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## FCC Seeks Comments on Proposed Changes to Amateur Licensing Rules, Emission Types

### Next Meeting November 13, 2012

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program will be by Peter Van Houten, KG4WEZ. He will talk about his experiences with digital communications.*

*BARC elections will be held. Also peer awards vote will be held. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*The next board meeting will be November 27 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. All members invited.*



Earlier this month, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) -- WT Docket No. 12-283 -- proposing to amend the Part 97 rules governing the Amateur Radio Service. On October 24, a summary of the NPRM was published in the Federal Register and the FCC is seeking comments on it. <[http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2012/db1002/FCC-12-121A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2012/db1002/FCC-12-121A1.pdf)>

Specifically, the Commission is proposing to modify the Amateur Radio Service rules to grant examination credit for expired and beyond-the-grace-period-for-renewal Amateur Radio operator licenses; to shorten the grace period during which an expired amateur license may be renewed; to revise the time a call sign is not available to the vanity call sign system correspondingly, and to reduce the number of volunteer examiners needed to administer an amateur license examination. The NPRM also asks for comment on amending the rules to permit remote test administration, and proposes to amend the Amateur Radio Service rules to allow amateur stations to transmit certain additional emission types.

Comments must be filed on or before December 24, 2012 (60 days after publication in the Federal Register); reply comments must be filed on or before January 22, 2013 (90 days after publication in the Federal Register). Instructions on how to file comments are listed beginning on page 12 of the NPRM. - via [ARRL.COM](http://www.arrl.com) 10/24/2012

## October 16, 2012 BARC VE Session Results

Three applicants took and passed exams at the October 16 BARC VE session. Nikki Berry, **KD7TKC**, Greenville, passed the General exam and upgraded from Technician. Kelly Davis and her son, Coleman, 14, passed the Technician and were very happy. The FCC granted new call signs on October 22 to Kelly, **KK4MFI** and Coleman, **KK4MFJ**, Swan Quarter, NC. Congratulations to all for their accomplishment.

The VE's that attended were VE Liaison Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, Dan Wallace, **K4HMW**, Byron Highland, **K4BMH**, and Dave Langley, **W4YDY**.

The next regular VE session will be December 18, 2012.

## Postage Rates to Increase in January



The US Postal Service has announced that as of January 27, 2013, the cost to mail first class letters, postcards and packages within the US will go up. The cost to mail a first class letter will be 46 cents, while the cost to mail a postcard will be 33 cents, an increase of 1 cent for each. This is the third increase for postcard postage in less than two

years; in April 2011, the USPS boosted the postcard stamp price from 28 cents to 29 cents, and from 29 cents to 32 cents in January 2012. The USPS will also introduce a First Class Mail Global Forever Stamp in January. This new stamp will allow customers to mail 1-ounce letters anywhere in the world for one set price of \$1.10. The cost to mail flat-rate Priority Mail packages and letters will also increase. Click here for more information on all the postal increases. - via [ARRL.COM](http://www.arrl.com)

More at <[http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2012/pr12\\_114.htm](http://about.usps.com/news/national-releases/2012/pr12_114.htm)>

### Sable Island DXpedition cut short due to Hurricane Sandy

Brightleaf ARC member, Murray, WA4DAN, and Ron, AA4VK, set their operation from Sable Island from October 22 to October 31. The weather forecast for Monday looked good at that time. The only concern were the beach conditions. Rain was forecast for the day before landing which could have affected the "beach runway".



Travel to Sable Island is always problematic. Often, when conditions in Halifax are good, conditions at Sable Island are not good and visa versa. Also, the "old" Britten-Norman Islander aircraft is not equipped with modern-day instrumentation, which limits the conditions under which it is safe to fly between the mainland of Nova Scotia and Sable Island. They were unsuccessful in two previous attempts to visit Sable Island.

They were set up and having a great time when Bernie, WA4MOK, and Dave, W4YDY, talked to Murray on 15 meters. Both contacted him from home and mobile. The signals were S9 plus on October 26 just before 5 PM but conditions changed a couple of hours later and he disappeared. He was working a lot of European stations.

