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FCC Modifies Amateur Rules to Allow Participation in Disaster and Emergency Drills on Behalf of an Employer without a Waiver

In a Report and Order (R&O) released Wednesday, July 14, the FCC amended Part 97.113 to allow amateurs to participate without an FCC waiver in government-sponsored disaster preparedness drills on behalf of their employers participating in the exercise. The FCC also has amended the rules to allow employees to participate in non-government drills and exercises up to one hour per week and up to two 72-hour periods during the year.

"Experience has shown that amateur operations can and have played an essential role in protecting the safety of life and property during emergency situations and disaster situations," the FCC noted in the R&O. "Moreover, the current Amateur Radio Service rules, which permit participation in such drills and tests by volunteers (ie, non-employees of participating entities), reflect the critical role Amateur Radio serves in such situations. However, as evidenced by recent waiver requests, state and local government public safety agencies, hospitals and other entities concerned with the health and safety of citizens appear to be limited in their ability to conduct disaster and emergency preparedness drills, because of the employee status of Amateur Radio licensees involved in the training exercises. We therefore amend our rules to permit amateur radio operators to participate in government-sponsored emergency and disaster preparedness drills and tests, regardless of whether the operators are employees of the entities participating in the drill or test. We find that extending authority to operate amateur stations during such

drills will enhance emergency preparedness and response and thus serve the public interest."

In order to allow participation in non-governmental disaster drills -- such as those sponsored by ARES® or private hospitals -- the FCC will now allow amateurs employed by an agency participating in such a drill to participate up to one hour per week. In addition, they may also participate in up to two exercises in any calendar year, each for a time period not to exceed 72 hours. "This time limitation, which is consistent with the timeframes contained in the waiver requests filed with the Commission, should serve to further ensure the use of Amateur Radio for bona fide emergency testing," the R&O stated. "We emphasize that the purpose for any drills we authorize herein must be related to emergency and disaster preparedness. By limiting the purpose in this manner, we further ensure that such drills will be appropriately limited."

In amending the Amateur Radio rules, the FCC reiterated that it does not intend to disturb the core principle of the Amateur Radio Service "as a voluntary, non-commercial communication service carried out by duly authorized persons interested in radio technique with a personal aim and without pecuniary interest. Rather, we believe that the public interest will be served by establishing a narrow exception to the prohibition on transmitting amateur communications in which the station control operator has a pecuniary interest or employment relationship,

Next Meeting August 10

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, August 10 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program will be about The Down East Repeater linking system by Doug Blizzard, N4HAJ, from Kinston. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

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

and that such an exception is consistent with the intent of the Amateur Radio Service rules."

The effective date of the R&O is to be determined and will be at some time after its publication in the Federal Register. A more detailed story will be forthcoming from the ARRL. - Via ARRL.ORG



County Hunter Number One?

See page 3 for the reason.

First Half of 2010 Sees Upswing in New Amateur Radio Licenses

With more than 18,000 new Amateur Radio licenses issued in the first half of this year -- 18,270 to be exact -- 2010 is shaping up to be a banner year for Amateur Radio. So far, the number of new licenses issued by the FCC in 2010 is outpacing the January-June 2009 totals by almost 8.5 percent; at this time last year, the FCC had issued 16,844 new licenses.

In 2009, a total of 30,144 new licenses were granted, an increase of almost 7.5 percent from 2008. In 2005, 16,368 new hams joined Amateur Radio's ranks -- just five years later, that number had increased by almost 14,000, a whopping 84 percent! The ARRL VEC is one of 14 VECs who administer Amateur Radio license exams.

Comparing 2010 to 2009, the only month that had higher license totals in 2009 was January: 1960 licenses were issued in January 2009, compared with 1726 in January 2010. Beginning in February, 2010 showed higher new license numbers: 2263 in February 2010 versus 2749 in February 2010; 3463 in March 2009 compared with 3734 in March 2010; 3430 in April 2009 compared with 3508 in April 2010;

2717 in May 2009 compared with 3136 in May 2010, and 3011 in June 2009 versus 3417 in June 2010.

