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Hurricane Watch Net Seeks New Members



The various organizations that assist the National Hurricane Center (NHC) in Miami are gearing up for what

forecasters are predicting to be a very active storm season. One organization that assists the NHC is the Hurricane Watch Net (HWN). One of the functions of HWN is to provide on-the-ground, real-time weather data to the forecasters at the NHC. The HWN gets this weather data from Amateur Radio operators who volunteer their time to monitor data from their calibrated home weather stations and report that data to the HWN. To better assist the NHC, HWN Manager Kirk Harding, K6KAR, told the ARRL that the HWN is looking for new members.

"The Hurricane Watch Net relies on volunteer operators -- our members -- who serve as our net control stations," Harding said. "HWN members are hams who have above-average stations, are capable of effectively conducting HF net operations and are willing to commit their time to operating in support of the HWN's mission during Net activations." The HWN net operates on 14.325 MHz, so prospective members must be able to legally transmit on that frequency to participate.

Harding said that the HWN is looking for new members with stations that can effectively communicate with Central America and the Caribbean.

T h e Mexico and South Texas on the 20 meter band. "As we head into the 2011 hurricane season, we're looking for qualified amateurs who are located anywhere within North America or the Caribbean," he said. "We are also looking for bilingual hams. We recognize that some Latin American operators hesitate to check in and send reports to us if they aren't fluent in English, so we're also interested in hearing from hams who are fluent in both Spanish and English. When we're working storms that are either affecting or threatening areas where Spanish is the language of choice, we always try to have one or more bilingual HWN members on hand to help with reporting."

> Harding explained that the Hurricane Watch Net is generally activated when a named Atlantic basin storm is within 300 miles of landfall. Hurricane season in the Atlantic Ocean runs from June 1-November 30, peaking from late August through September; the Pacific Ocean season runs from May 15-November 30. Of course, hurricanes may occur at any time of the year. National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center predicts that the 2011 hurricane season will see above-average activity with 12-18 named storms, with 6-10 of those storms becoming hurricanes. Of these storms, three to six could develop into major hurricanes (Category 3, 4 or 5). The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) defines a normal hurricane season as having 11 named storms -- including six hurricanes -- with two becoming major hurricanes.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Hurricane Watch Net, please visit the Membership Information page on the HWN website at http://www.hwn.org/home/membership-info.html. - via arrl.org

Next Meeting August 9, 2011

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday,

August 9 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program will be by David Sawyer, Chief Meteorologist at WNCT-TV All men



Meteorologist at David Sawyer
WNCT-TV. All members, families and
guests are invited to attend.

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

BARC VE Sessions have a new home! New day and dates posted on web

Thanks to BARC VE Liaison Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, and other club members, there were several suggestions and offers for a facility to hold exams.

The location selected is the same as regular club meetings at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. **Exams will be held on the third TUESDAY of EVEN months.** For maps and pictures of the facility, go to the BARC web site at http://www.w4amc.com/barcinfo.html#VE. The new day and dates for 2011 and 2012 are also posted on the site.

The next regular VE session will be August 16, 2011. This is a new date and day for BARC VE exams.

The World (LoTW), you

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with the Republic of South

Sudan stations anytime.

There is no need to hold

them out of your log or do

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what you already have

names

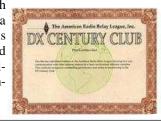
Sudan license holders,

The Republic of South Sudan Is Now a DXCC Entity

At 10:18 AM (EDT) on Thursday, Roll and annual listings is December 31, so July 14, the UN General Assembly met to you must submit the new entity to DXCC vote on whether or not to admit the Repub- by then in order to retain your Honor Roll lic of South Sudan as its 193rd member status," Moore explained. "For Logbook of

state. The Republic of South Sudan was admitted by a vote of acclamation and is now a member of the United Nations. Immediately following the General Assembly meeting, the flag of the

Republic of South Sudan flew for the first time in front of the UN, ceremoniously marking its membership in the UN. Now that the Republic of South Sudan is member of the United



been doing. You do not need to assign country identifiers. After we issue certificates to the Republic of South

LoTW will make Nations, the new country is now a DXCC matches and assign the correct entities entity by way of Section II, 1(a) of the automatically."

