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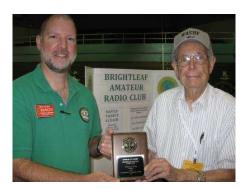
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#### Plagues presented at the **Down East Hamfest**



Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, above left, was presented a plaque "In Appreciation stations. The total contacts were close to for Outstanding and Dedicated Leader- 600, up considerably from the 373 contacts ship as Section Emergency Coordinator made last year. There were at least 6 diffor the North Carolina Section 2003 - ferent people who worked CW, which was 2010". The plaque was presented to him the most in many years. This greatly conat the Down East Hamfest in Kinston on tributed to the increase in contacts. June 19 by Bill Morine, N2COP, ARRL North Carolina Section Manager.



Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, presents Honorary Life member plaque to Bill Finch, W4EHF, above right, at the Down East Hamfest in Kinston on June 19. Bill was inducted at the April BARC meeting.

## Field Day 2010

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club held its annual Field Day event on Club will have its next meeting on June 26 and 27 at the intersection of Arlington Blvd and Turnbury Drive in Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Greenville. This was the fourth year in a row we have used this site.

The event was attended by 36 club members. Also attending were approximately 20 guests, including 6 other licensed amateurs, Greenville Mayor Pat June 29 at 7:30 PM at 631-B Dickinson Dunn as well as Noel Lee and Allen Everett from Pitt County Emergency Management.

The event was run with four fixed

The operator who traveled the farthest to participate in Field Day was Ken Graf, N8FF, who came from eastern Tennessee to make some CW contacts.

With the heat index forecast to approach 100 degrees by 11:00 on Sunday morning, the decision was made to break down starting around 8:00 on Sunday rather than the normal noontime. This helped keep those who showed up to help out of the dangerous heat.

Thanks to John Prokop, N8MPX and Terry Monday, K4ZYD for organizing the Field Day effort this year. On their behalf, I would like to thank the many people who helped make this event successful. A good time was had by all that participated. Lets make 2011 just as fun.

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV

#### **Next Meeting July 13**

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Tuesday, July 13 at 7:30 PM at VFW Road in Greenville. The program will be about Emergency preparedness by Mike Langley, KD4MTT All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be Avenue - entrance at back of the building. All members invited.

### **Email from Bill Morine**, **N2COP, NC ARRL** Section Manager

Subject: Field Day

Bernie:

My thanks to you and the members of the Brightleaf club for your hospitality in making me feel welcomed at your FD location. With my car thermometer saying it was 97 degrees when I visited at 4 PM Saturday, I now understand why you were next to a Wendy's. Of my ten visits on FD, Brightleaf was the most organized and the largest of the eastern NC clubs as 4A. Please pass along my best and appreciation to all club members.

73,

Bill, N2COP

#### **Famous Hams** +(Silent Key)

radio pioneer, ARRL Founder also known 1957 "rockabilly" hit "Peggy Sue" as "The Old Man."

+KB2GSD Walter Cronkite, Former TV Journalist, long-time CBS correspondent, avid sailor

+K2ORS Jean Shepherd, Author/Actor/ Radio/TV personality. Wrote "The Christmas Story" movie

\*W2ZXM Capt. Kurt Carlsen, Survived sinking of the Flying Enterprise, which sank in storm near Falmouth in 1952.

+W4CGP Chet Singer/ Atkins. Composer/"Certified Guitar Picker"; (ex-WA4CZD)

**WB4KCG** Ronnie Milsap, Singer/ Songwriter

+K4LIB Arthur Godfrey, TV personality \*+K4ZVZ Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets, World War II Hero; Pilot of "Enola Gay" the B-29 aircraft which dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan

+W5CY Howard Robard "Sonny" Hughes, Jr., Inventor, Pilot, Hollywood producer, America's first billionaire

K5FLU Martin F. Jue, President of MFJ Enterprises, Inc.

K5PSG Peggy Sue Gerron-Rackham,



Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members birthdays in July.

