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BARC Activities at the ARRL 2013 Field Day Next Meeting

Even with some rain, the attendance at the BARC Field Day was more than double 2012. The pictures show the shelters and the **KG4WEZ** RV next to the 17 element log periodic antenna at the old VOA Site C. Too bad it can't be used for Field Day in the "A" category! One end of a Field Day antenna was tied off on the tower.

BARC President Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, is at one of the operating positions in the second picture. Below is John McCoy, **K4KBB**, and Bill Morine, **N2COP**, North Carolina ARRL Section Manager. - (*KG4WEZ photos*)

There were 124 CW contacts, 27 digital contacts and 428 SSB contact made by operators.

Some of the attendees were Steve Goodman, W4UCA, Paul, KS4YF, and Maryanne Fletcher, Richard Campbell, W4JNC, Thomas Styron, KB7L, Josh Steele, KB3VKH, Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, John McCoy, K4KBB, Peter, KG4WEZ, and Ilene Van Houten, Doug Ferris, K4ROK, Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, Ervs, **KK4HHY**, and Yumi Davis and two sons, Terry Monday, K4ZYD, Billy Elks, KC4HHW, Joe Jeansonne, KB4JOE, (from Pitt Community College), Brad Brechtelsbauer, KG4ZVM, John Grant, AF4MY, new ham Steve Horne, II, **KV4OX**, Bill Morine, N2COP, North Carolina ARRL Section Manager, and Susan Langley-Jones, WA4AKB, ARRL NC Section webmaster.







Next Meeting July 9, 2013

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its regular meeting on Tuesday, July, 9 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. The program TBA. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

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

June BARC VE Session Results

All six applicants passed the Technician Class exams or more at the June 18 BARC VE session. One passed the Technician and General and another passed the Technician, General and Amateur Extra Class exams. The FCC assigned the new call signs on June 25, 2013.

Steve Horne, II, KV4OX, Greenville, passed the Technician, General and Amateur Extra Class exams and was assigned a Group B call sign. Matthew Rucker, KK4SFH, Ayden, passed the Technician and General exams. William Rucker, KK4SFF, Ayden, Lewanna Locke, KK4SFG, Greenville, Joseph Towell, KK4SFE, Tarboro, and Julia White, Gaston, KK4SFD, all passed the Technician. Julia is 13 years old and her parents were really happy for her. They had a long ride from up near the Virginia state line.

The VE's that attended were Acting VE Liaison Thomas Styron, **KB7L**, Dan Wallace, **K4HMW**, Tom McLaughlin, **KE4NQP**, James Lewis, **AK4MU**, Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD**, and Dave Langley, **W4YDY**.

The next regular VE session is scheduled for August 20, 2013.

The CY0P DXpedition Update

The CYOP DXpedition team is pleased to announce that our website is up and operational. This site should be familiar as it is the same as we have used on the previous Sable DXpeditions.

<www.cy0dxpedition.com> Updates will ing demise of telegram be posted as needed.



Rick, AI5P

transmitting from all 3077 counties United in the

States. He received Award # 14.

The team just purchased a large quantity of freeze-dried meals for the DXpedition. In addition, the team added a new, five-element 10-meter yagi to the antenna inventory. This antenna will be assembled and tested before shipment to Halifax, Nova Scotia. The team is making a strong commitment to working as many Asian and Pacific area DX'ers as possible. Thanks. Murray Adams, WA4DAN, Gary Bartlett, VE1RGB, Rick Harris, AI5P.



Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members birthdays in July.

8	KB3VKH	Joshua Steele
12	KG4CZW	Bonnie Pulver
13	N4PKW	Rod Thompson
13	K4SKI	Charlie Wells
24	WA4MOK	Bernie Nobles
29	W4YDY	Dave Langley