As of July 14, the International immediately accepting QSOs for this new Telecommunication Union (ITU) has not announced a prefix block for the Republic According to DXCC Manager of South Sudan.

For programmers and others who bers move from 340 to 341 for the Top of require use of the DXCC entity code, the the Honor Roll, and for Honor Roll it be- code assigned to Republic of South Sudan

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members birthdays in August.

DXCC rules. The DXCC Desk will begin

Bill Moore, NC1L, the Honor Roll num-

entity, with a start date of July 14, 2011.

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19	KS4YF	Paul Fletcher
20	KV4CN	Dave LeMoine
23	WA4BVH	Lucy Adams
25	K4GOE	Al Mullis
25	KE4NQP	Tom McLaughli
26	MODUM	Elizabatha Cabu

Elizabetha Schultz Chester Robins

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

comes 332. "The deadline for the Honor is 521. - via ARRL.ORG 07/14/2011

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the follow-

Charlie Wells, K4SKI Tom Parsons, W4TEP Bob Moore, N4USB John Prokop, N8MPX Paul Copeland, K4KCS



Please inform Richard Campbell, W4JNC, campbellerecu @ embargmail.com of any

changes.

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held Tuesday, August 16. VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road 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.
- 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.

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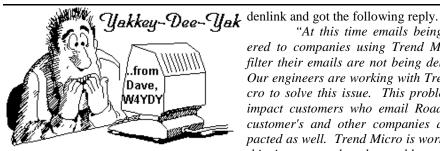


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For those that like to work DX, parts of the bands have some really big pileups with the new country, South Sudan. A DX team is in South Sudan until August 10. The call sign is ST0R and they are operating on SSB, CW and SSB. They started on July 22 and as of July 31, they had made over 63,000 contacts. They are using 6 transceivers and other equipment. Their web site is at http://www.dxfriends. com/SouthernSudan2011/index.php>.

I was lucky to get them on 15 meter RTTY for my 298th county. I had spent about 30 minutes each on 17 meter CW and RTTY in the giant pileups with no luck. They operate on one frequency and listen about 2 to 10 kHz up the band. When I did get them on 15 meters, I called 10 times in 10 minutes. When I saw my call coming back on the screen, I was very surprised and almost forgot my reply. But The nice thing about he did QSL it! RTTY, I have the QSO in a notepad file the the RTTY programs automatically saves. Follows is the date file saved with the OSO starting with my tenth call. The extra characters you see is decoded noise. On his last transmission to me you can see where he is listening UP the band. It was only 8 seconds from my call to my reply. <110728 20:49:33 TX>

DE W4YDY W4YDY W4YDY DE W4YDY W4YDY W4YDY <110728 20:49:44 RX>

6PBL4YDY 599 W4YDYVOVX <110728 20:49:52 TX>

DE W4YDY OSL UR 599-599 DE W4YDY TU

<110728 20:50:00 RX>

MJVOXW4YDY TU ST0R UP

Some stations are trying to work them on many bands and modes. The pileup are such a wild mess, it's just not that much fun for me.

Suddenlink is having problems getting email to RoadRunner servers. I have had many to bounce back. Several days before writing this, I emailed Sud-

ered to companies using Trend Micro to Solve Rogue Keyer Problem filter their emails are not being delivered. on 17 Meters Our engineers are working with Trend Micro to solve this issue. This problem will K3DOB -- an Official Observer (OO) in impact customers who email Roadrunner ARRL's Eastern Pennsylvania Section -customer's and other companies are im- notified ARRL Headquarters of a keyer pacted as well. Trend Micro is working on continuously sending a series of dits on this issue to solve the problem and we 18.0855 MHz. According to ARRL Field deeply apologize for any inconvenience Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, this has caused. This problem is not in K0BOG, Bilous kept hearing the dits your settings nor something Suddenlink is throughout the night. doing. It is an issue with a third party who helps direct and manage email traffic and OOs to monitor the frequency, but the sigwe are trying to resolve the issue with them nal was proving hard to locate via direction as swiftly as possible."

dresses or forwarding email such as arrl. OOs across the country to monitor and colnet, will work. I have used the arrl.net addresses and have no problem. It's a sim- bearings and signal strength reports," Skople solution for ARRL members. If you laut said. "We had a great response from are using RoadRunner and on my list, quite a number of Official Observers." But please email me with an alternate email the signal was still proving elusive, so Skoaddress. - W4YDY