Ron AA4VK and Murray WA4DAN were forced to leave Sable Island around 1915 Z on Saturday, October 27 due to the dangerous East Coast storm. The effects of the storm were already being felt on the island as the sand landing area was flooding due to the rising tide and large breakers.

The following is from Murray's email. "Naturally we were very disappointed to cut short the DXpedition by four days. We had little choice as we could have been stranded on the island for weeks. Traveling to Sable is always a challenge no matter what time of year it is. We certainly have first-hand knowledge of this! During the 4.5 days of the DXpedition, Ron and Murray logged approximately 13,000 Q's. This DXpedition was highly focused on 10,12 and 15 meters where the most demand existed. Our mono-band yagi's and vertical antennas performed very well in the very strong winds. We had to double stake the guy lines for the antenna masts.

We would like to thank Gerry Forbes, the officer-in-charge on Sable Island, and Maritime Air for safely getting us off the island. 73, Ron, AA4VK, Murray, WA4DAN"

### Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held **Tuesday, December 18** at the VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road 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**:

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- ◆ **Copy** of Amateur Radio License
- ◆ **Original** CSCE's
- ◆ **Copy** of CSCE
- ◆ Test fee is \$15.00 **CASH**.
- ◆ 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

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

**Pitt County ARES**

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



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**Happy Birthday**

### Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

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

- 03 AF4QY Bob Hanrahan, Jr.
- 03 KE4LZE Sherry Frye
- 05 N4RXX Rita Sumrell
- 08 KD4DNZ Walter Allen
- 14 KI4PWX Fred Bertrand

**Charlie Wells, K4SKI**

**Tom Parsons, W4TEP**

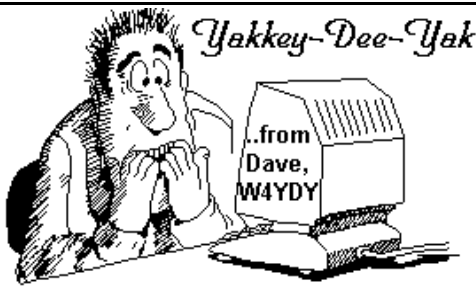
**Phyllis Nobles, wife of Bernie, WA4MOK**

*Please inform John McCoy, K4KBB, k4kbb @ earthlink.net of any changes.*



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

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## How WITN-TV went on the air in 1955 by W4YDY

*This is a true story of some of the trials and tribulations of the 1955 beginning of WITN, Channel 7, Washington, NC. Most of the story is on the WITN history page at <http://www.witn.com/station/misc/27442154.html>. The first chapter was in the September 2012 issue. - W4YDY*

### Chapter 4

Wednesday morning, the GE engineer started working to get the aural transmitter that we got from WSJS on the air so we could sign on at 11:30. BUT the



**WITN transmitter building in 1955. A couple of guys are standing behind my 1955 Pontiac with a Webster Bandspanner on the back. Inside the car was a 80-20-10 Morrow receiver converter and a 50 watt Johnson Viking Mobile AM transmitter powered by a dynamotor.**

aural transmitter did not want to cooperate. It would go on the air but drop out a few seconds later. And while this was going on, we were working to get a feed from the studio but had nothing but noise.

To have local announcements, we at least needed audio. The transmitter control console had an audio input for a microphone. The building also had living quarters with a kitchen, bath and bedroom. An announcer, Carl Caudill, was sent over to make station breaks during the baseball

game. The microphone with a long cable was taken to the back bedroom (less noise there) along with a 17-inch B&W home TV set, our only off the air monitor! Since we had no furniture in the bedroom, Carl and I set up couple of metal folding chairs facing each other. The TV set was placed on one chair in front of the announcer. Carl and I had to coordinate when he was suppose to talk after we got on the air since we could not see each other or had any type of communications. I was operating the console and I told Carl when he saw the picture go to black when there was a local cut, he would have about 2 seconds to turn the audio down on the TV and then I would



**The Control console where video was switched between studio in Chocowinity and NBC. The two monitors up high monitored the NBC and studio feeds. Lower monitor was the transmitter input. Microphone was for 26 Mc (MHz) 2-way communications between transmitter and studio facilities. (Heard a lot of skip!) White paper on table was the program log that was followed by the engineer so he would know when station breaks came. No color monitor.**

turn on his mike. I guess I was the first director at WITN although I didn't sign up for that job! We were scheduled to go on the air about a minute before going to the network at 11:30 so Carl could make a sign on announcement.

