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## BARC member KC3X home destroyed by tornado on April 16, 2011

**Next Meeting**  
**May 10, 2011**



Hollis Thigpen, KC3X, was interviewed by WCTI-TV 12 on April 17.



WCTI reporter at end of hallway where Hollis and Sandy took cover.



The house was destroyed in seconds and left in a pile of rubble.



The nearby metal garage was also destroyed along with his Harley.

On April 16, 2011, many tornadoes touched down in Central and Eastern North Carolina, including the Snow Hill area. Hollis, KC3X, and his wife Sandy, K4SMT, were not so lucky in that their possessions were hit by an EF 3 tornado with winds of 150 to 165 MPH. Hollis and Sandy heard the warnings and went to the end of the hall. A door fell across them and protected them from the flying debris. Hollis said, "The first thing they heard was the house pop and at that point, it was just bedlam. You can just imagine the horren-

dous ripping apart of the house and everything." He said, "It finally died down and we got out of all the rubble and we walked outside and we saw that everything was gone." Pictures are from the WCTI video.

His truck was the only vehicle not destroyed and it is now in the repair shop. The radios in the truck were the only ones not lost or damaged. The next day, Hollis said there were about 25 people there helping salvage what they could. BARC member, Mike Langley, KD4MTT, was among the group helping.

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



NC4RY

Robert Young, NC4RY. Robert is the designer and technical support of the screwdriver Tarheel Antennas. Always a great program. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

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

Hollis and Sandy stayed with friends in Snow Hill for a few days. On Tuesday 3 days after the storm, one of his county hunter friends, Ed Fisher, N3HOO, drove his very nice motor home down from Chambersburg, PA for Hollis and Sandy to use. Picture on page 3.

WCTI-TV, Channel 12 in New Bern, did a 2 minute interview with Hollis the day after the storm and thanks to Lyle Schulze, WCTI VP/General Manager, it is posted on the [w4amc.com](http://w4amc.com) web site. The link was sent to the club members and others and it was also posted on the county hunter forum. A record has been set by the number of views by a video on the club web site. There have been 1,973 requests for the video in the first 13 1/2 days. The BARC Field Day video that has been online for 5 months has 127 requests.

## April BARC VE Session Results



### April exam session

There were six candidates for Amateur Radio exams on April 15 and all were upgrades and successful. Receiving the General Class license, were BARC

First Vice President Richard Campbell, **KG4SNE**, Farmville; Jimmy Jenkins, **KD4MXH**, Kinston; and Matthew McManhon, **N2RPO**, Greenville. Earning their Amateur Extra license were Paul Catrou, **WA4MXT**, Greenville; Daniel Stanford, **W6DVS**, Araphahoe and BARC member Dan Wallace, **K4HMW**, Washington. Congratulations to all.

The VE's that attended were VE Liaison Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, Bob Moore, **N4USB**, Thomas Styron, **KB7L**, and Dave Langley, **W4YDY**.

The next regular VE session will be June 10, 2011. (*W4YDY photo*)

## Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **June 10**. 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](mailto: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 .
- ◆ 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.

## Pitt County ARES News – May 2011

### Hurricane Awareness Day:

On Wednesday, May 4, 2011, the Orion P-3 "Hurricane Hunter" aircraft will be on public display at Cherry Point from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The public will be able to go inside the aircraft and talk with the meteorologists who fly into the storms. There will also be information displays highlighting hurricane safety/preparedness.

### Pitt County ARES Meeting:

The next Pitt County ARES meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at the offices of East Carolina Retina Consultants, located at 2501 Stantonsburg Road in Greenville. 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](mailto:kg4czv@gmail.com). 73, Dave KG4CZV