As of June 30, 2010, there are 694,346 licensed Amateur Radio operators in the US, an almost 1 percent rise over all of 2009. In 2009, there were 682,500 licensed Amateur Radio operators in the US, an almost 3 percent rise over 2008. In 2008, there were 663,500 licensed amateurs; there were 655,800 in 2007. Broken down by license class at the end of June 2010, there were 16,299 Novices, 342,064 Technicians, 154,284 Generals, 60,059 Advanced and 121,640 Amateur Extra licensees.

"The ARRL VEC has been busy meeting the needs of the Amateur Radio community by helping people to become radio amateurs or upgrade their existing licenses," said ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. "So far in 2010, ARRL VEs have administered 20,929 exam elements at 3600 ARRL VEC-sponsored exam sessions. The number of amateurs who want to be Volunteer Examiners and who want to teach Amateur Radio classes is also going up -- we've seen a spike in the number of applications from General and Extra class radio amateurs who want to give back to their community by serving as ARRL examiners and instructors." - via ARRL.ORG



Happy Birthday

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

19	KS4YF	Paul Fletcher
20	KV4CN	Dave LeMoine
23	WA4BVH	Lucy Adams
25	KE4NQP	Tom McLaughlin
26	N2BVN	Elizabetha Schultz
30	KE4LQQ	Chester Robins

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

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Tim Nelson, WA4TMN
Charlie Wells, K4SKI
Tom Parsons, W4TEP
Bob Moore, N4USB



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

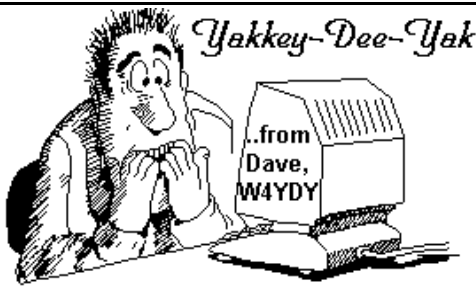


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A couple of years ago, Bernie, WA4MOK, assisted me in checking out my Collins KWM-2 transceiver on 10 meters. The KWM-2 is used occasionally but not too often. It was put on the air in November 1959, a month after Collins announced it in QST. It is serial number 149.

After Bernie and I made several on the air checks getting S9 plus reports, I said, "Oh by the way, I finished up working all counties for the 3rd time yesterday, so thanks for Pitt County for my first county for the 4th time." For some reason, Bernie said the signal was very weak, distorted, trashy and he could not hear W4YDY so the contact was not any good because the signal was not even a 22, more like a 11. But a signal report is not required, just information exchanged, but not necessarily intelligent information! At least W4YDY had a good contact before the signal suddenly disappeared on his ra-

dio. It must have been a one way path because his signal was still very strong. Made all kinds of checks on my transmitter but could find nothing wrong. Wonder if it's his receiver?

W4YDY finished working all counties for the 4th time on July 22, 2010. When the application was sent in, WA4MOK in Pitt County, NC was the **number one station** worked in the list of 3077 counties. K5YVT/M was the last station contacted for number 3077 in Jerauld County, SD.

Congratulations Bernie for being Number ONE.

Hey Bernie. I need a contact for Pitt County for the 5th time!



Dick, K5VYT, at the Jerauld/Sanborn, South Dakota county line for # 3077.

FCC Launches Consumer Help Center

Starting July 28, those who have dealings with the FCC now have a new tool that the FCC claims will put them "within one click of all the information they want" from the Commission: a new "easy-to-use" Consumer Help Center.

"Our new Consumer Help Center makes it easy for consumers to learn about our work and take action," said FCC Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Joel Gurin said in a press release. "Here, in one place, consumers can do a number of things, such as read about consumer issues, get practical advice for avoiding problems, file a complaint, comment on our rulemakings, or read what our FCC experts are saying in our Consumer Blog."