As 11:30 approached, the visual transmitter was put on the air about 11 AM with the picture from NBC set to black. At 11:30, the World Series pre-game show, in color for the first time, started and the aural transmitter still would not stay on the air. Still not on the air, the minutes were going by fast as we watched the pre-game show

and at 11:45, the GE Engineer yelled that the aural transmitter was up and running so we could start the World Series. I switched on the video and audio and the first program came up in color with the United States flag waving at the ballpark filling the screen. Then the National Anthem started for the World Series. WITN signed on with the National Anthem and the color US flag by a lucky break because we had no way to have local video at that time. It was almost like a Hollywood script! There probably were not a dozen color TV sets in Eastern NC and we didn't have one at the transmitter site. I could monitor the color burst on the oscilloscope to confirm that we were transmitting in color.

There were 10 to 15 people at the transmitter site watching the events to see if and when we were going to get on the air. They included Bill Roberson, manager of the station, and some other officers and employees of the station. I remember Carl Caudill standing near me so we could coordinate the first station break at 12 Noon. Everyone was very pleased when the National Anthem and flag came up for sign on.

At the first break at 12 Noon, I faded the NBC video and audio and switched the audio to the mike and turned it up about 2 seconds later. Carl made a sign-on announcement and informed the public that we would only have audio station breaks with a black picture. This was the first local audio and it was 15 minutes after we were on the air. There would be no audio for much of the breaks after a short announcement and station identification. At the end of the ball game, Carl announced that we were signing off until the second game started on Thursday at 11:30 AM since we had no microwave studio signal and no local picture.

Then we went back to work checking out the equipment and working on the studio to transmitter microwave. About half way through the first ball game, for the first time, we saw a faint test pattern coming though from the studio. We had communications with the control room with a two-way radio. After the ball game, the microwave signal from the studio was getting better.

*To be continued*

## Robin Walbridge, KD4OHZ, Missing at Sea after Sinking of Tall Ship Bounty; Ship's Electrician Doug Faunt, N6TQS, Rescued

Every DXer knows the HMS Bounty and Pitcairn Island, VP6: In 1789, the HMS story of Bounty -- a small three-masted sailing vessel sent by Britain's Royal Navy to the Pacific on a supply expedition -- was roiled by tension between its crew and its captain, William Bligh. After landing in Tahiti and taking on a cargo of breadfruit, the Bounty set sail for the West Indies; it never reached that destination. Instead, Master's Mate Fletcher Christian led the men in a mutiny, eventually allowing Bligh and his loyalists to sail off in a longboat. After an arduous journey, they reached safety at the Dutch-owned port of Kupang. Christian and his followers ended up on Pitcairn Island where they burned the Bounty and settled on the island. Passing ships did not discover the enclave until after the turn of the century.

On Monday, October 29, a replica of the Bounty -- built in 1960 for a remake of the 1962 film *Mutiny on the Bounty* -- sank off the coast of North Carolina as Hurricane Sandy made its way toward New Jersey. Of its 16 crew members, 15 were rescued by the US Coast Guard. Bounty Captain Robin Walbridge, KD4OHZ, never made it to one of the two deployed life rafts and is presumed dead. Claudene Christian, a direct descendent of Fletcher Christian, was unresponsive and passed away at a North Carolina hospital on Monday evening.