02	KC4YIP	Jay Edwards
12	KG4CZW	Bonnie Pulver
13	K4SKI	Charlie Wells
24	WA4MOK	Bernie Nobles
29	W4YDY	David Langley

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

+W1AW Hiram Percy Maxim Inventor, The namesake of the late Buddy Holly's

WB6ACU Joe Walsh, Guitarist/Singer/ Songwriter/Eagles

WA6BND Stephen G. "Steve" Wozniak, Co-founder of Apple Computer in 1976

+K6DUE Roy Neal, Late TV personality/producer; retired NBC News corre-

+W6EZV General Curtis LeMay, Military legend - also held call signs K3JUY/ K4RFA/K0GRL

+W6FZZ Samuel F.B. Morse III, greatgrandson of the inventor of Morse Code,

+KB6LOS Dick Rutan, Pilot/Adventurer; Voyager 'round the world flight 1986;

+KE6PZH Marlon Brando, Jr., Actor;

+WB6RER Andy Devine, Actor

+K7UGA Barry Goldwater, late US Senator/vociferous friend of amateur ra-

\*\*\*+W9AC Bill Halligan, Founder of Hallicrafters

\*+W0CXX Art Collins, Founder of Collins Radio.

\*\*+K0DWC Gen. Francis "Butch" Griswold, Famous leader of the Strategic Air Command w/Curtis LeMay.

at http://users.tellurian.com/ gjurrens/famous hams.html

QSOs with them on the radio \* Many QSOs and met Butch in NYC \*\* Met Bill in his NYC hotel suite \*\*\* K4MHM reports I was friends with Guglielmo Marconi!!! - W4YDY.

## Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Tim Nelson, WA4TMN Charlie Wells, K4SKI Tom Parsons, W4TEP



Please inform Bill All, N3KKM, n3 kkm @ embarqmail.com of any changes.

## **Next VE Session**

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on August 13. Exams will be held at St. Peter's School on 5th Street and will start promptly at 6:30 PM. Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, 756-3734. bertrandf@ecu.edu. Please bring the following required:

- 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.
- SS Number will be needed if you don't have an FRN number.

Go to <http://www.w4amc.com/ barcinfo.html#VE> for more information.

## **NC ARES** Internet

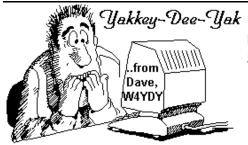


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Hope everyone that participated in Field Day had a good time although it was a little on the hot side. But that is normal most at most Field Days. To bad the weather that came the next weekend didn't arrive a week earlier! It was about 15 degrees cooler, perfect.

It was great to have many visitors at Field Day this year. There were several that came out and are planning to get their Amateur Radio license. Also, newer club members were able to experience their first Field Day. I think they will find it's always a lot of fun and an excellent time to learn radio setups, operate and associate with other club members.

There were at least 4 young people that made contacts on 15 meter SSB with Paul Fletcher, **KS4YF**, control operator. Margaret McGuire, **KJ4RGQ**, and the Landry boys, David, **W4DWA**, Will and Andrew all made Field Day contacts.

We all enjoyed having Bill Marine, N2COP, ARRL NC Section Manager and from Pitt County Emergency Management, Noel Lee, Director, and Allen Everett, come out to the site on Arlington Boulevard near Bells Fork. Also, it was good that Greenville Mayor Pat Dunn visited for a few minutes, but she was unable to stay very long due to other commitments. She did not have time to operate this year. See last years pictures and video on w4amc.com of her making FD contacts.

I have included six pictures on the next page. Plan to put up pictures and video on w4amc.com before long. The pictures will go up first and then the video later. Have about 78 photos to chose from and about 30 minutes of video. I hope to get the video edited and online faster than I did last year but it takes time.

Thanks to everyone that made the BARC Field Day a success. John Prokop, **N8MPX**, and Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, were Field Day Co-chairmen. BARC thanks them for their service.

CU at Field Day next year. - W4YDY

# *Yakkey-Dee-Yak* Radio Celebrations: Ham radio at the 2010 Boy Scout Jamboree

The 2010 National Scout Jamboree is a little more than a month away. This years theme is the celebration of 100 years of scouting in the United States and ham radio will be an important part of the festivities.

For anyone who's ever been or still is a Boy Scout - youth or leader - celebrating an anniversary of this significance is truly a once-in-a-lifetime happening.

And, why not do it with a huge campout or jamboree at a military base called Fort AP Hill, Virginia, just outside of Woodbridge?