The Consumer Help Center is produced by the FCC's Consumer Task Force, an inter-bureau group established by Chairman Julius Genachowski at the beginning of 2010. The Task Force has led several recent initiatives on major consumer issues. The Consumer Help Center includes:

- * Everything consumers need to know about Bill Shock and Early Termination Fees -- two common issues that affect wireless customers.

- * Savvy Traveler tips -- advice on making phone calls when traveling abroad.

- * Broadband Speed Test -- consumers can test the speed of their broadband service.

- * Fact Sheet Library -- more than 150 consumer Fact Sheets on telecom subjects.

- * Links to additional resources on a range of issues, including privacy.

- * Links to file a complaint to the FCC or comment on our rulemakings.

- * Blog posts about consumer issues -- with consumer comments welcome.

- * News releases, statements and FCC actions.

The site will be updated to include new FCC consumer initiatives as they are launched. - Via ARRL.ORG 7/27/10

ORIGIN OF HAM SPEAK - FACT, LEGENDS AND MYTHS???

Compiled By AC6V From The Internet and Other Unreliable Sources

ORIGIN OF MAYDAY

Opinions From The Internet

Why do ships and aircraft in trouble use "mayday" as their call for help? This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning "help me" - and is pronounced "mayday." (Note: not exactly.... it's pronounced "med-ay", but close enough)

ORIGIN OF HANDLE

The term handle is an old slang term for name that goes back to the cowboys of the Old West. Telegraphers picked it up and the ham radio operators got it from them. CB operators copied the hams. For Hams it can be either the operators first name or a nickname such as Sparks or Rusty. CB'ers often use an alias such as "Dirty Dawg" or "The Blue Modulator"

ORIGIN OF ES = AND IN CW

es as a CW abbreviation for **and** apparently was derived from American Morse which has a symbol for the amper-

sand (&) which sounds almost exactly like dit dididit.

Origin Of RG AS IN RG-58 COAX CABLE

RG means "radio guide" and was the original military specification for coax cable, starting in the 1930s. So what do all the numbers mean ? RG-6, RG-8, RG-58, RG-59, RG-62, RG-122, RG-213, RG-405 and on and on?

The number is just a page in a book. RG-1 was the first page (and obviously wasn't a very successful cable design). RG-6, the sixth page, was wildly successful. Most CATV/broadband cable these days is RG-6.

ORIGIN OF FIST

The early spark transmitters showered the operator with sparks - so Marconi's key lever was lengthened and the padded end was beaten with the 'fist' of the operator to send dots and dashes.

ARRL Argues that Oklahoma Town's RFI Ordinance is "Null and Void"



Saying that only the Federal Communications Commission is empowered to regulate radio frequency interference (RFI), the ARRL has notified Midwest City, Oklahoma, that its local ordinance 27-3(9), seeking to regulate radio transmissions and RFI, is "null and void." Midwest City is in the Oklahoma City metropolitan area.

Midwest City's Ordinance 27-3(9) reads: "In addition to other public nuisances declared by other sections of this Code or law, the following [is] hereby declared to be [a] public nuisance: Operating or using any electrical apparatus or machine which materially and unduly interferes with radio or television reception by others." Section 27 of Midwest City's Ordinances deals with nuisances.

On July 21, ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, wrote to Midwest City Assistant City Manager Dave Ballew, City Attorney Katherine Bolles and Director of Code Enforcement Mike Stroh, informing them that the ARRL had been provided with a copy of the ordinance by amateurs in that community. "We are also aware that a notice was sent by Mr. Stroh on behalf of the City to one of ARRL's members who resides in Midwest City asserting that the FCC-licensed radio amateur to whom the letter was addressed was in violation of the ordinance as the result of radio frequency interference appearing in a neighbor/complainant's home electronic equipment," the letter read. "The licensed radio amateur was ordered to rem-

edy the problem in one day, under penalty of a sanction assessed against the real property of the radio amateur."