June 10, 2011 BARC VE Session Results

There were two candidates for Amateur Radio exams on June 10 and both were successful. John Sutherland, Pin Mountain, GA passed the Technician and General Class exams and on June 16. he received the new call sign KK4CRE. He has since changed to a vanity call, W4JCS. He held the call, W4MRE, years ago before his license lapsed. John is working temporally in Greenville and formerly held an amateur license. Ronald 'Dean' Patsel, Edenton, NC, passed the Technician exam and received the call sign **KK4CRD**. Congratulations to both.

The VE's that attended were VE Liaison Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, Bob Moore, N4USB, Byron Highland, K4BMH, and Dave Langley, W4YDY.

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"At this time emails being deliv-

On July 15, Walt Bilous,

Skolaut asked Bilous to alert other finding due to changing propagation and Those that have other email ad-fading conditions on the band. "We alerted lect additional information for us including laut contacted the FCC for assistance.

> "By Monday evening, July 18, the FCC indicated that the dits were originating in California, ruling out speculation that it might even be coming from outside the United States," Skolaut explained. "On Tuesday, we received word that the FCC had pinpointed the exact location of the dits. They visited the radio amateur's home, found the cause and the transmitter was immediately shut off." According to the FCC, an amateur in Northern California had unintentionally left his keyboard too close to his keyer paddle, and the paddle somehow got pushed against the keyboard, making it send continuous dits.

> "We appreciate the efforts of all the involved Official Observers and the prompt follow up by the FCC in pinpointing the source of the transmissions and getting them stopped to prevent further interference on the band," Skoluat said. "Since signals on 17 meters may travel long distances, we received a number of reports from stations overseas who supplied signal strength reports along with bearings. This incident prompts a very important reminder to all amateurs to always be vigilant when operating and if leaving your operating position, to turn off or secure your transmitters to avoid situations like this from happening." - via ARRL.ORG 07/26/2011

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One Ham Killed, Another Seriously Injured in Tower Accident

As a group of South Dakota hams were dismantling a to a new location. 110 foot tower outside of Hot Springs on Saturday, July 16, a Springs is located about 57 miles south of Rapid City.

Frank Maynard, members of the Hot Springs ARC had taken tower then collapsed on top of them.

Maynard said that the men were helping the club take fered the structure to the club and they were planning to move it City Journal for the information - via ARRL.ORG 07/19/2011

According to John Embree, his brother Tom -- a Vietgust of wind toppled the final section, trapping two local hams nam Veteran who had just retired from a 25 year career in law underneath. Tim Anderson, KOOR, 54, and Tom Embree, NCOK, enforcement -- was new to the area, "After being in Hot Springs were transported to Rapid City Regional Hospital via helicopter, for only a month, he was out helping move that radio tower," where Anderson died of his injuries. Embree underwent surgery John Embree wrote on the Rapid City Journal's discussion board. on Sunday and is expected to have more on Wednesday; he re- "Tom is undergoing surgery Wednesday for his injuries. He had mains in serious condition. Both are members of the Hot Springs his skull drilled to remove a blood clot there. He has a broken Amateur Radio Club; Anderson was the club's president. Hot pelvis that they are going to try to pin and glue back together. His jaw was broken badly and they will try to fix that somehow. But According to Fall River County Emergency Manager he is a tough old guy and with a little help, [he] will recover."

Anderson and Embree were both ARRL Volunteer Exdown all but the final 30 foot section of the tower. As the ground aminers. Anderson, a VE since 1984, was one of the first ARRL crew was just beginning to release the guy wires, a gust of wind Volunteer Examiners after the FCC established the program. blew the tower over with Anderson and Embree still on it. The Anderson was also the advisor to the Hot Springs School Radio

A memorial service for Anderson was held July 21 at the down the tower that was no longer in use. The tower's owner of- Mueller Center Theater in Hot Springs. -- Thanks to the Rapid

George Mardre, K4MYP, SK, Estate sale by Buck Sitterson, WA4MDZ

George Mardre, K4MYP, who lived in Windsor, NC, died about 7 years ago. The equipment listed below was in working order at the time of his death. The equipment has not been tested since that time. Mary Mardre, George's wife would now like to dispose of all the equipment. Any items sold would be sold as is and no warranty. Mary is willing to negotiate prices on this equipment based on these facts. Mary has asked George to assist her and he will email pictures. He can be reached at: Home: 252-923-1129, Cell 252-944 7075, email: bsitterson@yahoo.com. Buck Sitterson, WA4MDZ, 450 Kirby Grange, Bath, NC 27808.

