side-mounted, or 2) a compact tri-band beam on top with a VHF/UHF antenna just

I am hoping to begin gathering We cannot have anything (tower, necessary materials, antennas and equip-

Pitt Community College (252) 493-7335 prentice@n4vbh.com or n4vbh@n4vbh.

Prayers go out to the following:

Thanks,



Geraldine Sanchez, KJ4DMV

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

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. Parsons, **W4TEP**, 355-2815. Tom 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/



Hamfest Calendar on W4AMC.COM http://www.w4amc.com/hamfests.html

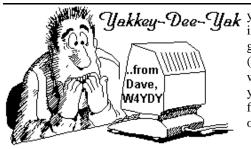
Thoughts and

Charlie Wells, K4SKI

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On the bottom of this page is an ARRL Letter Online follows. article about the last VE results in Febru- Burghardt to No Longer Sell Amateur Burghardt, W0IT (SK), as Burghardt Radio ary. Sorry I didn't get it in the March HC. Radio Equipment: On March 16, Jim Supply. He sold the company to Smith in Note that the new call signs were assigned Smith, W0MJY, owner of Burghardt Ama- 1982, remaining active in the company unand posted on the FCC database on the teur Center in Watertown, South Dakota til January 2002. Burghardt passed away in Internet on the afternoon of the fourth day. http://www.burghardt-amateur.com/, 2004 at the age of 93. It's not like the old days when there was a announced that the company will no longer long wait for the mailman to bring the new sell Amateur Radio transceivers and acces- about BPL and the Farm Recovery Act license. I waited for 7 weeks and had al- sories. The company, now called Bill. The FCC is suppose to develop a most forgot that I had taken the exam. Burghardt Radio Repair, has canceled all "comprehensive national broadband plan.". Maybe it was because I was taking exams backorders. In an e-mail, Smith blamed the The ARRL has made an extensive comin high school and was too busy to think current economic conditions for the change ments about BPL problems that could about Amateur Radio. Later, I understand that forced the company "to re-evaluate our come up. Page 5 of this newsletter has refthat sometime in the 1970's, there were 3 goals and direction. We will continue to erences to the Internet with a rundown of or 4 month waits for new license and re- provide radio repair service as it has be- the Bill and the ARRL comments. Here newals. Maybe computers are faster. Now come a very busy business. Our techni- we go again! - W4YDY

or months.

tertown, SD has changed. Article from the like we have been doing since 1973."

you can go online and renew your license cians are very experienced and parts invenin one day. Takes less than 4 minutes to tories are good. Thank you for your supgo to the FCC Universal Licensing System port in the past and we look forward to (ULS), put in your login name and pass- continuing our relationships through our word, answer a couple of questions and servicing facility." Jim Smith's son, Mike you're done! The next day you are good Smith, KC0FTM, told the ARRL that even for another 10 years. No waiting for weeks though the company has had to lay off employees in the past couple of months, Burghardt Amateur Center in Wa- "Burghardt will concentrate on service, just Burghardt was founded in 1937 by Stan

Another story from the ARRL is

February VE Session Results



Applicants taking the exams while VE Liaison Tom Parsons, W4TEP, left, works on paperwork. It was a full house!

Seven candidates were successful in passing Amateur Radio exams at the February 20 BARC VE session. They were Darren Sykes, KJ4BUP, Kinston, General and John Purifoy, KC4LOO, Belhaven, Technician and General. Passing the Technician Class were Connie Sprouse, KJ4JUD, Belhaven, Walter Grimes, KJ4JUF, Washington, Jack Woods, KJ4JUG, Belhaven, Mike Billings, KJ4JUH, Greenville, and Paul Meyerer, KJ4JUI, Greenville. The new call signs and upgrades were posted on the FCC database and effective on February 24, 2009.

BARC congratulates all.

The VE's were VE Liaison Tom Parsons, W4TEP, Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, Murray Merner, K4MHM, Richard Cox, K4CRD, Bob Moore, N4USB, Dave Langley, W4YDY and Linda Woods, AI4MY. Thanks to Linda from Belhaven for her assistance.

The next regular VE session will be April 17, 2009.



VE's grading the exams. Left to right is Bob Moore, N4USB, Linda Woods, Al4MY, Murray Merner, K4MHM, Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, and Richard Cox, K4CRD.