## NC ARES Internet

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

### Pitt County ARES

<http://www.pittares.com/>



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## Happy Birthday

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

9 KJ4YWF Kevin Cooper  
14 W4TEP Tom Parsons  
22 K4DKW Jeffery Meyer  
29 KJ4RGQ Margaret McGuire

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

## Well Wishes

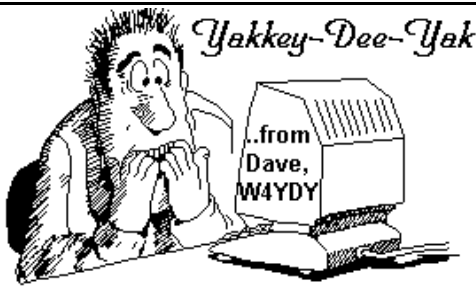
Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Tim Nelson, **WA4TMN**  
Charlie Wells, **K4SKI**  
Tom Parsons, **W4TEP**  
Bob Moore, **N4USB**  
John Prokop, **N8MPX**



Please inform Richard Campbell, **KG4SNE**, [campbellerecu@embarqmail.com](mailto:campbellerecu@embarqmail.com) of any changes.

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very bad weather in April. Sure hope May is better. BARC member, Hollis Thigpen, **KC3X**, suffered the biggest loss. An EF-3 tornado went right through his home and wiped it out along with his large metal garage, 72 foot crank-up tower, 2 pack barns and his transportation. Only his pickup truck may be able to be repaired. His motorcycle trailer was found in the woods over 6/10 of a mile away. Thanks to the

many friends of Hollis and Sandy, people have been helping with the cleanup and hauling away the trash.

Bernie Nobles, **WA4MOK**, and I went over to see Hollis and he told us more of their scary experience. A large side by side refrigerator with doors missing was at the back of his yard. It came from one of the houses destroyed over 800 feet away across the highway. -*W4YDY (168th issue)*

**Murray Merner, K4MHM, leaving**

BARC is losing one of its most active members, Murray Merner, **K4MHM**. Murray recently retired and is moving to Raleigh to be near his family.

He has been a very valuable member and has received many awards and held many positions, including First Vice President, 1998; President, 1999-2000; Board Member, 2001; Technician Class Coordinator, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002; Ham Chatter Contributing Editor, 1998-2003; Ham of the Year award 1998, 2003; FD chairman 2003, 2006, 2007, 2008; VE since 1997; Elmer of the Year, 1997, 2000, 2001; OM of the year 2002; and Secretary 2007, 2008. He received a BARC Special Services Plaque in 2003.

In addition, Murray has participated in many special event operations, including Boy Scouts and festivals. He has particularly worked hard to get more people started in Amateur Radio, especially young people. Murray is an outstanding Elmer. Murray said he is planning to join the Raleigh ARS. Our loss is their gain. Good luck Murray. We'll miss you!!

**KC3X disaster**

As everyone knows, we had some

**Murray Merner, K4MHM, needs help with tower removal**

The following email was received from Murray Merner, **K4MHM**, May 2, 2011.

"I retired March 25. Since our daughter and her family are living in Raleigh and my son and his family plan to move to central North Carolina, Mary and I decided to move to Raleigh. This is with mixed emotions since we have been here 25 years and have many friends, neighbors and I have been a ham and member of BARC for about half that time.

We were extremely please to have received an offer to buy the house in less than 3 weeks, however the buyer wants to close on or before June 3! That gives us little time to find, buy and move into another place. Also I have a tower and beam to take down and I need help. Since I am retired I can do it any day of the week, but

I know most guys still work during the week so Saturday or Sunday may be the only days I can get help. That leaves Saturdays/Sundays of May 7/8, 14/15, 21/22 and 28/29. Could you send out an e-mail using the BARC reflector describing my need for help taking down the tower and beam?

We looked at homes in Raleigh this past weekend and where we have some interest it doesn't appear that they are too ham friendly and I eventually may need to sell the tower and beam.

Thanks and 73,

Murray  
H: 757-3429  
K4MHM@arrl.net"

**If anyone can help, please contact Murray.**

**ARRL Scores Partial Victory in ReconRobotics Proceeding**

The FCC has given radio amateurs a partial victory in response to the ARRL's challenge, in a Petition for Reconsideration, of a rules waiver that permits the certification and licensing of the Recon Scout -- a remote-controlled, maneuverable surveillance robot operating in the 430-448 MHz band. The device is marketed to public safety agencies and certain security personnel by ReconRobotics Inc.