Doug Faunt, N6TQS, of Oakland, California, was one of the 15 who was rescued by the Coast Guard; Faunt served as a deckhand and was also the ship's electrician. A noted DXer and ARRL Life Member, he was part of the FO0AAA DXpedition crew in 2000 to Clipperton Island and in 2007, he was part of the DXpedition to Lakshadweep. According to Spud Roscoe, VE1BC, Faunt had satellite communications equipment and Winlink capabilities on board the Bounty, but he was not the ship's radio officer. "Sailing on replica ships was a hobby of Doug's," Roscoe told the ARRL. "He had previously sailed to



**Doug Faunt, N6TQS, on the deck of the Tall Ship Bounty. The Bounty sank during Hurricane Sandy, and the US Coast Guard rescued Faunt and 14 of his 15 shipmates. Bounty Captain Robin Walbridge, KD4OHZ, is presumed lost at sea. [Photo courtesy of Doug Faunt, N6TQS]**

Australia on a replica of the HMB Endeavour, Captain Cook's ship. He was an able seaman of the watch." Roscoe was the radio officer on the replica Bounty for its original voyage to France in 1962.

Faunt told the ARRL that the Bounty crew tried various methods, including a satellite phone, to call for help, "but we got nothing when tried calling out on HF. We tried calling the Maritime Mobile Net, but nothing was out there. We had Winlink on the ship that we used for e-mail and accessing the Internet to post to blogs and to Facebook, and we finally found an e-mail address for the Coast Guard. As a last-ditch effort, we used Winlink to e-mail the Coast Guard for help. Within an hour, we heard a C-130 plane, and later, a helicopter overhead." Accord-

ing to Faunt, it was Walbridge, as master of the ship, who sent out the distress messages.

"I don't know how I made it off the ship," Faunt recalled. "I had finished serving a long watch, and then we started going down. I was exhausted. I had to swim to get to the life raft. The water was full of rigging, and here I am, in my Gumby suit, trying to swim. It was so difficult. While swimming to the raft, I came up for air and a spar was coming at me. I finally found a raft and tried to climb into it, but I almost didn't make it, tired as I was. Through the help of my shipmates who were already aboard the raft, I got on." The two lifeboats were out about 100 miles from shore when they were rescued.

The vessel left Connecticut on Thursday, October 25 with a crew of 11 men and five women, ranging in age from 20-66. After being treated at a hospital in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, Faunt arrived back home in California on Wednesday, October 31. "I'm looking for a new boat to sail and a DXpedition to go on," Faunt told the ARRL. "Ham radio got me into my position on the Bounty, and ham radio got me out alive." - *via ARRL.COM 11/1/12*

### NC QSO PARTY

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society (RARS) is taking over administration of the NC QSO Party, which has a new website: <http://www.rars.org/ncqsoparty>

A tip of the hat to Henry Heidtmann, W2DZO, and the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club for its management of the NC QSO Party for many years, and to Marty Young, W4MY, who will head up the NC QSO Party for RARS.

Set the date for the next NC QSO Party on your calendar now: February 24, 2013. - *via Bill Morine, N2COP, NC SCM*

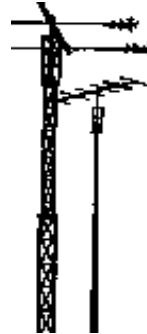
### JOTA TURNOUT A SUCCESS

Special stations were set up on the weekend of October 20-21 for the 55th annual Scouting Jamboree-On-The-Air, or "JOTA". Adults demonstrated Amateur Radio to Boy, Cub and Girl Scouts in Gastonia, Four Oaks, Fletcher, Fayetteville, Albemarle, Charlotte, New London, Aurora, Rutherfordton, Raleigh, Louisburg, Fuquay-Varina and numerous other places across the state.

Thanks to patient leaders who supplemented on-air time with instruction which permitted scouts to earn activity pins, electives and even the Radio Merit Badge.- *via N2COP, NC SCM*

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*NOTE: Commercial rates on page 7.*




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## BARC Meeting Minutes - October 2012

BARC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 9, 2012

**Call to Order:** 7:33 pm

President Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, opened the meeting.

There were 18 persons present as recorded in the sign in book.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** was recited by the club at large.

**Visitors:** Billy Elks, **KC4HHS**, Washington.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the September 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. A new equipment manager is needed. Please contact Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, if you are willing to take on this important position.

**VE:** Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported that the next VE session is scheduled for Tuesday, October 16 at 6.30 pm at the VFW Lodge. Further information can be found on the BARC website.