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

The End of the Commercial Telegraph? Please QRS

Worldwide news media for several days have been proclaiming the impend-



in India next month. Unfortunately various R i c k reporters and news outlets seem to have Harris, AI5P, has conflated the words "telegram" and been added to the "telegraph," with the result that many team. He has op- Morse code enthusiasts in the ham radio erated in over 70 community have begun lamenting the occountries and last casion as the end of an era and perhaps year, he finished even as another nail in CW's coffin. Here's what's really happening. Citing mounting financial losses, India's state-owned telecommunications outfit, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), is ending its telegram service in mid-July, but other telegram services in India will continue. Just the state-run service is calling it quits. It's been many years since telegraphy was used to convey the content of a telegram in India. Today, telegrams at BSNL are routed to their destinations via the Web using computer software — essentially as e-mail. Apparently for nostalgia's sake, however, when the last BSNL telegram in India is sent on July 15, the service will employ technology similar to that first used by the service when it began operation in 1850. British inventor and physician William O'Shaughnessy introduced telegram service in India that year, but he used a telegraphy code different from Morse's to send the message. - via ARRL.ORG

Vell Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the follow-

Charlie Wells, K4SKI

Tom Parsons, W4TEP

Stan Barney, KJ4GDR

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

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held Tuesday, August 20 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. 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.

NC ARES Internet

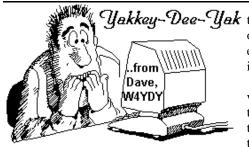
http://www.ncarrl.org/ares/ **Pitt County ARES** http://www.pittares.com/



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The 13 Colonies Special Event is running the first week of July. One of the awards given for the top operator is a Me- the reports I remorial Award given in memory of Paul W. ceived, looks like Copeland, K4KCS (SK), former BARC everyone Starting with 2012's special participated member. event, an award plaque was instituted, for the BARC Field Colony Operators only, in his memory.

Paul passed away August 2011. time. There were A couple of articles about Paul is in the some there that pdf. Paul was one of the event operators in do some more operating. - W4YDY

Wakkey-Dee-Yak the 13 Colonies Special Event. A picture 13 Colonies Special Event of the award can be seen at the special event web site http://www.13colonies. info/TopOp.htm>.

> I'm sure that the BARC members would like to have one of the regular certificates. To qualify for one, all you have to do is work at least one special event station. Complete details are on their web

From Day had a good



September 2011 issue of Ham Chatter experienced their first Field Day and hope-http://www.w4amc.com/hc/pdf/hc1109. fully they will be there again next year and

The annual 13 Colonies Special Event will take place during the first week of July, with participating 13 colonies' stations on the air from 1300 UTC July 1 until 0400 UTC July 6. Event sponsors say at least two special event stations will operate from each colony state. The theme for 2014 is "Banners of the Revolution," and the certificate available to all participants regardless of the number of stations worked - will reflect that theme. Those working all 13 colonies qualify for a "Clean Sweep" certificate designation, and a special endorsement will be attached for stations working WM3PEN in Philadelphia. The suggested exchange is call sign, name, signal report and state/province/ country. The event's sponsors report that more than 62,000 contacts were logged in last year's 13 Colonies Special Event. More information is available on the Web at http://www.13colonies.info/>.



Paul Fletcher, KS4YF and John Grant, AF4MY



Three stations plus GOTA (Get On The Air)



Gerry Clayton, K4IDD



Two new engine generators - (KG4WEZ photos)

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Q & A with NHC - Julio Ripoll



Julio Ripoll Assistant Coordinator of Amateur Radio (WX4NHC) National Hurricane Center

By Dennis Feltgen Public Affairs Officer NOAA Communications & External Affairs National Hurricane Center

tional Hurricane Center.

to the Caribbean Islands because they'd You were perfect for the job! lose communications.

tional information?

down during hurricanes. We began with understand how to use what they call "go that ham radio report. the Caribbean Islands, and then expanded kits". They put portable radios together When you not being a ham, what is your to all of the Atlantic and Gulf and as far as with batteries and wire antennas to use dur- day job? the East Pacific.

You must be very proud of this.

My entire group is very proud. They are all has to be like night and day. more than 30 years.

a bit of a weather fanatic?

can fill in a weather report and send it di- can go from a radio in a car to a repeater rectly to us at NHC. So, you don't have to that has higher power and a big antenna, be a ham radio operator to send in your and then the audio goes through the Intersurface or eyewitness reports.

How did you become a ham?