In an Order on Reconsideration released on April 15, the FCC granted the ARRL's request for changes in the

labeling and instruction manual requirements to ensure that users of the device are aware of its limitations, with regard to interference. Noting that no applications for individual licenses to operate the Recon Scout had been granted, the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, and the Office of Engineering and Technology deferred to the Commission's Enforcement Bureau with regard to complaints that ReconRobotics has been marketing uncertified devices and that the devices have been operating without authorization. - via ARRL.COM 4/19/11

- Read more at <<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-scores-partial-victory-in-reconrobotics-proceeding>>.



**Hollis and Bernie near the temporary "home" furnished by Ed Fisher, N3HOO.**

## World Radio Labs Founder Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ (SK)

Leo Meyerson, W0GFQ, of Omaha, Nebraska, passed away on Wednesday, April 13. He was 100. In 1935, Meyerson, an ARRL Life Member, founded Wholesale Radio Laboratories - the forerunner to World Radio Labs -- in Council Bluffs, Iowa. For his contributions to Amateur Radio, Meyerson was named the 1997 Ham of the Year at the Dayton Hamvention.

In honor of Meyerson's 100th birthday, Chapter 154 of the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) hosted a birthday party for him and ran W0G as a special event station on February 24. QCWA National President Bob Roske, N0UF, requested that hams who would like to join the celebration send Meyerson a QSL card and write "Happy 100th Birthday, Leo" on it. Hams have told the ARRL that Meyerson received "hundreds, if not thousands" of birthday QSLs.

Meyerson collaborated with Jim Musgrove, K5BZH, on his autobiography, called *In Tune with Leo*. "Leo Meyerson is someone who really impressed me," Musgrove told the ARRL. "He may not have been tall, but he was certainly a giant of a man. Leo's interest in radio developed in 1920 at the age of 9. It was that year that KDKA in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania first went on the air. As more broadcast stations hit the ether, Leo listened for them and logged the ones he heard. In 1924, Leo found a set of plans in a magazine that described how to build a breadboard transmitter. Leo -- already known as 'That Crazy Meyerson Kid' -- built one and put it on the air. No, it was not legal. He played the piano and records. That stunt earned Leo the distinction of being the first broadcast station in Council Bluffs. It also caused him to find two visitors at the Meyerson's front door who wanted to see the transmitter and advised him that he was operating illegally."

Musgrove recalled that a bit later Leo started removing turns off the plug-in coils on a receiver so he could listen to those higher frequencies that he had read about in magazines: "In 1927, he heard W9CHT, his first encounter with a ham. That experience really captured his attention. In 1928, Leo got his ham license, W9GFQ. In those days, there was no 0 call district."

Meyerson attended college in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he planned on a career as a musician; he was an accomplished piano and French horn player. "He had teamed with another young man, Leo Skalowski, and they called their act Leo and Leo," Musgrove explained. "They were on their way to achieving success, but one evening while waiting at the theater, Leo received a call that Skalowski had been killed in an auto accident. This hit Leo hard, and he ended his desire for a music career and quit school."

Meyerson returned home and began working in his father's grocery store; in January 1933, he opened his own store. Two months later, he married Helen Wolinsky. She passed away a few years ago. When the lease on his store expired, his father encouraged Meyerson to come back and work for him, but he had been bitten by the electronics bug and decided to go into business selling things that radio amateurs needed.

"Leo spent a lot of hours and hard work to make it pay, but WRL became a successful operation," Musgrove told the ARRL. "During World War II -- when Amateur Radio was shut

down -- Leo and a friend Al Shideler, W9IFI, launched Scientific Radio Products to manufacture FT-243 crystals for Uncle Sam. It was a very successful operation and the crystals from that operation still surface at hamfests. After the war, Leo sold his interest to Al so he could focus on WRL again. Al took the operation across the river to Omaha and later to Loveland, Colorado. The last I knew, Al's son was still running it as Colorado Crystal Corporation."

WRL Manufacturing, a subsidiary of WRL, soon began offering the Globe line of sturdy, reliable AM/CW transmitters; these rigs used proven circuit designs with comfortable operating margins. All but the smallest beginner's rigs had full high-level AM modulation, and all but the massive Globe King 500 were available as a kit or wired.