**Health and Welfare:** Our well wishes continue to be extended for the recovery of Phyllis, wife of Bernie Nobles, **WA4MOK**, and the wife of Stan Barney, **KJ4GDR**.

**Ham Chatter:** Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, had nothing to report.

**Publicity:** Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, reported that club meetings and upcoming VE sessions are reported in Sunday editions of the Daily Reflector.

**Pitt County ARES:** Bill Dawson, **WA4SLC**, had nothing to report. November 10 will be Area 1 and 2 meeting in Plymouth at Golden Skillet at 10.30 am.

**Public Service:** Nothing to report.

**Future Programs:** Peter Van Houten, **KG4WEZ**, reported that he will be tentatively giving the November program, topic to be announced.

**Old Business:** Nothing to report.

**New Business:** Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported that nominations for BARC 2013 officers are reported on page 2 of September 2012 Ham Chatter. No other nominations were issued during the present meeting. Elections will be held in November, as will peer award selections.

**Announcements:** Peter Van Houten, **KG4WEZ**, reported that efforts are being made to rejuvenate the Oakwood ham radio club (as an open school club). If anyone has a TA33 that they want to donate or sell for a reasonable price to support this effort, please contact Peter.

**50/50 Drawing Winner:** Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**

**Program:** A program about ham radio experiences of teenagers, CBr's, and 2012 Field Day was presented by Dave Langley, **W4YDY**. Oh, boy – did we have a handsome crew!? Amazing that radio set up was choreographic so well with the music in the video!

**Adjournment:** 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by

*Brenda Bertrand, KJ4GDS*

## BARC Board Minutes - October 2012

BARC Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 30, 2012

**Call to Order:** 7:28 pm

**Members Present:** Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**; John McCoy, **K4KBB**; Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**; Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**; Dave Langley, **W4YDY**; Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**; Thomas Styron, **KB7L**; Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**.

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

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, gave the report, which included the proposed budget for 2013. The Board unanimously approved the proposed 2013 budget review the membership at large at the next club meeting. Further information regarding the Treasurer's Report is available to members upon request.

**VE:** Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported that the next VE session is December 18 at the VFW Lodge at 6:30 pm.

**Equipment:** Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, originated a brief discussion about vehicle registration renewal for the ARES and BARC trailers.

**Health and Welfare:** John McCoy, **K4KBB**, reported that Well Wishes are as published in the Ham Chatter.

**Ham Chatter:** Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, had nothing to report.

**Publicity:** Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, reported that announcements for upcoming club meetings and VE sessions are posted in the Daily Reflector. Discussion followed about other possible avenues to promote club meetings.

**Pitt County ARES:** Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, had nothing to report.

**Future Programs:** Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, had nothing to report.

**New Members:** Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported no new members were presented for approval.

**Old Business:** John McCoy, **K4KBB**, had nothing to report.

**New Business:** The group at large discussed establishing club goals for 2013.

**Announcements:** Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, had nothing to report.

**Adjournment:** 8.31 pm

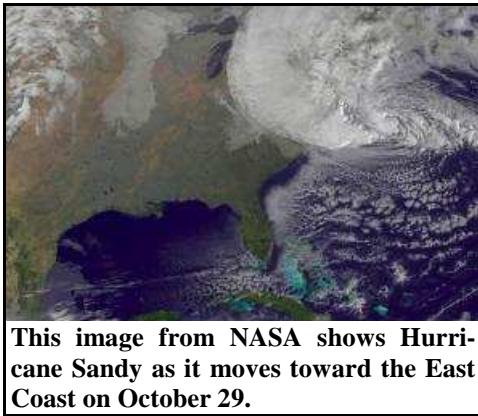
Respectfully submitted by

*Brenda Bertrand, KJ4GDS*

## W4AMC Field Day Results

The December QST has results of the 2012 Field Day operations. It was posted online for those that want to see it before the magazine is mailed. There were 2617 entrants and W4AMC was 1370. The 14 participants racked up 1306 points with 328 QSOs. For those that have Internet service, you can see pictures and a video of the BARC Field Day activities. Over 90% of BARC members have Internet service.