It was in high school. My then future fa- a computer or another radio. ther-in-law had a shortwave radio receiver. When does the ham radio team spin up One day he was listening to some broad- operations? cast stations, and I started fooling around Whenever there is hurricane threatening with the dials and happened to come across landfall within 300 miles of land. some people talking from the Midwest What's the most unusual situation down to Florida. And I thought wow - you've had at NHC as a ham? tions. I was hooked.

for you?

ing an emergency.

volunteers; some have been with us for The core aspect of ham radio is the same Miami's School of Medicine and for the that's it's been for the past 100 years. We Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. One of my Is it a basic requirement for a ham to be bounce high-frequency radio waves off of specialties is ophthalmology design. - via the ionosphere back down to the earth, like http://www.nhc.noaa.gov No, it's not. We have expanded from using a shining a flashlight into a mirror. But only ham radio. When the Internet came on now, some of our radios are integrated

line, we established a website where you with, and connected to, the Internet. We net and comes back over the radio on the other end so that we can get the report over

these people are talking with each other on I would say Hurricane Georges in 1998. It a radio! Then I found out there was a ham had come off of the coast of Haiti at night, radio class at my high school, this is back gong over the pass to the east of Cuba. At in 1977. From that point on, I just got into that time, Cuba did not allow air reconnaisall of the aspects of ham radio communica- sance to go over the island. The satellite imagery showed that Georges' eye had What was the first hurricane experience clouded over, and we did not have any reliable meteorological surface data to know We had Hurricane David in 1979 brushing where the center of the hurricane was at South Florida. I wasn't involved in a lot of that time. Hurricane specialist Lixion Avila I am betting that most folks don't know public service back then, but the Red Cross came into the radio room and said he there is a ham radio station at the Na- asked if I could use my ham radio to do a wanted a ham on the most eastern point of damage survey. So I got involved in what Cuba. That was a pretty tall order, but I got That's true, unless you're an amateur radio was then called "civil defense". We got in on the radio frequency they were using for operator. We're here since 1980. It began the car, drove around, and relayed damage the local civil defense there, announced we when (NHC Director) Dr. Neal Frank reports over ham radio to the local EOC. It were from the hurricane center, and lookasked us to put up a station at NHC to talk was the next year that NHC contacted me. ing for someone on the easternmost point. And lo and behold, there as a ham in Punto I was a student at the University of Miami Este on the most eastern point of Cuba! I Was the intent to establish communica- across the street from where the hurricane asked him for a weather report, and you tions during a hurricane or to gain addi- center was located at the time. Dr. Neal could hear the emotion in his voice. He Frank said I was the ideal candidate — I said he was standing on a chair with two He wanted to be able to talk the islands live next door at the UM dorms and I have feet of water in his house, and as his signal when they lost their landlines and tele- a ham radio station. I was the president of faded, you could hear him shout into the types. When the islands were affected and the UM Ham Radio Club. So I would bor- mic on his last transmission "del sur, del local airport or Meteorology stations were row the radio from the UM club station, sur"! - the wind was from the south. Lixclosed down just before a hurricane, NHC put it in a cardboard box, walk across the ion ran out of the room, now able to fix the would have no information coming back. street and set it up at one of the Hurricane point of the hurricane over Cuba, and it So we filled in that link that would go Specialist's desk. Most ham radio operators shifted the entire track north, all thanks to

I am an architect specializing in health care The technology between 1980 and 2013 design. For the past 19 years, I have been one of the architects for the University of

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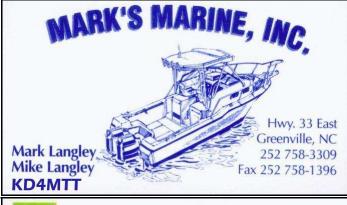
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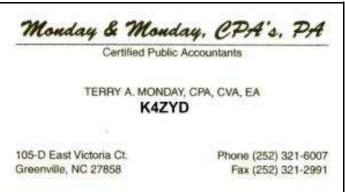
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BARC Meeting Minutes - June 2013

BARC Meeting Minutes

Date: 6.11.13

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

There were 20 persons present as recorded in the sign in book.