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The Vertical Antenna

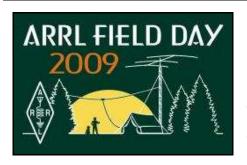
been described as equally ineffective in all "bounce" directions, but new designs have increased Europe from their vehicles on a regular the vertical antenna (again with elevated desirable speed. basis. Traps and tuners have been the radials) angled and with a constant circular tive phase relationship to make it stronger ent locations on the antenna at the same it-yourself plans. in the desired direction. There is even a time therefore multiplying the signal significant front-to-back ratio.

ward Earth. This being the case, when the rpm) results is only a minor deterioration K4MHM

The vertical antenna has often vertical is angled its signal too gets a better of the transmitted and received signal and is still significantly better than a stationary. Third, and the most complex tech- erect vertical. A reduction to 350 rpm (or a the effectiveness of this much maligned nique is what are referred to in this area of 20 K factor of reduction) is at the start of signal launcher. Some attest to getting to research as "Tilt and Twirl". It seems with noticeable deterioration, but may be a more

The equipment to accomplish this mainstay of technology for the vertical, motion that is relative to the frequency; methodology is not that unusual. One is a Now come even more technological ad- reception and transmission are improved rotator to control the direction of the anvances to this antenna that many utilize greatly. (This is dangerous because of the tenna. The second is a rotator to control today. Taking it one step further on old moving radials, so be cautious.) It appears the elevation or angle of the antenna. The and new technology, the vertical rivals any that the circular motion relative to the fre- third is to have a variable speed motor to other antenna. First, while the rotator has quency, allows the vertical to "capture" a turn the vertical. The control of the speed long been used to point the beam in the signal because it appears bigger to the sig- must be very precise in order to get a good right direction, the rotator has been found nal and therefore give the impression of a match with the RF. The rotation also reto add to the signal strength of the vertical much larger receiving area. With regard to quires a special arrangement of the coax with air born radials. It seems that aiming transmission, the signal appears like a cy- attached to the antenna since it must althe radials just right can affect the signal clone with tentacles and not only does it ways be in constant contact despite the fact strength of the received signal. While the appear as horizontally and vertically polar- that the antenna is turning, There are some radials should not be radiating the signal, ized at the same time, the circular signal being used now but are proprietary (they they see to guide the signal (much like the seems to wrap along the receiving antenna are made by and for specific antenna comreflector of a beam) and provides an addi- to actually have it received in many differ- panies), the Internet does have some build-

With the strength of our signal strength. The task of synchronizing the being in the 100th of a watt by the time it Second, it has long been known rpm of the antenna with the frequency is gets to our antenna, we need all the benethat the launch angle of the signal can af- tricky; in effect, the frequency (RF in this fits of technology and science to transmit fect the ability of it to go distances (i.e., case) can be considered the cycle on a and receive the signal. This improvement inverted V). In most cases, and within wheel. So 7 MHz is also 7 million rpm, in the vertical antenna may be all we need common sense, the more the angle is to the which is quite fast. In the same way we to extend our ability to communicate even horizon, the further the signal will go. This can have quarter wave dipoles we can re- better. The one disadvantage of these techis because as the signal approaches the duce the speed of the rotation to a negative nological advances is that they only work ionosphere, the more the angle it has, the harmonic of the frequency. Reducing the on April 1 at which time it can be used in further is will be reflected downward to- rpm by a factor of 10K (in this case to 700 conjunction with the laser antenna. -



The rumor is true that I have agreed to chair Field Day 2009. It is not true that my arm was in a sling for three weeks afterwards.

This years Field Day operations will commence at 2:00 pm on Saturday June 27 and conclude no later than 2:00 pm on Sunday June 28.

Although we don't know what the

weather will be next week, we do know in every way that they want to. that on our main day of activity (June 27) it will be hot and rain at some point during each of the club meetings until the event at the afternoon or evening.

changes in the organization of this event. night Pitt County Emergency Communica-There are always ways to improve on what tions net. we do. This is where you come in. If you eration.

about me, it is for the group as a whole. I serve our community and advance the would like to see each person who is a cause and reputation of amateur radio. member of BARC or PCEC out at the Field Day site and participate in this event 73, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV

This event will be discussed at the end of June. There will also be oppor-This year I don't expect any major tunities to discuss it on the weekly Monday

Questions, comments, suggestions have something that you have observed and complaints may be submitted to me at from prior Field Days that you think could kg4czv@gmail.com. If you are not a be done differently to improve the event, member of Pitt County Emergency Complease let me know. Any and all ideas are munications, and would like to be, please appreciated and will be taken into consid- let me know and I will send you an application to fill out. Thanks to all of you who Keep in mind that this event is not participate and volunteer your time to

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ARRL comments on FCC's proposed establishment of Rural **Broadband Plan**

On March 10, 2009, the FCC invited comments via a Public Notice http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DA- 09-561A1.pdf> concerning the establishment of a comprehensive rural broadband strategy as part of the Department of Agriculture's Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2008, commonly known as the 2008 Farm Bill. Per the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), Congress required the FCC to develop a "comprehensive national broadband plan." According to the FCC, they, Congress, and the Secretary of Agriculture "have repeatedly recognized the importance of ensuring access to advanced telecommunications and information services to all Americans, with a special focus on rural and hard-to-serve areas." Go to http://www.arrl. org/news/stories/2009/03/28/10731/?nc=1 to read the report.



