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NORTH CAROLINA SECTION NEWS – January, 2014

NORTH CAROLINA QSO PARTY IS FEBRUARY 23 – Thanks to the hard work of its sponsoring club, the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society (RARS), the NC QSO Party this year will be bigger and better than ever. Digital modes have been added to phone and CW, and there are new categories of portable and roving operations, and even an emergency communications (EmCOMM) challenge award for which you need to pre-register. Full rules and details can be found at www.ncqsoparty.org. The contest runs on Sunday, February 23rd, from 10:00 AM local (1500Z) to 8:00 PM local (0059Z). So far only 38 of North Carolina's 100 counties have stations agreeing to participate. In 2013, 97 of NC's 100 counties were activated. Let's get all 100 counties on-the-air!! This is the one time each year we can all pull together as North Carolina operators and let Hams around the world know that Tar Heels are on-the-air.



Bill Morine, N2COP

QUA* - This is my last newsletter as Section Manager. In February, I will resign before my term ends March 31 and let newly elected Section Manager Karl Bowman, W4CHX, take over early. The primary reason for this change is because I will not be able to attend the Charlotte Hamfest due to a scheduled trip, and I feel strongly that Karl should represent the section as Section Manager at the hamfest. The past four years have been wonderful, and I thank all North Carolina ARRL members and non-

members alike for the privilege of representing them. I leave the SM position feeling very good about all aspects of Ham Radio in North Carolina except one – arrogant and childish behavior on the air by older Hams. Former FCC enforcer Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, wrote last year in CQ magazine that he seldom had to bring action against new Hams. Rather, the most flagrant violators were those who have held their licenses more than ten years. They somehow feel empowered and exempt from many rules. Many 75 meter QSOs at night are a disgrace and an embarrassment to most Hams, and to any members of the public listening. When our very conscientious and polite Official Observer (OO) team members notify these offenders who run wide signals and use profanity, they often reply with disgust and continue to operate with impunity. All I can ask in the face of a lack of strong enforcement by the FCC is that peer pressure be brought to convince offenders that good operating techniques need to be paramount if we are not only going to maintain our frequencies for Amateur Radio, but as a national resource we are taken seriously with respect by government officials and the public at large. You will still see me around at hamfests and meetings, so until we next meet, 73 es TNX. *de Bill Morine ARRL NC Section Manager*
*QUA - CW Net procedural signal (Prosign) meaning "Do you have any news for me?"

Next Meeting -February 11, 2014

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 11, at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program will be by Pitt County Deputy Sheriff Jim Marsal. He will talk about the do's and don'ts of self defense. Also, it's BARC's birthday. So expect some cake and ice cream! All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next Board Meeting will be February 25 at 7:30 at the Offices of Monday & Monday, (CPA), suite D, East Victoria Court. All members invited.

W1AW/4 PORTABLE NORTH CAROLINA FIRST ROUND HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL - Congratulations to the W1AW/4 team which kicked off ARRL's Centennial Year by hosting W1AW in North Carolina January 1-7. As part of the League's 100th anniversary, its legendary flagship call sign W1AW will originate from each state twice during 2014. North Carolina and West Virginia were the first two designated states. Thanks to Howie Hoyt, N4AF, and his stellar team, they made an astounding 25,813 QSOs over seven days, and firmly let the world know that W1AW was on-the-air from the Tar Heel State. If you missed working W1AW while it was here, it will return to North Carolina September 17-23. You can see more about W1AW portable operations and other on-air events to celebrate ARRL's Centennial at <http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party> - NC Section News, N2COP

2014 BARC Dues

Membership dues for BARC are due **January 1**. Those who have not paid their dues will not be listed on the roster and will be removed from the Ham Chatter mailing list starting in April. Membership dues are the same as they were in 2012 and are as follows:

Regular Member \$20.00

Family Member \$2.00

Associate Member (Non-Licensed) \$5.00

Honorary Member \$0.00

New Hams: 18 and younger (1st year) \$5.00

New Hams: 19 and older (1st year) \$10.00

Please mail your dues, along with the member application form to: Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835. We are requesting that you send the application form in so that we can have your correct information on file. The form can be downloaded from <http://www.w4amc.com/application.pdf>. If anyone has any questions concerning their membership status or their dues, please email Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD**, BARC Treasurer, at gclayton4@suddenlink.net (remove spaces in email address)

Thank you for your support and participation in BARC



Happy Birthday

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

4	KB5B	Steve Horne, II
5	KI4CRC	Sandy McLaughlin
8	KG4SNB	Ray Vickers
9	NC4RR	Neal Sumrell
11	KA4RPZ	Rufus Keel
16	KG4WEZ	Peter Van Houten
17	K4ROK	Doug Ferris
18	NC4JJ	John Johnston
20	WD4JAD	George Dale
22	K4HMW	Dan Wallace
25	N4GVK	Tom Forrest

Additions or corrections to W4YDY

BARC HF Transceiver For Sale

The **Kenwood TS-520** is designed for SSB



and CW modes in the 80 through 10 meter ham bands. It also features receive of WWV at 10 MHz. The TS-520 features a very accurate linear analog display dial. Power input is 120W PEP SSB and 100W CW. (This transceiver does not have general coverage receive). The hybrid circuit includes three 6146A and two 12BY7A tubes plus 1 IC, 17 FETS, 45 transistors and 84 diodes. **REDUCED \$185 or best offer. Contact W4JNC, president @ w4amc.com.** (Phone 758-1244)

2014 BARC Field Day Chairman

Richard Campbell, W4JNC, was hit by the BARC train and volunteered to be the Field Day Chairman for the June 2014 activities. He said he would not mind if someone else volunteered to be Co-chairman and help out. Also Richard will be calling on other members to help with the different parts of Field Day, such as setup and take down, operators and food.

Field Day is June 28th and 29th.

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

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, February 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. 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

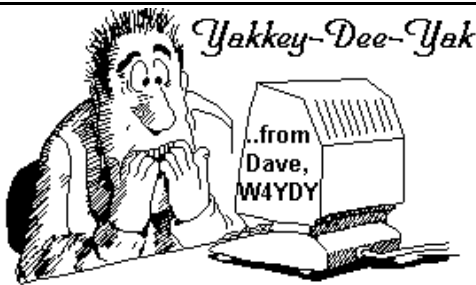
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Unforgettable QSO's! Part 3

One night in early November 2001, I turned on the radio and decided to check out what might be happening on 20 meter PSK. After listening for a few minutes, I saw a station calling CQ. I was very surprised when it was **KC4AAA** at the South Pole. I had worked them a few weeks earlier on SSB. I figured there would be a lot of stations calling so I ran high power, 70 watts instead of my usual 15 watts. I was very surprised when they

came right back to me. We exchanged 599 reports and then they told me it was the first contact from the South Pole using PSK! It was Nick Powell, **NH6ON**, and Holly (didn't get her call) at the controls. They said they just had it wired up temporarily to try it out and was going to fix it permanent later. They seem excited and said so on the QSL card I received on December 31 via **K1IED**. I was also excited being the first station contacted from the South Pole using PSK. I couldn't believe it at first. I also sent them a copy of the printout of the QSO that I recorded.

A picture of the QSL card is on my web site at <http://pages.suddenlink.net/w4ydy/>. Both sides of the QSL card are shown.

I'm sure that I'm not the only one in the club to have some unforgettable QSO's. Write them down and send them to me for Ham Chatter. - **W4YDY**

NC QSO Party February 23

If you want to participate in the North Carolina QSO Party on February 23, contact Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, or Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, for more information.

The contest run from 10 am to 8 pm EST. It is sponsored by the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society. More information can be found at <http://rars.org/ncqsoparty/index.php>.

This is an excellent chance for new hams to get familiar and operate a station. You will be able to ask questions about using the equipment, etc.



President's Corner - Terry Monday, K4ZYD



Thanks to everyone for their responses to the mini-meeting survey at last month's meeting. The top vote getters were:

1. Antennas/Beams
2. Digital Modes
3. Towers
4. Contesting
5. Kit Building
6. CW

Hopefully, we can build on these ideas at our February meeting.

I have just one goal for 2014. And that is to make the club fun for everyone.

I have always enjoyed being a member of the club. The club is one of the best organizations I belong to. And the members are a great group.

But, we have to be careful not to rest on our past success.

We are going to try a couple of different things this year, like the mini-meetings, swap meets, etc. Some will work, some might not. If we try something you like, let me know and we will try to do more of it. If we do something you don't like, let me know and we will do something different. We need and value your feedback. This is your club.

You more experience operators need to talk to the new members, ask them if they need help setting up their stations, ask them to visit your shack, help them get on the air. Bernie Nobles sold me my first radio. I had to ask him how to hook it up! I don't think I would have stayed active if Bernie had not helped me get started.

You new operators don't be afraid to ask questions. Ever club member had someone help them when they got started. Ask what kind of radios they have, do they like it, what kind of antennas. Do they like DXing? Are they a county hunter? Trust me, these guys like to talk!

I hope everyone is making plans for Field Day, June 28th and 29th. There is no better way to increase your knowledge and improve your skills then by participating in Field Day. Not to mention that is one heck of a good time.

See you at the meeting.

Terry, K4ZYD

ARRL Debuts Centennial "ARRL at 100" Video

As part of its Centennial celebration, the ARRL has debuted a video that explains the League's history and mission over the past century. "ARRL at 100 — A Century of Ham Radio" Past ARRL Manager for Media and Public Relations Allen Pitts, **W1AGP**, wrote and produced the half-hour presentation, which is available for club meetings and other gatherings. Pitts said he got started on the project about a year ago with a personal study of the League's history.

"Using books, old QSTs and documents stored in Newington as sources, I eventually created a 28 foot long timeline that rolled across my office floor," he recalled. "This paper roll was then posted in the main hallway, where staff and visitors were invited to write comments and additional events on it." More at <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-debuts-centennial-arrl-at-100-video>.

The video can be seen and/or downloaded from the ARRL website and viewed on YouTube. DVDs are for sale from the ARRL online store. ARRL Directors and Section Managers received courtesy copies of the DVD and booklets.

If you have the ability to show the DVD on a TV or cable outlet, contact Media and Public Relations Manager Sean Kutzko, **KX9X**, for special DVDs or extra high-resolution files. - [via arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

Public Service Events: Those Liability Waivers

"Be sure to pick up your T-shirt and sign your volunteer form before the event." Any ham who works public service events like marathons and bike rides has probably heard similar words. Part of the event ritual is a meeting, often an early breakfast the morning of the event, where the communications coordinator sits at a table with a pile of shirts and a stack of forms provided by the served organization. As I have witnessed this ritual, I have seen great care shown over whether the shirt is the right size, but the form is signed without so much as a quick read. Most people have a vague understanding that the form includes some kind of waiver or release of the served organization, but what are you really waiving or giving up in exchange for the privilege of helping this entity? Perhaps more importantly, what liabilities are you taking on when you sign the form? The answer varies with the wording of the form and the law of each jurisdiction, but in many cases you are giving up a great deal and in some cases, you may be putting everything you have at risk.

In most instances, people are entitled to damages if they are injured due to the negligence of another person or organization and they are liable for injuries to others if they were negligent in causing those injuries. People or organizations are not liable if they or someone for whom they are legally responsible (like an employee) was not at fault. The pieces of paper we sign before events are contracts that change these rules, sometimes profoundly, and never, in my experience, in favor of the volunteer.

Most every form includes a waiver or release of liability in favor of the event organizer. What if you get hurt? You are probably out of luck, even if you were blameless and the sponsoring organization was negligent. If you incur millions in medical expenses and can never work again, you will have to rely on your own assets and insurance to help you out, because you have given up your rights against the negligent parties and their insurance companies.

Some forms include broad indemnity agreements. I have seen forms that have said that the ham volunteer would be

responsible for any claims arising from or related to the participation of the ham in the event, even if the claim arose solely from the negligence of the event organizer. Let's say you properly set up your portable tower in accordance with all codes and standards. An employee of the event organizer, who has never driven a truck before, loses control of a box truck while driving and texting his girlfriend at the same time and hits your tower, knocking it over on a bystander and permanently disabling him. The event organizer is sued and has a multi-million dollar judgment rendered against them. If you signed the form, you could get the bill for the judgment, the organization's costs and their attorneys' fees. Particularly troubling is that the liability insurance policies many of us have may not cover liabilities assumed by contract, so your insurance company would not help you if you are the victim of such a form.

In some cases, when I have seen language like that early enough, I have been able to discuss it with the event organizer and get the form changed. Usually this is after I have persisted against the initial "that's not what we really mean" or "it might say that, but we would never do that" or "I don't know, we had a lawyer draw it up." I have also seen hams sign forms with these provisions without a second thought.

What is the answer? Probably the right answer is that in exchange for your volunteer service, the sponsoring organization should ensure that you are covered by their insurance for claims asserted against you. They should do the right thing if you are injured by their fault while in their service. That is probably not going to happen in most cases. What kind of risk any person takes on or what kind of claims one will release in advance is ultimately a personal decision based on your financial resources and personal insurance coverage. You should know what insurance coverage you have in the event you are hurt or in the event you hurt somebody else and how that coverage could be impacted by any forms you sign. Organizers should provide their form well in advance. That way, the hams can get a legal opinion either individually

or collectively as to what they are giving up or taking on when they sign it. With this knowledge, volunteers can make an informed decision as to whether they want to sign it, ask for changes, or simply pass on the event.

This article is intended to provide general awareness and is not intended as legal advice for any particular situation. Consult legal counsel of your own choosing to determine what impact signing a particular document might have on you. -- Matt Woodruff, KA5YYD, Houston, Texas [Woodruff is a corporate attorney for governmental affairs - ed.] - *The ARES E-Letter for January 15, 2014*

(Thanks to Byron Highland, K4BMH, for the heads up. W4YDY)

Harold Bailey, KD4NRB, SK

Harold Bailey, KD4NRB passed away January 11, 2014. Harold was a recent past member of BARC and attended meetings regularly. BARC will miss him and sends its condolences to his family.



The following are excerpts from Taylor-Tyson Funeral Service in Snow Hill, NC

David Harold Bailey, 93, of Walstonburg, North Carolina, went to heaven to meet our Lord and Savior on January 11, 2014. He was born in Walstonburg, North Carolina on September 8th, 1920. Harold was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years Hetty Green Bailey.

He is survived by his son George Herbert Bailey and his wife, Willa of Walstonburg. He had two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sisters, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Harold was a proud World War II Veteran where he received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star, he was an alumnus of UNC Chapel Hill, a retiree of the Internal Revenue Service, the mayor of "North Walstonburg", an avid reader and gardener as well as active in his community by serving on several local boards and committees.


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 (no spaces)
NOTE: Commercial rates on page 7.

For Sale:

Kenwood SP-520 speaker: \$30.00.
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mmmm0320@gmail.com

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 252-341-3189 finchwc@gmail.com

Wanted:

MC-320 microphone cartridge for D-104 mic. Would consider an old D-104, in any shape, as long as the mic head is intact.
 John Schultz, **W4FA** 252-355-3415

TWO RADIOS FOR SALE:

Yaesu Ft 990 transceiver comes with hand mic, power cable and cable to connect the radio to a computer. \$350. **Kenwood 450** radio comes with hand mic, desk mic Kenwood model MC 85, power cable and cable to connect the radio to a computer. \$400.
 Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**
 252-758-1244 or richardecu@gmail.com.

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BARC Meeting Minutes - January 2014

BARC Meeting Minutes

Date: 1.14.14

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

There were 22 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. Additional details are available upon request.

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

VE: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX** reported that the next VE session will be Feb. 18, 6:30 pm at the VFW Post. See w4amc.com

for details.

Health and Welfare: Nothing to report beyond what is in Ham Chatter.

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

Old Business: None

New Business: New this year, one of the BARC meeting per month will have small focus groups to discuss Ham radio related topics such as kit building, antennas, digital communications. We will also have a swap meet (or mini-Ham fest) for one of the programs. BARC will also start an awards program for participation in club activities (excluding service on the Board). Points will be earned for Monday night net participation, meeting attendance, participating in BARC sponsored events (Field Day, MS walk etc..). Points can be re-

deemed for tickets for an end of the year raffle to occur at the BARC Christmas Party. Contact Terry Monday, **K4CYD**, for more information.

Announcements: The Charlotte Ham Fest is March 7 and 8. The Richmond Ham Fest (Frostfest) is Feb. 1. The NC QSO Party will be Feb. 23. The Down East Ham Fest, Kinston, will be May 10.

50/50 Raffle: Byron Highland, **K4BMH**, won the raffle.

Program: Macon Dail, **WB4PMQ**, gave a program on the current activities of the VOA.

Adjournment: 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX
BARC Secretary

Winner of George Hart Award is New Bern's Mark Rappaport, W2EAG

At its January meeting, the ARRL board of directors voted to bestow the George Hart Distinguished Service Award to Mark Rappaport, W2EAG, of New Bern. The national award is named after George Hart, W1NJM (SK), founder and architect of the National Traffic System. At the time it was founded in 1949, NTS was a revolutionary way to send information for free in the Cold War era when there was a charge for each telegram and long distance phone call. While modern communications have replaced some of the expediency of NTS, the skills used in traffic handling are timeless. Mark was cited by the ARRL board as the author and chief instructor of ARRL's "An Instructor's Guide To Traffic Handling", which can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/files/file/trainingTrafficHandlersGuide.pdf>. Mark's guide has been updated numerous times to reflect today's communications, and is used by most traffic handlers around the United States. Mark will receive his award later this spring.

TRAFFIC HANDLING ON-AIR INSTRUCTION NET - Before he was notified as this year's George Hart Award winner, Mark Rappaport, W2EAG, already announced that he is creating a weekly net dedicated to traffic handling training. He is calling it the Carolinas Traffic Information Net, or "CTIN". Whether you want to become more involved in NTS, or you want to sharpen message handling skills in EmCOMM, or you just want to become a better Ham, the net is designed for all levels of traffic handling, from beginner to expert. Beginning February 9th, CTIN will meet every Sunday afternoon at 4:30 PM local (2130Z) on 3923 KHz, and is expected to last about 45 minutes. The net is not restricted to North Carolina Hams, so invite your friends from across the country to join. Mark says he plans to run CTIN like a "gathering around a campfire". For further information or to let Mark know you'd like to join his net, please email him at nccwman@aol.com - *NC Section News, N2COP*

North Carolina Youth named to ARRL National Public Relations Committee

14 year old Christopher Tate, KJ4UBL, has been appointed by ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, to ARRL's national Public Relations Committee (PRC). The Burlington native is the youngest ARRL Public Information Officer (PIO) in the U.S. Christopher is known for his YouTube postings on Amateur Radio as well as his PR efforts across the state. In 2013, Christopher worked with section Public Information Coordinator (PIC) Woody Woodward, K3VSA, on media coverage for the QSO between the International Space Station and students of McNair Elementary School of Brown Summit near Greensboro. An Extra class license holder, Christopher enjoys CW, QRP and all aspects of HF. Christopher joins North Carolina Section Manager Bill Morine, N2COP, in serving on ARRL's PRC, which is busy with designing brochures and presentations ARRL will use this centennial year. Christopher is the son of proud parents Randy (KJ4UBM) and Elizabeth (KK4CMA) Tate. - *NC Section News, N2COP*

Antique Radio Classified to Resume Monthly Publication

Antique Radio Classified (ARC) magazine has announced that it will resume monthly publication starting with the February 2014 issue, but with some changes. The last issue published was the March/April 2013 issue.

"The antique radio community as well as the magazine publishing market is changing," said ARC Publisher Jon Kummer, WA2OJK, "and we are changing what we do and how we do it in order to continue providing the number one magazine in world for collectors of antique and vintage radios and electronic equipment."

Effective with the February 2014 issue, ARC will become a monthly online publication, while the print edition will become a quarterly publication. Kummer explained that the quarterly print edition will consist of a compilation of the previous three issues of the online publication, with all articles and advertisements intact.

"The cost to print and mail the magazine has risen over the years," Kum-



mer said, "but the revenue from subscribers and advertisers has not, and therefore we must find a compromise." Given the current shift toward online publishing and commerce, ARC "must embrace this reality to continue to serve the collecting community."

One downside is that subscribers lacking online access will not have immediate access to the monthly classified, advertisements, and announcements — although Kummer notes that most libraries provide computers with Internet access.

ARC said that all current subscribers will receive the number of monthly print issues that they subscribed to — with future issues arriving each month via the web, and a print compilation each quarter by mail.

"I know this is a compromise," Kummer said, "but these positive changes will enable ARC to continue to serve the antique and vintage radio and electronic equipment collector into the future." - via arrl.org

IARU Region 1 Monitoring System Notes New Russian OTH Radar on 20 Meters

The December newsletter of the IARU Region 1 Monitoring System (IARUMS) reports a new intruding Russian over-the-horizon (OTH) radar signal on 20 meters, audible in Europe. IARUMS monitor Wolf Hadel, DK2OM, said the 10 kHz wide OTH radar signal often jumps frequency. He has posted a sound file. Others posted reports of OTH radar signals on 15 and 10 meters. Hadel also reported the occurrence of taxi dispatch signals from Russia across 10 meters is "worse than before."

In the past, he has reported hearing numerous taxis, most from Russia, intruding on 10 meters on FM. "You can hear a female voice operating the base station and a male voice in the car," he said in a 2010 account. Other intruder signals spotted include European "fishery traffic" on 80, 40, and 30 meters USB. Individuals may log reports of Amateur Radio band intruders and monitor the short-wave bands online with a web-based SDR receiver.

Kay Craigie, N3KN, Wins Third Term as ARRL President

The ARRL Board of Directors has elected League President Kay Craigie, N3KN, to a third two-year term. The Board met January 17 and 18 in the Hartford, Connecticut, area for its annual meeting, and the election of officers was at the top of the business agenda. The League's 15th president, Craigie lives in Blacksburg, Virginia, and has been in office since 2010, succeeding Joel Harrison, W5ZN.

The Board also re-elected First Vice President Rick Roderick, K5UR, to a new two-year term. ARRL Northwestern Division Director Jim Fenstermaker, K9JF, was elected Second Vice President to succeed incumbent Bruce Frahm, K0BJ. Northwestern Division Vice Director Jim Pace, K7CEX, will accede to the Director's chair, leaving a vacancy in the Vice Director's position, which will be filled by appointment.

Also elected to new two-year terms were International Affairs Vice President Jay Bellows, K0QB, and Treasurer Rick Niswander, K7GM. -More at arrl.org

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NETS

VHF

- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- ◆ 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

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/>
Greenville repeaters
147.09/69 - 145.35/144.75
444.8/449.8
All use 131.8 tone

BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 8/9.....	CQ WPX RTTY Contest	Mar 25.....	Board Meeting
Feb 11.....	Regular Meeting	Mar 29/30.....	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest
Feb 15/16.....	ARRL CW DX Contest	Apr 8.....	Regular Meeting
Feb 18.....	BARC VE Session – TUESDAY	Apr 15.....	BARC VE Session – TUESDAY
Feb 21/23.....	CQ WW SSB 160M Contest	Apr 19.....	RARSFest - Raleigh **
Feb 23.....	NC QSO Party	Apr 29.....	Board Meeting
Feb 25.....	Board Meeting	May TBA.....	Down East Hamfest **
Mar 1.....	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE		
Mar 1/2.....	ARRL SSB DX Contest		
Mar 11.....	Regular Meeting		

Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
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
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