DESCRIPTION	MAKE	MODEL #				
HF TRANSCEIVER	YAESU	FT990				
EXT. SPEAKERS	YAESU	SP6				
HF LINEAR AMPLIFIER	YAESU	FL7000				
HF TRANSCEIVER	YAESU	FT-890				
EXT SPEAKERS	YAESU	SP 767				
DESK DYNAMIC MICROPHONEYAESU		MD-1				
SWR METER	HEATHKIT	SV634				
POWER SUPPLY	ASTRON	VS 35				
SWR METER	HEATHKIT	HM 2140A				
MICROPHONE	HEIL SOUND					
TUNER	MFJ	MFJ 941E				
REMOTE COAX SWITCH	HEATHKIT	HD 1481				
AMPLIFIER SAVER	MFJ	MFJ 216				
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HF TRANSCEIVER	YAESU	FT-990				
2KW LINEAR AMPLIFIER	HEATHKIT	SB-220				
REMOTE COAX SWITCH	AMERITRON					
POWER SUPPLY	ASTRON	RS-20M				
TRANSCIEVER	HEATHKIT	HW-5400				
POWER SUPPLY	HEATHKIT	54-001				
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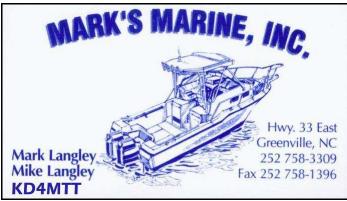
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13th Annual Ole Fashioned CFARS SwapFest

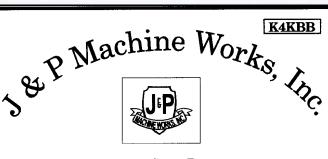
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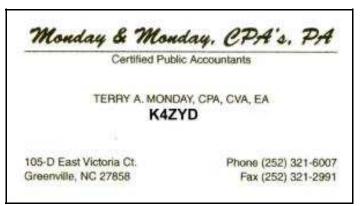
Information: David KR40E kr40e@nc.rr.com

(910) 624-1394

Testing: Pat N4UGH n4ughpat@aol.com

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out and join the CFARS gang for a few hours of
amateur radio fun and fellowship. It's all free!!





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BARC Meeting Minutes - July 2011

BARC Meeting Minutes

<u>Date:</u> July 12, 2011

Call to Order: 7:32 PM

Richard Campbell, **KG4SNE**, opened the meeting on behalf of John Prokop, **N8MPX**.

There were 22 members present as recorded in the sign in book. **Pledge of Allegiance**: was lead by Bob Moore, **N4USB**.

<u>Visitors:</u> John Morgan, **N4NQM**, recently moved to Greenville from Nashville, TN. Welcome John! We were delighted to have you join the meeting tonight!

<u>Minutes:</u> The minutes from the June Board Meeting were approved as published in Ham Chatter.

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**, had nothing to report.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> 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.

<u>VE:</u> Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported that a new venue for forthcoming VE sessions will be announced later when the site location is finalized. The next session is tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 12.

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

<u>Ham Chatter:</u> Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported that the website has been updated with Field Day videos. Cool stuff...check it out!

<u>Publicity:</u> Taylor Millar, W4WTM, reported he will delay posting an announcement in the Daily Reflector until the next VE session location is finalized.

<u>Pitt County ARES:</u> Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, reported that the next ARES 1 & 2 meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 6 at the Golden Skillet in Plymouth at 10:30 AM.

Thursday, August 18, the quarterly Pitt County ARES meeting will be held at 7:30 PM at the office of Peter Van Houten, **KG4WEZ**. Further information can be found at the Pitt County ARES website: pittares.com

Dave requested that attendees sign up as Monday night Net Controllers through September on the sign up sheet that he circulated.