## As Hurricane Sandy Wreaks Havoc on East Coast, Hams Heed Call to Help



This image from NASA shows Hurricane Sandy as it moves toward the East Coast on October 29.

Even though Hurricane Sandy was declared a post-tropical cyclone by the time it made its final landfall -- just 5 miles southwest of Atlantic City, New Jersey at about 8 PM EDT on Monday, October 29 -- the storm still had winds in excess of 80 miles per hour. Hams across the region, from the Carolinas to Maine, responded to requests for assistance and activated local nets, supported the Hurricane Watch Net's and the VoIP Hurricane Net's operations, assisted their local and state Emergency Operations Centers and provided assistance at shelters and

wherever needed. Details from ARRL.COM of ham radio operations can be seen at <http://www.arrl.org/news/as-hurricane-sandy-wreaks-havoc-on-east-coast-hams-heed-call-to-help>.

## 14th Annual SkyWarn Recognition Day

The following excerpts are from an email from Hal Austin, WX4MHX / NC4HA, Newport National Weather Service.

From: Hal Austin [mailto:[hsa63@yahoo.com](mailto:hsa63@yahoo.com)]  
 Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2012 3:07 PM  
 Subject: SkyWarn Recognition Day 2012 invitation

Hello! The 14th annual SkyWarn Recognition Day is exactly one month away! It lasts from 7 pm EST Friday, November 30th through 7 pm EST Saturday, December 1st. You and your club are cordially invited to come and participate.

All rules and operating procedures will be exactly the same as last year. Lunch will be provided. We had pizza last year, and we'll probably do that again this year.

We had a wonderful time last year, with 24-hour participation going on at three different locations at various times at our office. Let's do it again!

The official web page for the event is: [www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/hamradio](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/hamradio)

You can operate the office ham equipment (WX4MHX), or you can bring your own gear. As you know, there are two large "portholes" in the bottom of the wall in our conference room so you can run cables outside to a portable antenna. If your club would like to do this, you're welcome to come the day before to set up and test your equipment if you'd like. It will be completely safe to leave it here. If there is another kind of setup you'd like, please let me know. NBARC and CCARS, you're welcome to bring your trailer.

I will make up an operating schedule once I hear from everyone.

If you have any questions, please ask. I look forward to hearing from you soon!  
 73!

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## NETS

### VHF

- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- ◆ Pitt County Emergency Communications Net, Mondays, 2030 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 145.31 MHz (82.5 Hz Tone)
- ◆ 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/>

# BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 13.....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Jan 29.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Nov 17/18.....	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes	Feb 2.....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>
Nov 18.....	Benson Hamfest	Feb 9/10.....	CQ WPX RTTY Contest
Nov 27.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Feb 12.....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Dec 1.....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>	Feb 16/17.....	ARRL CW DX Contest
Dec 1/2.....	ARRL 160 Meter Contest	Feb 19.....	*BARC VE Session – <b>TUESDAY</b>
Dec 8.....	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	Feb 22/24.....	CQ WW SSB 160M Contest
Dec 11.....	<b>BARC Christmas Party</b>	Feb 26.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Dec 18.....	BARC VE Session – <b>TUESDAY</b>	Mar 2.....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>
Dec 26 (Wed).....	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Mar 2/3.....	ARRL SSB DX Contest
Dec 29.....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>	Mar 12.....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Jan 1.....	ARRL Straight Key Night	Mar 26.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Jan 5/6.....	ARRL RTTY Roundup		
Jan 8.....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>		
Jan 25/27.....	CQ WW CW 160M Contest		

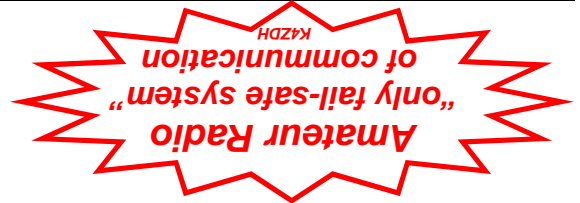
*\*Tentative*

**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  
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**Next Meeting  
November 13**

**November 2012**

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