In 1953, the company name was changed to WRL Electronics, and then to Globe Electronics in 1956. In 1959, the company was sold to Textron. Meyerson continued in the retail radio business with World Radio, getting back into manufacturing with Galaxy Electronics in 1962. This company was sold to Hy-Gain in 1970. Meyerson retired in 1977, dividing his time between Omaha and the California desert, and continuing as an active radio amateur until his death.

The Globe emblem first appeared on products made by World Radio Labs with the 1948 model Globe Champion transmitter. The early units produced 150 W input on phone or CW with coverage from 160-10 meters; the rig was a two section unit, complete with power supply. The RF section sold complete with tubes, power supply, panel and one set of coils as a kit for \$149, and wired for \$159. The speech amplifier and modulator sections were sold separately. This unit was the beginning of a long line of rigs from WRL Globe through the 1950s, including the Globe King, Globe Scout, Globe Chief and the first sideband rig, the Globe SideBander -- a double sideband transmitter.

"Leo provided a lot of help with emergency communications during a 1952 flood in Council Bluffs," Musgrove told the ARRL. "The Meyerson residence became a meeting place for about 100 people from such places as the Red Cross, Civil Air Patrol and the National Guard, as well as the police and fire departments. WRL loaned ham equipment to set-up some stations. More than 150 hams from 23 states helped assist. The entire Meyerson family was and still is an impressive bunch and is very community-minded."

In 1964, Meyerson teamed up with his friend Hugh Tinley, K0GHK, to fly down to British Honduras to participate in the ARRL International SSB DX Contest. Musgrove said that Father Phil Pick, HR2FP, made arrangements for them to be housed, bedded and set up in a mountain retreat some 90 miles away from Belize City. Meyerson operated as VPIGFQ.

Funeral services were Sunday, April 17 at 2 PM at the Temple Israel Cemetery Chapel in Omaha. -- Thanks to the following for information: Jim Musgrove, K5BZH; Joe Eisenberg, K0NEB; Brian Sherrod, W5AMI, and Hugh Stegman, NV6H - *via ARRL.COM 04/15/2011*

**Editors Note:** My first transmitter was from WRL. It was a used Harvey-Wells TBS-50D. It arrived 12/24/52. - W4YDY

# 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](mailto:barc@w4amc.com) (no spaces)

**FOR SALE:** ACER 19" LED flat screen computer monitor VGA, & DVI Inputs. Asking \$75.00.  
Call either 756-0020 or 531-4112.  
Bernard Nobles **WA4MOK**

**WANTED:** Sony 2010 and a Kenwood RA-5 VHF/UHF Telescoping HT Antenna.  
Neal, **NC4RR**, Ph: 946-3840, Email; [nscsxxr@centurylink.net](mailto:nscsxxr@centurylink.net)


**MOVING SALE:** Glen Martin Engineering RT-936 nine foot roof tower, fully assembled and on the ground. LR-8400 lighting rod kit, MA-1049 medium duty aluminum mast, KB-1100 sidearm, and a run of ground cable (50' to 75'), all never used. Prefer complete package sale. Over \$735 new.

Hammarlund HQ-170AVHF receiver for sale. It lit up the last time I tried, but it needs a complete rebuild, including a steam cleaning to get rid of the ashtray smell. I'd like about \$225 for it.

Troy-Bilt mower, used one season, then overhauled and stored. I'm pretty sure it's a 36" cut. Fluids and maybe a new battery are all it needs. It was about \$1000 new. I'm willing to deal.

Harry Pliscof, **K8HP**, Phone # is 227-4641.

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## BARC Meeting Minutes - April 2011

BARC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 12, 2011

**Call to Order:** 7:36 PM

President John Prokop, **N8MPX**, opened the meeting.

There were 25 members present as recorded in the sign in book.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** was lead by Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the March Board Meeting were approved as published in Ham Chatter.

**Secretary's Report:** Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**, had nothing to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, gave the report. Further information regarding the Treasurer's Report is available to members upon request.