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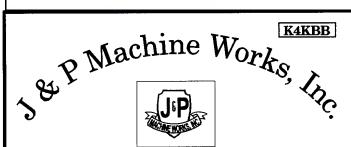
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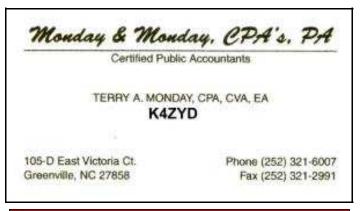
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BARC Meeting Minutes - March 2009

BARC Meeting Minutes - March 10,, 2009

Call to Order: President Bob Moore, N4USB, called the meet-

ing to order at 7:30 pm

Introductions: There were 30 members present and listed in

the roll book.

Minutes: Minutes of the February 10, 2009 member meeting

were approved as published in the Ham Chatter

Secretary's Report: no report

Treasurer's Report: Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, gave the report. Further information is available to members upon request.

Health and welfare: no report

Ham chatter: Dave Langley, W4YDY, will change the web site password for access to member rosters at the beginning of April. Members will be notified via e-mail of the new password.

Public Information: no report

Volunteer Examiners: Tom Parsons, W4TEP, reported that those passing the last tests are published along with their new call signs in the Ham Chatter.

Equipment: no report

State ARES: Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, reported that the date for the States ARES meeting has been difficult to set due to the amount of activities in April and May. A possible date is June 6. Evacuation centers had been opened in Cleveland County during the last snowstorm. A 2 channel Motorola has been donated to the Eastern Branch.

Pitt County ARES: Ted Bertrand, K14PWX, discussed the upcoming Coastal Carolina Search Team exercise on Sunday, April 26. BARC volunteers will be providing communications for the tracking teams. The exercise will begin at 10am at the Bell Arthur Fire Station.

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, announced the MS Walk on Saturday, May 2 on the ECU Campus in Greenville. It will start and finish at the football stadium. At least 6 operators are needed. This is an exercise where tactical call signs and emergency power will be practiced.

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, has volunteered to be the 2009 Field Day coordinator. Anyone wishing to volunteer or having ideas on improving past Field Days please contact him.

Old Business: none

New Business: Bob Moore, N4USB, announced that 3 new committees were created at the past board meeting.

- 1. Public Service which is a single point interface with the public
- 2. Historian
- 3. Training and Education

Pat Williams, KG4NSC, has volunteered to head the Public Service and the Historian committees. The chair position for Training and Education is still open.

The membership voted and passed that the meetings will be started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion ensued on a raffle this year. Members voted on raffling a GPS station and having the drawing on Field Day.

The Dogwood Festival was discussed and agreed that BARC will not participate this year. Instead, the efforts of BARC members are requested to participate in a Special Event station with the Boy Scouts. A station with the reserved call sign of N4S will be set up at Camp Bonner North. The Radio merit badge has been updated and the new requirements were published in the last Ham Chatter.

The Special Olympics is asking for volunteer groups to run activities at their April 1 event. If you are interested, please contact Pat Williams, KG4NSC.

Announcements: Bob Moore, N4USB, announced a flier that he received on a Ham Radio Cruise in February 2010.

He also showed a dust cover for his radio that had his call sign embroidered on it. Price lists and business cards of the company who sells these were made available.

Byron Highland, K4BMH, announced the Down East Hamfest, in Kinston, on Sunday, April 5. He had tickets available. **50/50 Drawing Winner**: Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, \$ 29.50

Program: Dave Langley, W4YDY, discussed sending and receiving QSL cards. An informative video by Walter Cronkite was shown discussing Ham radios.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm Respectfully Submitted:

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW

BARC Board Minutes - March 2009

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting Minutes 03/31/09

First Vice President Al Sanchez, WA7FXB, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present: Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, John Prokop, N8MPX, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW

Others in Attendance: Dave Langley, W4YDY, Taylor Mil-

lar, W4WTM, Pat Williams, KG4NSC

Minutes: Approved as published in Ham Chatter

Secretary's Report: no report

Treasurer's Report: Report was made, which is available to members upon request.