Section 27-2 of the nuisance ordinance states the penalty for non-compliance: "It shall be unlawful for any person to create or maintain a public nuisance within the or [sic] to permit a public nuisance to remain on premises under his control within the city" and that "the punishment for a violation of this chapter shall be a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or fifteen (15) days imprisonment or both such fine and imprisonment and shall not exceed two hundred dollars (\$200.00) or thirty (30) days imprisonment or both such fine and imprisonment. Each day a violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense."

The letter explained to the Midwest City officials that as the FCC is the only entity empowered to regulate RFI, that this matter "is not a proper subject for municipal regulation by Midwest City, and your ordinance 27-3(9), which purports to regulate RFI is preempted on its face, and is therefore null and void. The City in fact has absolutely no jurisdiction whatsoever over radio frequency interference. Such regulation is exclusively within the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission and all regulation of radio transmission and interference phenomena is preempted by Federal law."

All radio stations operate, and all telecommunications are regulated pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended. The FCC has exclusive jurisdiction over RFI matters and all technical matters associated with radio communica-

tions. In the letter, General Counsel Imlay presented almost 20 legal cases defining the Commission's role and its sole authority over these matters.

In the Communications Amendments Act of 1982, the legislation clearly demonstrated that Congress intended to completely preempt the regulation of RFI: "The Conference Substitute is further intended to clarify the reservation over matters involving RFI. Such matters will not be regulated by local or state law, nor shall radio transmitting apparatus be subject to local or state regulation as part of any effort to resolve an RFI complaint. The Conferees believe that radio transmitter operators should not be subject to fines, forfeitures, or other liability imposed by any local or state authority as a result of interference appearing in home electronic equipment or systems. Rather, the Conferees intend that regulation of RFI phenomena shall be imposed only by the [Federal Communications] Commission." The Conference also clarified that "the exclusive jurisdiction over RFI incidents (including preemption of state and local regulation of such phenomena) lies with the FCC."

General Counsel Imlay expressed his hope that it will not be necessary to submit Midwest City's Ordinance 27-3(9) to the FCC by way of a Request for a Declaratory Ruling, "but that would be [the ARRL's] planned course of action unless Ordinance 27-3(9) is rescinded and that letter from Mr. Stroh to the radio amateur in Midwest City is retracted immediately. That radio amateur has the full support of ARRL in any action he may choose to take in this connection." - *via ARRL.ORG*

FCC: Vanity Call Sign Fees to Decrease August 17

On July 19, the FCC announced via the Federal Register that the cost of a 10 year Amateur Radio vanity call sign will decrease 10 cents, from \$13.40 to \$13.30. The new fees take effect 30 days after publication, making August 17, 2010, the first day the new fee is in effect. In FY2010, the FCC anticipates granting 14,800 vanity call signs, bringing in \$196,840 from the vanity call sign program. Earlier this year, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Or-



der Rule" -- includes all FCC regulatory fees; (NPRM), these fees are expected to recover a total of seeking \$336,712,213 during FY2010, encompassing all the Services the FCC regulates. The the fee FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term. - *via ARRL.ORG*

Ham Ads

**MORE of ORIGIN OF HAM SPEAK - FACT, LEG-
ENDS AND MYTHS???**

**WHY DID THE ALLIES FAVOR TRF DESIGNED SETS
DURING WWII**


The military used some TRF designed radios because they didn't radiate RF (like Superhets do) and thus couldn't be found by the Axis. The RAK-6 equipment like the CRV-46155 etc. were TRFs during WWII

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)

Wanted: Sony 2010 Shortwave receiver.
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BARC Meeting Minutes - July 2010

BARC Meeting Minutes

Date: July 13, 2010

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

Pledge of allegiance was said.

Introductions were made.

There were 28 members present and recorded in the sign in book.