Minutes: Approved as published in Ham Chatter.

Secretary's Report: Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD**, gave the report.

Equipment: Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, had nothing to report. BARC is looking for a new equipment manager. Contact Richard Campbell, W4JNC, if interested.

<u>VE:</u> Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported that the next VE session will be June 18 at 6:30 pm at the VFW Post on Mumford Road. See w4amc.com for detail.

Health and Welfare: John McCoy, K4KBB, had nothing to report.

<u>Ham Chatter:</u> Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, had nothing to report.

Publicity: Taylor Miller, W4WTM, reported that announcements for the club meeting and VE session would run in the Daily Reflector.

Pitt County ARES: Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, reminded all that hurricane season was upon us and consider helping out with ARES should the need arise.

Public Service: Nothing reported

Future Programs: Nothing reported

Old Business: None

New Business: The membership approved the purchase of two 2000 watt portable generators for use at Field Day, other events and emergencies. This is part of an effort by the club to become self-sufficient in terms of equipment and other materials to host Field Day and other events.

Announcements: None

50/50 Drawing Winner: John McCoy, K4KBB

Program: Discussion of the Field Day Planning was lead by Richard Campbell, W4JNC.

Adjournment: 8:30 pm Respectfully Submitted by

Ted Bertrand, XI4PWX

BARC Board Minutes - June 2013

June 25 2013 BARC Board Meeting

Call to Order: 6 members were present. Richard Campbell, W4JNC*, Thomas Styron, KB7L*, Byron Highland, K4BMH*, John McCoy, K4KBB,* Gerry Clayton, K4IDD*, and Dave Langley, **W4YDY**. *Board members.

Secretaries Report: Secretary was absent no report given.

Treasurer's Report: Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, reported that the 2 Yamaha Generators and the 5' foot folding tables had been paid **Old Business:** No old business to report. for.

VE Session: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported that six people all non hams passed their exams 4 Tech 1 General and 1 Extra coming from June 18 session. Next VE Session August 20 2013 @ VFW Hut 6:30 PM.

Health and Welfare: John McCoy, K4KBB, had nothing to re-

<u>Ham Chatter:</u> Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, had nothing to report.

Publicity: Dave Langley, W4YDY, on behalf of Taylor Miller, W4WTM reported that the Announcement for the next club meeting would be in the Daily Reflector the Sunday before the meeting on Tuesday.

Future Programs: TBA

New Business: Thomas Styron, KB7L, reported that the opera-Equipment Report: John McCoy, K4KBB, will check on purtors tables are started to come apart and the club might want to chasing a gas can for the Yamaha Generators. The club also look it to replaced them Thomas also suggest that we put Pulleys needs computer cables for Field Day no action taken on this item. on both towers at Site C to raise and lower antennas. We should discuss these items at the next regular club meeting.

Respectfully submitted by

Richard Campbell, W4JNC

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IARU Monitors Report Intruders on Several HF Bands

Union Monitoring System (IARUMS) con- 21,062 kHz). German authorities have fortinues to observe and log unauthorized op- mally complained. DGØJBJ reports having erations that intrude on Amateur Radio allo- observed 11 OTH radars on 20 meters, 65 cations. For example, the May 2013 IA- OTH radars on 15 meters and 30 OTH radars RUMS Region 1 (Europe) Newsletter reports on 10 meters — not including the OTH raan over-the-horizon (OTH) radar operating dars from Iran. Other reported intruders inin Iran daily on 10 meters (26 to 30 MHz), clude a Russia Air Force signal on 3531.0 transmitting bursts with 307 and 870 sweeps kHz, identifying as REA4 (A1A) at 2040 per second, 60 kHz wide and often jumping, UTC. IARUMS Region 3 volunteers further covering 700 kHz and more. IARUMS Re- report ongoing "illegal use of 10 meters for gion 3 (Oceania) volunteers also have re- local short-range communications in a numported hearing the OTH interference from ber of Asian countries." Radio amateurs in Iran. Regulatory agencies in Switzerland and IARU Region 2 (the Americas) may report Germany have filed complaints without ef- suspected intruders on exclusive Amateur fect. IARUMS volunteers in Region 1 also Radio allocations to the ARRL. - via ARRL. report daily BPSK military traffic from ORG.