Of course, to make it really a special event you set up an amateur radio station!

The staff of K2BSA - the call sign of the Boy Scouts of America - is making final preparations for the event - which runs from July 26 through Aug. 4.

Ed Dudley, WA4ISI, is the volunteer coordinator for the K2BSA staff. He says the staff of nearly 50 volunteers is made up of folks from a variety of fields who will be coming from all around the country.

"We have doctors and lawyers," Dudley says. "We have scientists, engineers and we have youth that are Scouts that will be part of the staff."

Among the youth, Andrew Koenig, KE5GDB, Amateur Radio Newsline's 2009 Young Ham of the Year.

Dudley says the centerpiece of the K2BSA operation is a large demonstration station located inside a large circus-style tent with HF and VHF stations set up, a temporary antenna farm that might rival some of the smaller DX operations, and plans in the works for a contact with one of the astronauts aboard the International Space Station.

But Dudley says that's not all.

 $\label{eq:more_state} More at <a href="http://forums.qrz.com/s">h o w t h r e a d . p h p ? s=fde8dc859febc3b5e12400da413f302e& t=252952>.$ 

Via Amateur Radio Newsline, Mark Abramowicz, NT3V

# Pitt County ARES News July 2010

#### **Web Site:**

If you haven't done so already, please check out the Pitt County ARES website at www.pittares.com. The web site is still a work in process. However a lot of information has been added to it over the past few months. Suggestions for additional resources to be placed on the web site are welcome.

#### **Net Control Operators:**

One of the pages on the Pitt County ARES web site lists a schedule of net control operators through the end of September. There are still a lot of open slots beginning August 16. Please check out the list and consider volunteering to be a net control operator. If you are interested in signing up, please contact me.

#### **Public Service Event:**

Five Pitt County ARES members provided communications for the Walk 4 Seizure Disorders event on June 5, 2010. The walk, hosted by Koinonia Christian Center Church, took the participants on a path through the Westhaven subdivision in Greenville. Thanks to John McCoy, K4KBB (who organized the amateur radio effort); Taylor Millar, W4WTM; Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK; Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV and Dave Pulver, KG4CZW.

#### Field Day:

Thank you to the 21 Pitt County ARES members of the 33 on the roster who came out and participated in Field Day this year.

#### **Upcoming ARES related events:**

Thursday, July 22, 2010: The next quarterly meeting for Pitt County ARES will be at East Carolina Retina Consultants, located at 2501 Stantonsburg Road in Greenville. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in ARES is invited to attend.

If you have any suggestions or questions regarding Pitt County ARES, please contact me at kg4czv@gmail.com.

73, Dave KG4CZV

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# BARC 2010 ARRL Field Day—June 26/27



Richard Campbell, **KG4SNE**, and Field Day Cochairman John Prokop, **N8MPX**, ready to go.



Paul Fletcher, **KS4YF**, with Timothy McGuire, **KJ4RGO**, operating on 15 meters while his daughter, Margaret McGuire, **KJ4RGQ**, looks on. She also operated.



Bill Marine, **N2COP**, ARRL NC Section Manager and Noel Lee, Director, Pitt County Emergency Management, converse with Bernie Nobles, **WA4MOK**.



Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, welcomes Greenville Mayor Pat Dunn to the BARC Field Day site.



John Grant, **AF4MY**, and Bill Dawson, **WA4SLC**, operate on the late shift.



Great to see Ken Graf, **N8FF** back operating CW while Byron Highland, **K4BMH**, logs.

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# Ham

### Two members rejoin club at FD

Ken Graf, N8FF, Blountville, TN and Alex Bridgman, KJ4LMW, Winterville, rejoined BARC over the Field Day weekend. That brings the membership to 88.

Ken was a member for several years when he lived in Greenville. It was good to see him back on CW for BARC's FD. Alex joined last year soon after he received his license.



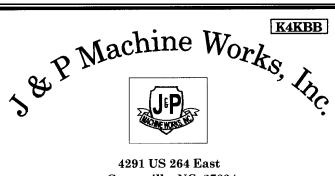


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**Wanted**: Sony 2010 Shortwave receiver.