**Equipment:** Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, had nothing to report.

**VE:** Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, announced that the next VE session is on Friday, April 15 at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's School.

**Health and Welfare:** Richard Campbell, **KG4SNE**, reported that the Well Wishes are as published in the BARC newsletter. Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, indicated that Lucy Adams, **WA4BVH**, would appreciate visitors. Her contact information can be found in the BARC roster.

**Ham Chatter:** Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported that he will be making updates to the club website and that the new roster is published on the club website.

**Publicity:** Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, reported that tonight's meeting was published in the Sunday Daily Reflector and the upcoming VE session announcement was published in today's paper.

**Pitt County ARES:** Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, referred members to page 1 of April Ham Chatter for details about upcoming events.

The State ARES meeting on Saturday, April 30 begins at 9am, rather than 10 AM, as reported in the April Ham Chatter.

On Thursday, May 19, a Pitt County ARES meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at the office of Peter Van Houten, **KG4WEZ**.

There may be a training opportunity with the Coastal Carolina Search Team training course Saturday, May 14. More details will be available in the future.

**Future Programs:** John McCoy, **K4KBB** reported the following tentative programs: May - Robert Young (Tarheel antennas), June - no meeting (Field Day), July - Mike Langley, **KD4MTT** (First Aid), September - Vern Wenger (Batteries Plus). Anyone with program ideas for August, October, and November is encouraged to contact John.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:** Paul Fletcher, **KS4YF**, reported that Saturday, April 16 is Earth Day, at River Park North from 10 am to 1 PM.

**Announcements:** Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, announced that the Field Day site will be the one used last year. Further discussion followed about Field Day planning.

Murray Merner, **K4MHM**, reported that Margaret McGuire, **KJ4RGO**, was the Down East emergency net control today; 9 hospitals participated. This net control operates at 1200 hr the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Byron Highland, **K4BMH**, reported that June 18<sup>th</sup> is Down East Hamfest. Tickets will be available at the next club meeting.

**50/50 Drawing Winner:** John Prokop, **N8MPX**

**Adjournment:** 8:05 pm

**Program:** Prentice Tyndall, **N4VBH**, from Pitt Community College, presented a program about the Pitt Community College ARC, **K4PCC**, and Electronics Engineering Technology Programs offered at PCC.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brenda Bertrand, KJ4GDS, Secretary*

## BARC Board Minutes - April 2011

BARC Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** April 26, 2011

**Call to Order:** 7:30 PM

**Board Members Present:** President John Prokop, **N8MPX**; 1<sup>st</sup> VP Richard Campbell, **KG4SNE**; Treasurer Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**; Trustee Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, Trustee Dave Langley, **W4YDY**

**Minutes:** The minutes from the March Board Meeting were approved as published in Ham Chatter.

**Secretary's Report:** Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, had nothing to report for Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, gave the report. Further information regarding the Treasurer's Report is available to members upon request.

**VE:** Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, announced that on Friday, April 15, there were 6 candidates upgraded (4 General, 2 Extra Class licenses were earned). The next VE session is on Friday, June 10 at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's School.

**Equipment:** Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, had nothing to report.

**Health and Welfare:** Richard Campbell, **KG4SNE**, reported that the Well Wishes are as published in the BARC newsletter.

**Ham Chatter:** Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported that the May 2011 edition of Ham Chatter marks the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> year of his editorship for Ham Chatter. Thank you Dave!! Anyone interested in participating as Assistant Editor is encouraged to contact Dave.

**Publicity:** Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported for Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, that announcement ads for the club meetings and VE sessions will be placed in the Daily Reflector.

**Programs:** Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported for John McCoy, **K4KBB**, that Robert Young from Tarheel Antennas will present the May program and that Field Day will replace the June program.

**Pitt County ARES/Public Service:** Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, reported that the MS Walk is Saturday, April 30. Pitt County

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## BARC Board Minutes - April 2011

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ARES will be participating.

On Thursday, May 19, a Pitt County ARES meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at the office of Peter Van Houten, **KG4WEZ**.

On April 16 the SkyWARN net was activated on the W4GDF Repeater (146.09 MHz) for 3+ hours. There were 22 check-ins, and 3 severe weather reports were passed.