The International Amateur Radio Ukraine on 15 meters (21,058, 21,060 and

FCC Targets Online Retailer in Citation



June 7.

8200 W — in violation of FCC rules. An also offered offer various modifications FCC Citation and Order dated June 6 or- and upgrades for 35 makes and models of ders Enterprise Group Inc, doing business FCC-certified CB radios. These included as ePowerAmps, to immediately stop ad- swapping out the original final amplifier vertising, marketing and selling "all unau- for a higher-powered replacement. Other thorized radio frequency devices, specifi- mods expanded the authorized frequency cally modified Citizens Band (CB) radios range of a CB to include what it called the and non-certified radio frequency (RF) am- "26 MHz range and the upper 27 MHz plifiers for use in the 10-12 meter bands." range." Linear amplifiers offered for sale The FCC said continuing to engage in such varied between 120 W and 8200 W and conduct could subject the retailer to sub- ranged in price from around \$140 to nearly stantial fines and seizure of equipment.

lease, ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, have FCC certification. said it's reassuring to see evidence of the FCC's continuing commitment to enforce- to confirm "in writing" that it has stopped ment relating to Amateur Radio. "It is marketing unauthorized RF devices and to NTS CW Nets gratifying to see the Commission's En- provide certain information to the commis- ◆ forcement Bureau taking action against sion within 30 days of the C&O. The inforflagrant violators," he commented. The mation request, contained in a non-public Amateur Radio community has long com- appendix to the C&O, seeks to determine plained about interference, mainly on 10 ePowerAmps' "external RF power amplimeters, from unlicensed CBers and and so- fier suppliers and sales, as well as the discalled "HFers." The FCC once banned the position of its illegal inventory," the Comsale of amplifiers capable of operating mission said. The FCC gave the retailer 30 above 24 MHz, a move that some consid- days to respond to the C&O and even to Pitt County Repeater Association ered misguided and punitive to Amateur challenge the FCC's findings. - via ARRL. Radio licensees.

The FCC C&O described ◆ 2013 — The FCC ePowerAmps as "an online retailer of CB this week cited an and amateur radios, linear amplifiers, and Omaha, Nebraska- radio accessories, which specializes in the • based online retailer 'customization of radios.'" Responding in for marketing unau- April to a complaint, an agent from the thorized RF de- Commission's Kansas City office observed vices — including on ePowerAmps' website "illegally modi-10 and 12 meter fied CB radios being offered for sale in the amplifiers capable of putting out up to United States." The FCC said the retailer • \$2600, the Commission said, adding none HF Responding to the citation's re- of the 50 linears offered for sale appear to

The FCC called on ePowerAmps ORG.

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- 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.

- 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

http://www.pcra.us/

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BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jul 9 Regular Meeting	Sept 28/29 CQ WW RTTY Contest
Jul 13/14 IARU HF World Championship	Oct 8 Regular Meeting
Jul 20 Cary Hamfest*	Oct 13 Maysville Hamfest*
Jul 20/21 CQ WW VHF Contest	Oct 15 BARC VE Session – TUESDAY
Jul 30 Board Meeting	Oct 26/27 CQ WW SSB DX Contest
Aug 3 HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Oct 29 Board Meeting
Aug 13 Regular Meeting	Nov 2 HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
Aug 20 BARC VE Session – TUESDAY	Nov 2/3 ARRL CW Sweepstakes
Aug 27 Board Meeting	Nov 12 Regular Meeting
Aug 31 HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Nov 16/17 ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
Aug 31/Sep 1 Shelby Hamfest*	Nov 17 JARSFEST - Benson*
Sep 10 Regular Meeting	Nov 23/24 CQ WW CW DX Contest
Sep 14 Virginia Beach Hamfest*	Nov 26 Board Meeting
Sep 14/15 ARRL Sept. VHF Contest	
Sept 24 Board Meeting	Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
Sept 28 HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Board Meeting - Last Tuesday @ 7:30 PM *Hamfests

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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