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# **BARC Meeting Minutes - June 2010**

BARC Meeting Minutes Date: June 8, 2010 Call to Order: 7:30 pm

Pledge of allegiance led by Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW

Introductions were made.

22 members were present as recorded in the sign in book.

**Minutes**: The minutes were approved as published in the *Ham Chatter*.

**Secretary's report:** Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, reported that she sent Doug Ferris, K4ROK, a thank you note for his generous donation.

**Treasurer's Report**: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, gave the report. Further information regarding the treasurer's report is available to members upon request.

**Health and welfare**: Eugene Underwood, KE4JZV, told the membership that he fell several months ago and broke his neck. He is recovering.

**Ham chatter**: Taylor Millar, W4WTM, placed copies of the recent newsletter on the front table.

**Publicity:** Taylor Millar, W4WTM, reported that Mayor Pat Dunn and at least one city council member has been heard from and that they plan on visiting our Field Day event.

**Public Service**: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, discussed the Koinonia Church fundraiser walk that was on June 5. John McCoy, K4KBB, was the organizer for the Amateur Radio operators. Those participating were John McCoy, K4KBB, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, Taylor Millar, W4WTM and Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK.

**VE:** Murray Merner, K4MHM, announced that the next VE exam is on Friday, June 11.

**Equipment:** Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, reported that he and Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, constructed a door in Tom Parsons, W4TEP, barn on a room that will be kept locked in order to keep items from the BARC and ARES trailers. The trailers are kept near the barn and the room will hold items until they are needed in the trailers in order to keep the trailers less crowded.

**State ARES**: Bernie Nobles, W4MOK, announced that he resigned as State EOC as of June 4, 2010. It was stated that he served for 7 years. All in attendance gave a round of applause for his service to the Amateur Radio and emergency services communities.

**Pitt County ARES**: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, reported that the next ARES meeting will be on Thursday, July 22 at 7:30 pm at the office of Peter Van Houten's, KG4WEZ.

Pitt County ARES has received approval for their 501 (c)(3) status.

A state wide database has been formed for ARES. To be qualified to be listed, you must have first passed the ICS 700a, 100a, 200a and 800b courses.

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, and Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, attended a hurricane workshop at ECU. It contained some good information from the weather service.

This year is predicted to be an active hurricane season. ARES is preparing for emergencies.

**Eastern Branch ARES:** Bill Dawson. WA4SLC, discussed how he had made some good contacts with emergency management people form across the state at the hurricane conference that he just attended.

He urges everyone to complete the ICS training so they can participate in any ARES activation.

**Programs:** John McCoy, K4KBB, announced that the July program will be given by Mike Langley, KD4MTT, on emergency preparedness. If anyone is interested in hearing about anything specific regarding preparedness then please contact Mike beforehand so he may include it in his discussion.

**Field Day:** Terry Monday, K4ZYD, will mow the site on Thursday. On Saturday, set up will begin at 7:00 am. The radios will be operating by 2:00 pm. Discussion ensued on placement of antennas, tents, stations and trailers. Saturday dinner will be catered. Family members are invited. Dinner will be at 6:00 pm and each family is asked to bring a salad, side item or dessert to share. Friends are invited.

**Old Business**: There was no old business

**New Business**: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, announce that the cost for putting the door in for securing club items was \$ 95.00. The vote passed to reimburse Dave.

Bob Moore, N4USB, announced that 3 rotors that belong to BARC will be going up for sale at the Down East Hamfest.

A vote was passed for the Club to purchase two CW filters at approximately \$110.00 each. This will now go to the board for further approval. (John Prokop, N8MPX, called a board meeting to be held at the conclusion of the meeting. At that meeting, by a vote of 4-1, the board approved the purchase of the CW filters).

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, had tickets for the Down East Hamfest for sale, which is on June 19. BARC will have a table and will be selling BARC raffle tickets. If you plan on going to the Hamfest, please help at the table. Members may also bring in personal items which they would like to see.

**Announcements**: Paul Copeland, K4KCS, will participate in a special event running from July 1 to 5, 2010, that will involve the 13 colony states. Paul will operate for North Carolina.

**50/50 Drawing Winner**: Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, won \$18.00. Respectfully Submitted:

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, Secretary

# BARC Board Minutes - June 2010

BARC Board Meeting – June 2010 June 29, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President John Prokop, N8MPX.