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

Secretary's Report: Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW announced the Cape Fear Amateur Radio Society SwapFest is on Saturday, August 7, from 8 am to Noon in the Reeves Auditorium, on the Methodist University campus, in Fayetteville. This information is listed on the BARC website.

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

Ham chatter: Dave Langley, W4YDY, announced that he is listing Hamfests on the front page of the BARC website. The Shelby Ham Fest is on Labor Day weekend.

Public Service: Pat Williams, KG4NSC, announced that he would like to have someone take over as the Public Service Chairman.

Publicity: Taylor Millar, W4WTM, announced that he personally e-mailed or called all BARC members to invite them to Field Day.

VE: Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, announced that the next VE exam is on Friday, August 13, at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's School. There is a new Technician question pool.

Eastern Branch ARES: Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, announced the next Areas 1 & 2 meeting, will be on Saturday, August 14, in Plymouth.

He urged everyone to be mindful of the hurricane season.

On August 3, Beaufort County is having a hurricane exercise.

Pitt County ARES: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, passed the net control sign up sheet for the BARC net at 8:00 pm and the ARES net at 8:30 pm, every Monday evening. The next ARES meeting will be on Thursday, July 22, at 7:30 pm, at Peter Van Houghton's office.

Programs: John McCoy, K4KBB, announced that next

month's meeting will be presented by Doug Blizzard, N4HAJ, on the Down East Linking Repeater System.

Old Business: Bob Moore, N4USB, announced that there is still one club rotor for sale.

Cheryl McGuire, KJ4RGP, asked about the ICS Courses link. Dave Pulver, KG4CZW, explained that the link is available at www.pittares.com.

Dave Pulver, KG4CZW, handed out a certificate of appreciation to Pat Williams, KG4NSC, for his service to BARC as Publicity Chair in 2009.

Bill Finch, W4EHF, thanked the club for the Honorary Member award and plaque that he was awarded at the Kinston HamFest.

New Business: Bill All, N3KKM, announced that BARC has been invited to set up a demonstration booth at the International Festival on September 18. The festival will be held at St. Gabriel's Church. If you are interested in participating, please talk to Bill.

Mike Langley, KD4MTT, discussed his new tent that BARC borrowed from him for field day. All members who helped put the tent up, agreed that it was easier to deal with than our older tents. BARC's tents are not in the best condition. He urged the Club to look into a 10 x 20 tent that Cabella's has for sale for \$450.00. Stan Barney, KJ4GDR, has a 10 x 20 tent with sides that he will donate to the club.

John Prokop, N8MPX, announced that he was approached by one of BARC's members about the possibility of a BARC scholarship for a Pitt County student Ham. The board will discuss further details.

Announcements: Byron Highland, K4BMH, has Ham Radio Outlet Catalogs available to members on the front table. He extended thanks to everyone who came to the Down East Hamfest.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Byron Highland, K4BMH, won \$25.00.

Program: The program was presented by Mike Langley, KD4MTT, on emergency preparedness.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, Secretary

BARC Board Minutes - July 2010

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2010

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

Board Members Present: President, John Prokop, N8MPX; 1st Vice President, Bill All, N3KKM; Secretary, Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW; Treasurer, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV; Trustee, Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX; and Past President, Bob Moore, N4USB.

Others in Attendance: Dave Langley, W4YDY; Taylor Millar, W4WTM; and Pat Williams, KG4NSC.

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

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

Publicity: Taylor Millar, W4WTM, announced that the advertisement for the August 10 club meeting will be in the August 8, Sunday paper. He also said that he personally called members of BARC, who have been attending regularly, to invite them to Field Day.

Public Service: Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, announced that the Leo Jenkins Cancer Center will hold a 5K Run on October 24 at 1:30 pm. The start and finish will be at Moe's Southwest Grill.

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Four operators will be needed.

Bill All, N3KKM, discussed the International Festival at St. Gabriel's on September 18. The purpose will be to demonstrate.