**Old Business:** Board members discussed the potential purchase of pop-up tents for use on Field Day.

**New Business:** Nothing to report.

**Adjournment:** 8.45 pm

Respectfully submitted by

*Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX,*

for *Brenda Bertrand, KJ4GDS*

## ARRL to Change Providers for Equipment Protection, Club Liability Insurance Plans

On May 1, 2011, the ARRL will begin a new partnership to provide its ARRL-sponsored Equipment Insurance and Club Liability Insurance plans. The League has signed an agreement with Hays Affinity Group to serve as the program administrator to provide equipment insurance to its members who choose to elect coverage. In addition, Hays will also provide club liability insurance to ARRL Affiliated Clubs for those clubs that wish to take advantage of that program. Hays will be replacing Marsh Affinity Group Services as the program's administrator and will be introducing new policies for both plans, underwritten by the Hanover Insurance Company.

Not only is equipment protection coverage through Hays Affinity Group slightly less expensive than with Marsh, it's easier to enroll in the plans. You can sign up online and even schedule your equipment online, too. With Hays Affinity Group, you can have all your radio equipment covered, even the computers, hard drives and printers in your shack. You can also elect to have coverage for your towers and antennas, up to \$15,000 replacement cost. All losses are settled on the replacement cost value you have stated for your equipment. In addition, any newly acquired equipment during the policy term, up to a value of \$2000, will be covered until your next policy renewal. All this -- and more -- with only a \$50 deductible.

Be assured, if you currently have equipment or club liability insurance provided through Marsh Affinity Group, your coverage will continue through the end of your current policy. But keep in mind that when your policy expires, your coverage will not automatically be switched over to Hays. You will need to enroll with Hays to continue coverage under an ARRL sponsored plan. If you wish to switch to either of the new insurance policies now, you will have to cancel your policy with Marsh and sign up with Hays, or wait until your policy with Marsh is due for renewal and then sign up with Hays for coverage. If you choose to cancel with Marsh before renewal, you will receive a pro-rated refund of any unused premium fees you have paid.

The ARRL has been providing opportunities for equipment insurance to its members for more than 25 years. By choosing to let Hays Affinity Group cover your equipment, you are helping to support the ARRL; a portion of each premium comes back to the League to help fund programs that enable you to enjoy your on-air privileges. - via *ARRL.COM 4/7/11*

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## NETS

### 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
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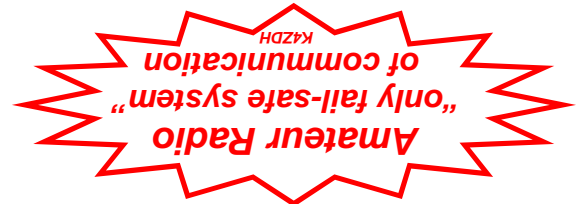
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# BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 10 .....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Aug 9 .....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
May 28/29 .....	CQ WW CW WPX Contest	Aug 12 .....	BARC <b>VE</b> Session
May 31 .....	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Aug 30 .....	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Jun 2 .....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>	Sep 1 .....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>
Jun 10 .....	BARC <b>VE</b> Session	Sep 3/4 .....	<b>Shelby Hamfest</b>
Jun 14 .....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Sep 13 .....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Jun 18 .....	Down East Hamfest <b>Kinston</b>	Sep 24/25 .....	CQ WW RTTY Contest
Jun 25/26 .....	ARRL Field Day	Sep 27 .....	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Jun 28 .....	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Sep 29 .....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>
Jun 30 .....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>	Oct 11 .....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Jul 9 .....	IARU HF World Championship	Oct 14 .....	BARC <b>VE</b> Session
Jul 12 .....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Oct 25 .....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>
Jul 16 .....	<b>Cary</b> Midsummer Swapfest	Oct 29/30 .....	CQ WW SSB DX Contest
Jul 26 .....	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Dec 16 .....	BARC <b>VE</b> Session
Jul 28 .....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>		<b>Regular Meeting</b> - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
			<b>Board Meeting</b> - Last Tuesday @ 7:30 PM

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Next Meeting  
May 10

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