**Board members in attendance**: President John Prokop, N8MPX; 1st Vice President Bill All, N3KKM; 2nd Vice Presi(Continued on page 7)

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## **BARC Board Minutes - June 2010**

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dent John McCoy, K4KBB; Treasurer Dave Pulver, KG4CZV; Trustee Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX

**Others in attendance**: Dave Langley, W4YDY; Albert Sanchez WA7FXB

**Minutes** – Approved as published in Ham Chatter

**Treasurer's Report** – Dave Pulver, KG4CZV gave the report.

One new member, Ken Graf, N8FF was approved by the board. Ken had been a long time member of the club until he moved to Tennessee a few years ago.

**Health and Welfare** – Good news - everyone's healthy

**Ham Chatter** – Dave Langley, W4YDY reported that the Field Day WNCT-TV video is now on line at the club web site.

# June BARC VE Session Results

One candidate took advantage of the June 11 BARC VE session. Gerald L. Lassiter, Jr, K4GLL, Roanoke Rapids, passed the Amateur Extra Class exam. BARC congratulates him for his achievement.

The VE's were Acting VE Liaison Bob Moore, N4USB, Tom Parsons, W4TEP, Murray Merner, K4MHM, Thomas Styron, KB7L, and Dave Langley, W4YDY.

The next regular VE session will be August 13, 2010.

#### **VE Fan Mail**

Subject: Thanks From: Jay Lassiter

<jaylassiter @ centurylink.net>

Date: Mon, 14 Jun 2010 12:56:24 -0400

(EDT)

To: barc @ w4amc.com

Hello, I wanted to thank again the members of the club who came to St. Peters' school and allowed me to take my extra class upgrade on June 11th. I was the only one there that day, but they still allowed me to test. I felt relaxed while taking a test that I was nervous about, and I passed. It seems you have a good club, and a good bunch of guys.

73,

Gerald K4GLL

**VE Session** – Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, reported that the next session in August 13, 2010. There is a new technician test takes effect July 1, 2010.

**Equipment** – The storage room in the barn of Tom Parsons, W4TEP, has been set up and secured. Equipment has been taken from the trailer, which has made the trailer easier to work in. Other club records and supplies will also be stored in the storage room.

**Pitt County ARES** – Next meeting will be at the office of Peter Van Houten, KG4WEZ on July 22, 2010, starting at 7:30 pm.

**Programs** – John McCoy, K4KBB reported that the upcoming programs will be:

- July Mike Langley, KD4MTT - Preparedness
- August Doug Blizzard Down East Repeater Linking System
- September Dave Pulver, KG4CZV - Pitt County ARES

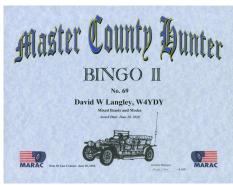
Old Business - None

New Business – A potential scholarship program with Pitt Community College was discussed. It will be discussed in more detail at the next club meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: **Dave Pulver**, **KG4CZV**Substitute Minute Taker

#### **Master County Hunter Award #69**



Dave Langley, W4YDY, completed requirements for the Master County Hunter Award (Bingo II) for the second time on June 20, 2010. It was award #69 for all 3077 counties. Only certain operators may be contacted in the counties for the award.

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#### VHF

- ◆ 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

#### 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

#### **Pitt County Repeater Association**

http://www.pcra.us/

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# BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jul 13 Jul 17 Jul 17/18 Jul 27 Jul 29	Cary Swapfest qsl.net/n4nc/ CQ WW VHF Contest Board Meeting HAM CHATTER DEADLINE CFARS SwapFest-Fayetteville, NC Regular Meeting	Sep 28	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE Regular Meeting BARC VE Session
Aug 31	Board Meeting HAM CHATTER DEADLINE		Regular Meeting - Elections ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
Sep 4/5	Shelby Hamfest, Dallas, NC Virginia Beach Hamfest ARRL Sept VHF QSO Party	Nov 21	JARSfest, Benson, NC CQ WW CW DX Contest
Sep 14		Regular Meeting - 2nd Tu Board Meeting - Last Tue	

BARC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone PCEC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:30 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATIONS

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