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, discussed a training exercise on Saturday, September 18 with the Coastal Carolina Search Team. It will be from 6:00 pm to midnight. He is looking for 5 or more volunteers.

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, received an email from Richard Cox, K4CRD, about the Kiwanis Club in Winterville. They are looking for a member to give a presentation on Amateur Radio. Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, has volunteered to present this on August 19.

VE: Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, announced that the next VE session is on Friday, August 13 at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's School. The new Technician exams have gone in to effect. The old tests have been purged.

Equipment: Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, researched the tent mentioned at the BARC meeting. He passed around information from Cabella's. Ted proposes that we purchase two of them. The time that would be saved in putting the tents up could be used for setting up radios. We can also set them up with less people. Bob Moore, N4USB, will call and see if

Cabella's will give him a military or other discount.

ARES: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, held a Pitt County ARES meeting last Thursday, July 22. They discussed this year's hurricane season. A better idea of what to expect will be available in a couple of weeks. Seven jump kits are now available.

Old Business: John Prokop, N8MPX, announced that the QSO points for Field Day were 1444. The bonus points were 1480.

New Business: Bob Moore, N4USB, brought up the question of whether BARC was registered with the Chamber of Commerce. Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, said that we are not members, but we are listed in the *Living in Pitt County* publication that is put out by the Chamber. Discussion on the criteria for the proposed scholarship ensued. John Prokop, N8MPX, is currently researching how other scholarships are run. We will possibly be ready to offer one by the Fall semester of 2011. We agreed that we will be targeting high school seniors that have a Ham license.

Adjournment: 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW
Secretary

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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

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

NTS CW Nets

- ◆ 3.571 2000 hours, slow speed (5-8 wpm) Carolinas Slow Net
- ◆ 3.573 1900 hours, high speed (20 wpm)
- ◆ 3.573 2200 hours, slow speed (12-14 wpm), South Carolina/North Carolina

Pitt County Repeater Association

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White House Budget Office Names FCC "Most Improved" Federal Agency

The Federal Communications Commission is the "most improved" agency across the entire federal government, according to the 2010 OPM Viewpoint Employee Satisfaction Survey released Monday, July 12 by the White House's Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

"I am delighted that the FCC has been recognized as the 'most improved' federal agency," said FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski. "The survey results reflect the hard work being done throughout the agency to make the FCC a model of excellence in government. The FCC's reform agenda, which builds on the im-

pressive strides made by Commissioner Cops as acting chairman, includes creating new opportunities for employees to provide feedback; improving employee communication through technology and new media; and focusing on leadership development and opportunities for employees. I applaud the work of the FCC management and staff and look forward to more great things to come."

This survey is an annual online survey led by the OMB to gauge job satisfaction and motivation within federal agencies. The survey was distributed in March and reached more than half a million federal government employees. - via ARRL.ORG

BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 7	CFARS SwapFest-Fayetteville, NC	Oct 28	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
Aug 10	Regular Meeting	Oct 30/31	CQ WW SSB DX Contest
Aug 13	BARC VE Session	Nov 6/7	ARRL CW Sweepstakes
Aug 31	Board Meeting	Nov 9	Regular Meeting - Elections
Sep 2	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Nov 20/21	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
Sep 4/5	Shelby Hamfest, Dallas, NC	Nov 21	JARSfest, Benson, NC
Sep 11	Virginia Beach Hamfest	Nov 27/28	CQ WW CW DX Contest
Sep 11	ARRL Sept VHF QSO Party	Nov 30	Board Meeting
Sep 14	Regular Meeting	Dec 2	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
Sep 25/26	CQ WW RTTY Contest	Dec 4/5	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
Sep 28	Board Meeting	Dec 11-12	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Sep 30	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Dec 14	Christmas Party
Oct 13	Regular Meeting	Dec 17	BARC VE Session
Oct 15	BARC VE Session		
Oct 26	Board Meeting		

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 8:30 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone
BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATIONS

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August 10

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