Health and welfare: Gerrie Sanchez had foot surgery and is recovering well.

Equipment: no report

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley, W4YDY, reported that the thickness of the paper for use in the Ham Chatter has increased and therefore will require more postage. It is actually cheaper to use the extra postage than to purchase a ream of paper, because most of our members are receiving the Ham Chatter via

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email.

Publicity: no report

New Members Presented: none presented

Programs: Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, reported that the April program will be Memories of Past Field Days which will include 2 videos. The June meeting will be preparation

for Field Day.

VE: The next VE session is on April 17 at St. Peter's School.

PITT COUNTY ARES: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, reported that on Sunday, April 26, there will be an exercise with the Coastal Carolina Search Team in Bell Arthur. ARES will provide communications during the Search and Rescue exercise. Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, is chairing this committee.

Saturday, May 2, is the MS walk. ARES will provide operators to man the rest stops, home base, to walk with the last walker and to drive the course in case of accidents. Those interested need to Contact Dave. Members will meet at 9:15 am, with the walk officially beginning at 10:00 am. The walk is usually finished around 11:45 am. Refreshments are provided.

Old Business: A Camporee East of Washington at Camp Bonner North with the Boy • Scouts of America will be held on April 25. BARC will participate.

New Business: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, is looking for input as to suggestions for changes for this year's field day. Suggestions made by those present included organizing by tasks instead of teams; cater the dinner; and recruit more CW operators.

Announcements: Upcoming Hamfests are April 5 in Kinston and April 11 in Raleigh The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW

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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.

HF

◆ Tar Heel Emergency Communications Net on 3923 kHz Nightly 1930.

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Pitt County Emergency Communications

The next few months will be quite busy for Pitt County Emergency Communications (PCEC). There are a couple of field practice opportunities, a general meeting and Field Day.

First, the next PCEC general meeting will be held sometime in May on either a Wednesday or Thursday night. When the date, time and place of the meeting are set, they will be announced on the Monday night net, via e-mail to current PCEC members, in Ham Chatter and the on web at www.w4amc.com. The last meeting was held February 4, 2009. If you would like a copy of the minutes from that meeting, please send me an e-mail request.

There are two opportunities to exercise your field equipment before the May issue of Ham Chatter is published. Both of these opportunities will allow operators to use their field equipment in emergency conditions. This will allow them to make sure the equipment is working properly. Tactical call signs and directed nets will also be used. Practice under these conditions will be good practice for when we will have to use the same pro-

The next few months will be quite cedures when activated by Pitt County Pitt County Emergency Commu- Emergency Management.

1) Coastal Carolina Search Team.

The Coastal Carolina Search Team will be conducting an exercise in the area around the Bell Arthur Fire Station beginning at 10:00 am on Sunday, April 26, 2009. Operators will be needed to perform two tasks: (1) operate a base station from the fire station; (2) operate in the field with the search teams. Amateur radio operators will accompany each search teams and provide communications back to the base during the search for mock victims

This exercise will be held rain or shine. Last year, when PCEC participated in a similar exercise, it rained over two inches during the exercise. Therefore, operators going into the field should be prepared for all conditions and all types of terrain.

If you are interested in participat-

ing in this exercise, please contact Ted Bertrand at bertrandf@ecu.edu or Dave Pulver at kg4czv@gmail.com.

2) MS Walk

Participants in this charity event walk a course starting at the Dowdy-Ficklen Football Stadium and winding a path through the ECU campus and finishing back at the stadium.

Operators will be needed to operate a base station at the stadium, three rest stops on the route, walk with the last walker in the event and drive a SAG vehicle to drive the course and help where needed.

This event will be held rain or shine. Participating operators should arrive at Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium at 9:00 am and be prepared for all conditions.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Dave Pulver at kg4czv@gmail.com

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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

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

May 26	Board Meeting
May 30/31	CQWW WPX CW Co
Jun 9	Regular Meeting
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May 12..... Regular Meeting

Apr 17 BARC VE Session Apr 28 Board Meeting

Jul 14 Regular Meeting Jul 18 Cary Swapfest Jul 18/19. CQWW VHF Contest July 28 Board Meeting Aug 11 Regular Meeting Aug 14 BARC VE Session Aug 25 Board Meeting

Jun 27/28..... ARRL Field Day Apr 11..... RARSfest, Raleigh, NC Apr 14 Regular Meeting Jun 30 Board Meeting Jul 11/12..... IARU HF World Championship

BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS