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## Meet the Member, Morris Lewis, AK4MU

**Next Meeting – April 8, 2014**



**Morris, AK4MU**

Morris Lewis, AK4MU, is a Board Member of the Brightleaf ARC. He got interested in Amateur Radio in 1978 his mentors, Herb Edwards W4VHY SK and Bobby Griffin NF4C. Morris was first licensed in 1979, Novice, and was assigned KA4GOG. he upgraded to Advanced Class but let his license expire in 1997.

He became interested in Amateur

Radio again in 2011 after obtaining a GROL. While still in study mode took and passed all three exams in September 2011 and was assigned the Amateur Extra Class call sign, AK4MU. Morris is also a Volunteer Examiner, and holds a GMDSS (DB) with Radar Endorsement.

His operating preference is HF and he has a Kenwood 590 transceiver and Alpha 78 amplifier. His antennas are OCFD and a 3 element SteppIR.

Morris graduated from Farmville High School. He operated his own auto business from 1970 to 1998. He semi-retired and went to work for UNC-TV at the transmitter site near Farmville in 2001. He retired from UNC-TV in 2010.

Morris married Gennie Moore in 1976 and he has a son, Jimmy Lewis. Morris was widowed in 1991.

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 8, at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program will be Simple Survival Tricks by Mike Langley, KD4MTT. A short presentation on light, heat and cooking sources using every day materials, many found in your own kitchen. Also, a little information about water purification in emergencies, and a few random survival tidbits you might find amusing. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*The next Board Meeting will be April 29 at 7:30 at the Offices of Monday & Monday, (CPA), suite D, East Victoria Court. All members invited.*

## Walt Verdick, KA4WFS, Silent Key

Former BARC Member, Walt Verdick, KA4WFS, passed away March 25, 2014. He was 93. He was featured in the August 1999 Ham Chatter.

<http://www.w4amc.com/hc/pdf/hc9908.pdf>

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club extends its condolences to Walt's family.

The following is an excerpt from the Wilkerson Funeral Home web site.

Mr. Walter H. Verdick, 93, passed away Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

A funeral service was conducted Saturday at 11 am in the mausoleum at Pinewood Memorial Park. The family received friends following the service.

Mr. Verdick grew up in New Rochelle, New York and was a graduate of New Rochelle High School. As a young



adult, he worked as a roller skate instructor, lifeguard, photographer and musician. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II in the Pacific as an airplane mechanic. After the service he moved to Larchmont, NY, where he was employed with Sichorski Aeronautics. He later became a motorcycle police officer along

with his father, retiring as Sergeant with 25 years of service. Mr. Verdick also was a ham radio operator, enjoyed metal sculpturing, and working as a gunsmith.

After his retirement from the Police Department, he moved to North Carolina and began painting and continued as a gunsmith. He also volunteered at the Vidant Medical Center Print Shop and Emergency Communications. He was the former Commander in Chief of the VFW in Greenville.

He is survived by his son, Walter G. Verdick of Mahopac, NY; daughter, Janet L. Young of Phoenix, AZ; stepson, William Davidson of Long Island, NY; fiancé, Anna Woolard of Washington, NC; granddaughter, Luisa M. Verdick; and two step-grandchildren.

## President's Corner - Terry Monday, K4ZYD



### The 2014 Great BARC Giveaway

What if I told you that you could have a great time and win a prize at the same time? "Terry, that sounds too good to be true. This is not one of those get rich quick, Florida swampland schemes is it?" No, it's better than that. It's the 2014 Great BARC Giveaway. It's the only raffle where you don't have to buy tickets. As a matter fact, you can't buy tickets even if you wanted to. You can only get tickets by having fun.

You earn points by participating in radio related events. You trade in your points for raffle tickets at the BARC Christmas party. The more points you earn, the more tickets you get. The more tickets you get, the greater your chance of winning. Easy as pie.

Points will be given for:

Points

- 1 Attend Monthly Meeting
- 1 Sign into Monday night net
- 2 Act as net control
- 2 Present program
- 5 Field Day Coordinator

- 2 Help with Field Day setup
- 1 Participate in Field Day
- 2 Help with Field Day tear down
- 3 Complete kit build or antenna project
- 2 License upgrade
- 2 Participate in Public Service
- 2 Participate in Special Event (QSO party, etc)
- 2 Service as VE volunteer
- 4 Become a VE volunteer
- 4 Attend Hamfest

The Board can add to or modify the list at any time. So if you have a project let us know. We might add it to the list. There are no points for serving on the Board. We can't give Dave Langley points for the newsletter because we would run out of tickets. *(The Editor respectfully disagrees with that decision! ☺)*

The "points" will be kept in a bright green notebook. I will update everybody's points for attending the meetings and the net control will update for the Monday night net. The notebook will be on the front table during the meetings. So, when you complete a kit, attend a hamfest, etc, make sure you update your points. We trust everyone, so it's on the honor system.

The prize will be announced in October. We decided to wait and see what new toys come out during the summer.

See you at the meeting.

**Terry Monday, K4ZYD**

## Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

**Charlie Wells, K4SKI**

**Tom Parsons, W4TEP**



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, April 15** 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**:

- ◆ **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

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**Pitt County ARES**  
 EC needed!



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# Happy Birthday

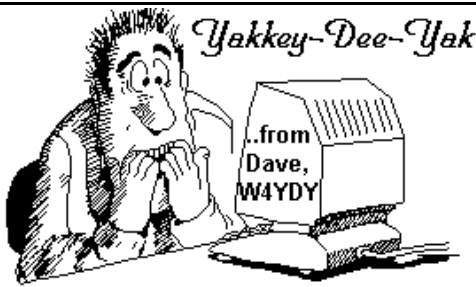
Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members birthdays in **April**.

- 1 **KK4NOW** Robert Clarke
- 3 **K4KBB** John McCoy
- 15 **KJ4GDS** Brenda Bertrand
- 16 **KJ4DMV** Geraldine Sanchez
- 18 **WB4PMQ** Macon Dail

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BARC President Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, has the Great BARC Giveaway underway. When any club member participates in BARC or Amateur Radio activities, they earn points. On page 2 of this newsletter is a list of activities and points earned. At the Christmas Party in December, the winner will be announced and received a prize yet to be determined.

The Raleigh Hamfest will be Saturday, April 19. It's the biggest near our area with a lot of dealers and a large indoor flea market. ARRL President Kay Craigie, **N3KN**, Roanoke Division Director Dennis Bodson, **W4PWF** and Vice Director Jim Boehner, **N2ZZ** will be there for the ARRL forum. Also NC Section Manager Karl Bowman, **W4CHX**, will hold an NC

Section meeting. Bill McDowell, **K4CIA**, will be checking cards for ARRL and CQ awards. VE testing will start at 9AM with walk-ins until 10 AM. I will be there if all goes well. Will you?

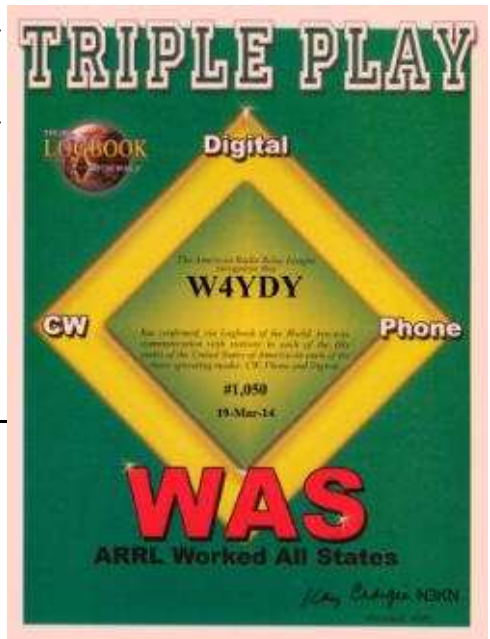
Go to <http://rars.org/rarsfest/> for more information.

Two weeks later, the Down East Hamfest at Kinston will be held. It's not as big as the Raleigh hamfest but a good flea market inside and outside. Also hourly prizes and a grand prize will be awarded. Always attended by many BARC members. CU there! Go to <http://www.w4amc.com/2014dehflyer.pdf> for more information.

Many times someone asks about when BARC events or hamfests will be. If you look on the back page of any *Ham Chatter*, you will see a Calendar of Events. It lists meetings, *Ham Chatter* deadlines, hamfests, major radio contests, etc. Also on top of every inside page, the club website address is displayed.

The 2014 BARC Field Day location will again be at the old VOA Site C, now ECU West Research Campus.

Last month, I mentioned confirming QSOs on Logbook of the World (LoTW) and contacting W1AW portable stations in 2 States each week. When I went to LoTW, I read about the Triple Play Award. The award is for contacting all 50 States using CW, Phone and Digital starting on January 1, 2009, confirming them on LoTW. When I checked my records, I only needed a few confirmed. The last one confirmed was by W1AW/4 in Kentucky. I received the nice looking Award #1050 below dated March 19, 2014. - **W4YDY**



Triple Play WAS Award

## Amateur Radio Credited in Rescue of Wayward Hikers

Authorities in Kern County, California, say Amateur Radio was responsible for the rescue of five adult hikers, who became lost in San Emigdio Canyon. The group had left Pine Mountain Club on the morning of Saturday, March 22, hiking to a vehicle parked near Highway 166 when they went astray.

"They had hand-held radios with them and called an Amateur Radio operator in Pine Mountain Club to report [they were] lost," a Kern County Sheriff's Department summary said. "Air-1 quickly located the lost hikers in a dry creek bed, approximately 12 miles south of Highway 166, and a ground unit transported them to their vehicle." The sheriff's office said the hikers, who had plenty of food and water, "were extremely exhausted, but did not require medical aid."

In the hiking party were Cliff Brunk, **K8BUW**, and his wife Judith, **KG6BXM**. According to Don Quick, **KW6PMC**, who knows the couple, Cliff Brunk — who was carrying a hand-held

transceiver — fell and struck his head. While not seriously injured, he was in pain. At that point, the group decided to return home, but then realized they were lost and outside of cell phone range. Using his radio, Brunk was able to reach Bill Hopper, **AB6CF**, via the Pine Mountain repeater, Quick said. The injured ham reported the hiking party's predicament but couldn't provide details regarding their location.

Another member of the party was able to pass along the group's location, however, and Hopper called 911.

The Kern County Sheriff's Department dispatched a helicopter, which was able to locate the hiking party, but the nearest landing site was too far away for the rescue party to communicate with the hikers. A sheriff's deputy drove into the canyon near the spot where the hikers were stranded, and they walked to his patrol car. The weary hikers got back to their homes late that evening. — Thanks to Donald Quick, **KW6PMC**, and the Kern County Sheriff's Department - via [ARRL.ORG](http://ARRL.ORG)



## 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, campbellerecu @ embarqmail.com** (Phone 758-1244)

## Amateur Radio Volunteers Staffing Shelters, EOC in Washington Landslide Response



Amateur Radio volunteers are on hand at the county Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and supporting communication with American Red Cross shelters set up in the wake of the disastrous landslide on March 22 in Snohomish County, Washington. Snohomish County Auxiliary Communications Service (Snohomish ACS — formerly RACES) Radio Officer Scott Honaker, N7SS, reported late Monday that his organization was active “but at a fairly low level.”

“Because of the danger, only fire and search and rescue (SAR) are on scene, and only during the day,” he reported. Honaker said that even SAR teams were pulled back from the debris field earlier on March 24, after some movement of the remaining hillside had been detected. The response remains in rescue mode, and sheriff’s helicopters have been crisscrossing the area searching for any signs of life. Authorities were telling area residents to stay away.

The slide swept an avalanche of trees, wet soil, rocks, and debris across the rural Northwest Washington communities of Oso and Darrington. The slide leveled about two dozen houses and blocked a mile-wide stretch of State Route 530. The governor’s office has declared a state of emergency in Snohomish County. The landslide also blocked the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River near Oso, raising

the threat of localized flooding and the potential for downstream flooding should the blockage let go.

Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management Director John Pennington confirmed Monday evening that the number of people unaccounted for was approaching 180. He stressed, however, that the number only represents the number of names reported by family and friends. The number of confirmed deaths remains at 14.

Honaker said some communication infrastructure was damaged, and fire and law enforcement personnel have been using cell phones to keep in touch, with SAR and air operations utilizing VHF radios.

ARRL Western Washington Section Manager Monte Simpson, K2MLS, said Monday evening that crews were working to restore the fiber optic cable in the area of the mudslide. “When that’s completed, communications will be back on line,” he said. “That will be a relief for the emergency responders in the area.”

Honaker said ACS volunteers have been coordinating their activities on the Granite Falls 146.92 MHz repeater and on cell phones. “Emergency Services Coordinating Agency (ESCA) RACES is active staffing the Red Cross shelters, and they are using our UHF ham repeater near Arlington (444.200 MHz),” he added. “We have been hearing good communications between the shelters.” The ARC has established two shelters for displaced residents — in Arlington and in Darrington.

“Snohomish ACS is staffing the EOC around the clock in Everett, and we have one member who lives in Darrington

supporting the county command vehicle there,” Honaker added. “With the loss of phone lines to Darrington, there are no functional landlines or Internet access.” He said the Darrington police and fire departments were using their command vehicle as an EOC, because it has working telephones as well as Internet service and computer-aided dispatch capability.

“The Incident Management Team in Arlington is using the other command vehicle to provide communication support for the staff in the City Council chambers,” he said.

Honaker said he appreciates the many offers of support from hams within and outside the area — more help than is needed at present. “It is good to see the community rally during these types of events,” he said.

Recent heavy rainfall is being blamed for the slide. “This is not a good situation,” ARRL Northwestern Division Director Jim Pace, K7CEX, told ARRL Headquarters earlier this week. “Our ground out here is so saturated, it is a miracle that we haven’t had more landslides.” He anticipated that ARES/RACES activity could increase as the operation moves into the recovery phase.

“The Mount Index area of Snohomish County is experiencing a large, slow-moving landslide that is disrupting power, local roads, and access for emergency response,” the governor’s emergency declaration stated. “Local evacuations have been ordered by Snohomish County for specific areas the landslide has impacted and which are threatened by potential flooding.”

- via [ARRL.ORG](http://ARRL.ORG) 03/25/2014

## Special Event Stations to Mark International Marconi Day



A few dozen special event stations will take to the air April 26, 0000 UTC to 2359

UTC, to commemorate International Marconi Day (IMD). <http://g4usb.net/IMD/> Among them will be GB4IMD, in Cornwall, England, OE14M, in Vienna, Austria, IY0IMD in Italy, VO1AA, on Signal Hill

in St Johns, Newfoundland, VK2IMD in Australia, and WA1WCC on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. All stations planning to participate are urged to register. A list of registered participants is on the IMD 2014 website.

International Marconi Day is a 24 hour Amateur Radio event held annually to celebrate the birth of Guglielmo Marconi on April 15, 1874. IMD is held each year on a Saturday close to Marconi’s birthday, with Amateur Radio stations on the air

from around the world, including some Award Stations operating from historically significant sites.

The event is not a contest; it is an opportunity for amateurs around the world to make point-to-point contact with historic Marconi sites using HF communications techniques similar to those used by Marconi, and to earn an award certificate for working or hearing a requisite number of Marconi stations. — Thanks to The Daily DX; International Marconi Day - via [arrl.org](http://arrl.org)




# 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.**

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## BARC Meeting Minutes - March 2014

BARC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 3.11.14

**Call to Order:** 7:30 pm

There were 17 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 April 15, 6:30 pm at the VFW Post.

**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:** None

**Announcements:** None

**50/50 Raffle:** Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, won the raffle

**Program:** Small group discussions on antennas and operating digital modes.

**Adjournment:** 9:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

*Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX*  
*BARC Secretary*

## BARC Board Minutes - March 2014

BARC Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 3.25.14

**Call to Order:** 7:30 pm

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

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

**Equipment:** Richard Campbell, K4JNC, has nothing to report

**VE:** Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, reported that next VE session is April 15 at the VFW Post on Mumford Road at 6:30 pm.

**Health and Welfare:** Nothing to report.

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

**Publicity:** Taylor Millar, W4WTM, reported that announcements for club activities would run in the Daily Reflector.

**Public Service:** The MS Walk will be April 26. If you are interested in helping with radio communications for the walk, please contact Josh Steele, KB3VKH, at kb3vkh@arrl.net.

**Future Programs:** Mike Langley, KD4MTT, will give the April presenta-

tion.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** The 2014 Field Day location will be the VOA Site C, also known as the ECU West Research Campus.

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment:** 8:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

*Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX*  
*BARC Secretary*

## ARRL to FCC: "Grow Light" Ballast Causes HF Interference, Violates Rules

The ARRL has formally complained to the FCC, contending that a "grow light" ballast being widely marketed and sold is responsible for severe interference to the MF and HF bands. The League urged Commission action to halt sales of the Lumatek LK-1000 electronic ballast and to recall devices already on store shelves or in the hands of consumers. In a March 12 letter to the Commission's Enforcement Bureau and its Office of Engineering and Technology, ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, said the ARRL's own laboratory testing revealed that the Lumatek device exhibited excessive conducted emissions, in violation of the FCC's rules.

"ARRL has received numerous complaints from Amateur Radio operators of significant noise in the medium and high frequency bands between 1.8 MHz and 30 MHz from 'grow lights' and other RF lighting devices generally," Imlay told the Commission. "The level of conducted

emissions from this device is so high that, as a practical matter, one RF ballast operated in a residential environment would create preclusive interference to Amateur Radio HF communications throughout entire neighborhoods." An extensive Conducted Emissions Test Report detailing the ARRL Lab's test results was attached to the League's correspondence.

"[T]he Report concludes from the conducted emissions tests that the six highest emissions from the device in the HF band vastly exceed the quasi-peak limit specified in Section 18.307(c) of the Rules," Imlay related. The ARRL further pointed out that, while a FCC sticker has been affixed to the device, it lacked FCC compliance information. FCC Part 18 rules require RF lighting devices to provide an advisory statement with the device, notifying users that it could interfere with radio equipment operating between 0.45 MHz and 30 MHz.

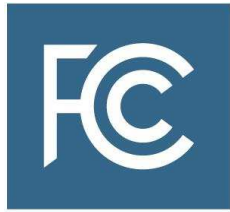
The League noted that the device

is imported into the US and marketed and sold by Sears, where ARRL purchased its test sample, as well as by Amazon.com and other retail outlets. The ARRL also called on the FCC to consider enforcement proceedings against the importer, Hydrofarm Horticultural Products of Petaluma, California.

"ARRL respectfully requests that your office take the appropriate action with respect to this device without delay," Imlay's letter concluded. Copies of the correspondence were sent to the importer.

In separate correspondence to FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai, seeking his review of the complaint, Imlay said the Lumatek unit was "typical in terms of its performance, and many other types of 'grow lights' are being imported, marketed, sold and deployed now." One of Pai's main interests is the revitalization of the AM Broadcast Band, where noise can be an impediment to reception..... - via *ARRL.COM*

## FCC Consent Decree Requires Radio Amateur to Relinquish His License



As part of a Consent Decree released March 19, a Cocoa, Florida, radio amateur has agreed to give up his Advanced class Amateur Radio license.

Terry L. Van Volkenburg, KC5RF, also has agreed to make a \$1000 "voluntary donation" to the US Treasury, in installments, and waive all rights to contest the validity of the Consent Decree. In turn, the FCC is terminating a 2012 enforcement proceeding involving unlicensed transmissions that interfered with a sheriff's department radio system. On March 1, 2013, the FCC found Van Volkenburg liable for a \$25,000 forfeiture, which the Commission subsequently determined he would be unable to pay. The Enforcement Bureau also agreed not to institute a new proceeding on the basis of the one just concluded.

"The Bureau further agrees that in the absence of new material evidence, the Bureau will not use the facts developed in the investigation through the effective date [of the Consent Decree] or the existence of this Consent Decree to institute on its own

motion any new proceeding, formal or informal, or take any action on its own motion against Mr Van Volkenburg concerning the matters that were the subject of the investigation," the Consent Decree provided. The Commission said it was entering into the agreement and terminating the enforcement proceeding in part "to avoid further expenditure of public resources."

Prior to signing the Consent Decree, the FCC said, Van Volkenburg requested in writing that the Commission cancel his Amateur Radio license.

The FCC investigation began in September 2012 in response to an interference complaint filed by the Brevard County Sheriff's Department. The Enforcement Bureau subsequently determined that Van Volkenburg transmitted on 465.300 MHz without a license, interfering with the radio system in the county jail.

In settling the enforcement action, Van Volkenburg "admits, solely for the purpose of this Consent Decree and for Commission civil enforcement purposes" that the radio transmissions he made on 465.300 MHz sparking the investigation violated the Communications Act. - *via ARRL.COM*

## Radio Amateur Facing Substantial Fine for CB Violation

An Oklahoma Amateur Extra class licensee is facing a \$12,000 fine for operating his Citizens Band radio to "interfere with the communications of other CB stations," the FCC said in a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (NAL) released March 21. In May 2013 an FCC agent used mobile direction-finding techniques to positively identify the source of a continuous carrier of CB channel 19 (27.1850 MHz) to the residence of Orloff Haines, KF5IXX, in Enid, Oklahoma. Haines was not at home, but his wife showed the agent her husband's CB station, which was transmitting on channel 19.

"Mrs. Haines stated that Mr Haines was 'keyed on,' or continuously transmitting on channel 19, because other CB operators in the area were harassing her," the FCC reported in the NAL. The agent telephoned Orloff Haines during the station inspection, and, the FCC said, he admitted that he was transmitting a con-

tinuous carrier on channel 19. Mrs. Haines "voluntarily turned off" the CB transmitter at the end of the inspection. The FCC said the carrier was interfering with CB communication within an approximately 2 mile radius.

Prior to last May, Haines had received two written warnings from the Dallas FCC office, advising him of the consequences of intentionally interfering with other CB communications. "The fact that Mr Haines interfered with other CB communications despite being twice warned in writing that such actions violated [the Communications Act] and FCC rules demonstrates a deliberate disregard for the Commission's requirements and authority," the FCC said, in justifying an upward adjustment of \$5000 in the proposed forfeiture.

The FCC gave Haines 30 days to pay the fine or file in writing for reduction or cancellation of the proposed fine. - *via ARRL.COM*

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### 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
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- ◆ 3.573 2200 hours, slow speed (12-14 wpm), South Carolina/North Carolina

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# BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

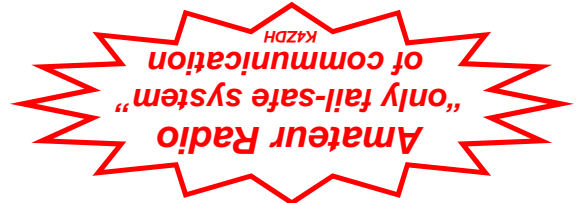
Apr 8 ..... **Regular Meeting**  
 Apr 15 ..... **BARC VE Session – TUESDAY**  
 Apr 19 ..... **RARSFest - Raleigh \*\***  
 Apr 20 ..... **ARRL Rookie Roundup SSB**  
 Apr 26 ..... **MS Walk - Contact KB3VKH**  
 Apr 29 ..... **Board Meeting**  
 May 3 ..... **Down East Hamfest - Kinston \*\***  
 May 3 ..... **HAM CHATTER DEADLINE**  
 May 13 ..... **Regular Meeting**  
 May 24/25 ..... **CQ WW CQ WPX Contest**  
 May 27 ..... **Board Meeting**  
 May 31 ..... **HAM CHATTER DEADLINE**  
 Jun 10 ..... **Regular Meeting**  
 Jun 14/15 ..... **ARRL June VHF Contest**  
 Jun 15 ..... **ARRL Kids Day**

Jun 24 ..... **Board Meeting**  
 Jun 28 ..... **HAM CHATTER DEADLINE**  
 Jun 28/29 ..... **ARRL Field Day**  
 Jul 8 ..... **Regular Meeting**  
 Jul 12 ..... **IARU HF Championship**  
 Jul 19 ..... **Cary Swapfest \*\***  
 Jul 29 ..... **Board Meeting**  
 Aug 2 ..... **HAM CHATTER DEADLINE**  
 Aug 12 ..... **Regular Meeting**  
 Aug 26 ..... **Board Meeting**  
 Aug 30 ..... **HAM CHATTER DEADLINE**  
 Aug 30/31 ..... **Shelby Hamfest \*\***

**Regular Meeting** - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM  
**Board Meeting** - Last Tuesday @ 7:30 PM      *\*\*Hamfests*

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