<u>Future Programs</u>: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, reported that the August program will be presented by David Sawyer (WNCT Weather), September - tentative Vern Wenger (Batteries Plus), October – Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, topic to be determined, November – elections, December – Christmas party. Anyone with program ideas for 2012 is encouraged to contact John.

<u>Old Business:</u> Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, reported that he received a Proclamation on behalf of Patricia Dunn, Mayor of Greenville, proclaiming June 19-26, 2011 as Amateur Radio Week.

<u>New Business:</u> Nothing to report. <u>Announcements:</u> Nothing to report.

50/50 Drawing Winner: John Morgan, N4NQM.

Adjournment: 7:48 PM

<u>Program:</u> Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**, presented a program on Emergency Preparedness.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Bertrand, KJ4GDS, Secretary

BARC Board Minutes - July 2011

BARC Board Meeting Minutes

<u>Date:</u> July 26, 2011 <u>Call to Order:</u> 7:24 PM

Board Members Present: President John Prokop, N8MPX; 1st VP Richard Campbell, KG4SNE; 2nd VP John McCoy, K4KBB; Treasurer Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX; Trustee Dave Langley, W4YDY; Trustee Dave Pulver, KG4CZV; Secretary Brenda Bertrand, KJ4GDS

Others in Attendance: Taylor Millar, W4WTM

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<u>VE</u>: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, announced that thanks to Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, the VFW is the new site for VE sessions, to be held the 3rd Tuesday of even months at 6:30 PM. The next VE session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30 PM.

Equipment: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reviewed some small equipment needs for the club (a tent). Discussion followed.

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

<u>Ham Chatter:</u> Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported he has updated the website with the scheduled VE sessions for the remainder of 2011 and for 2012, including a map and bird's eye views photos of the site – these web updates are fantastic!

<u>Publicity:</u> Taylor Millar, W4WTM, will continue running the announcements for upcoming club meetings and VE sessions in the Sunday editions of the Daily Reflector that precede the meetings.

<u>Public Service:</u> Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, had nothing to report. <u>Pitt County ARES:</u> Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, reported that the next ARES 1 & 2 meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 6 at the Golden Skillet in Plymouth at 10:30 AM.

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BARC Board Minutes - June 2011

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December - Christmas party. Anyone with program ideas for 2012 is encouraged to contact John.

New Members: The Board welcomes 2 new members; John Morgan, N4NQM, and John Sutherland, W4JCS, as presented by Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: The VFW was discussed as a possible location for 2012 board meet-

Announcements: Dave Langley, W4YDY, received a letter pertaining to radio equipment that is for sale (Windsor). Dave will publish the equipment list and the contact information in the Ham Chatter or on the club website.

Adjournment: 8.12 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Brenda Bertrand, KJ4GDS

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- ♦ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- County Pitt 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, Thursdays @ 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

Tar Heel Emergency Communications Net on 3923 kHz Nightly 1930.

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- 3.573 1900 hours, high speed (20 wpm)
- 3.573 2200 hours, slow speed (12-14 wpm), South Carolina/North Carolina

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BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 9	Regular Meeting	Nov 5/6	ARRL CW Sweepstakes	
Aug 16	BARC VE Session – TUESDAY	Nov 8	Regular Meeting - Elections	
Aug 30		Nov 19/20	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes	
Sep 1	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Nov 26/27	CW WW CW DX Contest	
Sep 3/4	Shelby Hamfest	Nov 29	Board Meeting	
Sep 13	Regular Meeting - Nominations	Dec 1	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	
Sep 24/25	CQ WW RTTY Contest	Dec 3/4	ARRL 160 Meter Contest	
Sep 27	Board Meeting	Dec 10/11	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	
Sep 29	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Dec 13	Regular Meeting - Christmas Party	
Oct 9	Maysville Hamfest	Dec 20	BARC VE Session – TUESDAY	
Oct 11	Regular Meeting	Dec 27	Board Meeting	
Oct 18	BARC VE Session – TUESDAY	Jan 7/8	ARRL RTTY Roundup	
Oct 25	Board Meeting	Jan 10	Regular Meeting	
Oct 27	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Jan 20/22	CQ WW CW 160M Contest	
Oct 29/30	CQ WW SSB DX Contest	Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM		
		Board Meeting - Last Tuesday @ 7:30 PM		

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