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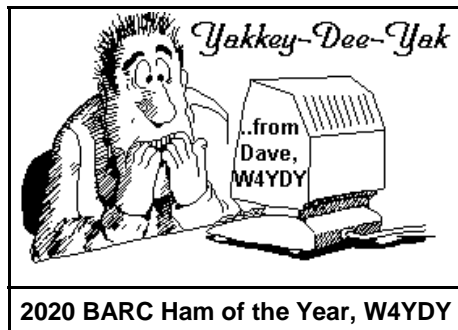
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BARC in-person Meetings, Regular, Board and VE session cancelled until further notice.

Next Meeting - On ZOOM.
January 12, 2021 @ 7 PM.

Awards and Certificates announced at Zoom Christmas Party

Due to the pandemic, we were not able to have our usual eye-ball Christmas Party for 2020. Zoom was used with some Christmas wear and backgrounds. A picture is on page 3 of the attendees. If anyone was left out, it was due to time the picture was captured from the screen.



There was a little bit of BARC business by President Dave Wood, W4EJ, before the awards were announced. The awards and certificates announced by Dave were as follows: A plaque for Ham of the Year, Dave Langley, W4YDY; certificates for Elmer of the Year, Dave Wood, W4EJ; New Ham of the Year, David Meeks, KN4VJR; YL of the Year, Beth Meeks, KN4WWK, and OM of the Year, Peter Van Houten, N4PVH.

A plaque for 2 years service, 2019/2020, as BARC President was given to Dave Wood, W4EJ. Certificates were awarded to 2020 Officers First Vice President, Peter Van Houten, N4PVH; Second Vice President, Lou Demko,

W3LPR; Secretary, Gary Coriell, KK4GC; Treasurer, Jim Lowe, AC4JL; Trustee, Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, and Trustee, Terry Monday, K4ZYD.

Certificates were awarded to club appointees Club Station Trustee, Bill Dawson, WA4SLC; Web Site Webmaster, Mike Monteith, KM4OLT; Ham Chatter Editor, Dave Langley, W4YDY; Web Site Editor, Dave Langley, W4YDY; Web Site Webmaster, David Meeks, KN4VJR, and Award certificates and Plaques Editor, Mike Langley, KD4MTT.

Certificates were awarded to Volunteer Examiner Liaison, Gary Coriell, KK4GC; Volunteer Examiners Dave Langley, W4YDY, Jim Lowe, AC4JL, Dave Wood, W4EJ, Gerald Seighman, KN4CKL, Dan Wallace, K4HMW, and Al Mullis, K4GOE.

Mike, KD4MTT, emailed PDF certificates to the recipients. He also obtained the plaques and delivered them.

After the awards were announced, First Vice President, Peter Van Houten, N4PVH, emceed a round table with members taking turns speaking about what activities they were doing with Amateur Radio and other things of interest to the members.

Being on Zoom, we did miss out on some great food and eyeball QSOs. It looks like there will be a return to normal on December 14, 2021 for the next Christmas Party. It will be welcomed!

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7 PM. The meeting will be on ZOOM. See front page article in the April, 2020 Ham Chatter for details on setting up and signing in. Contact Peter Van Houten, N4PVH, for details if you are having trouble setting up.

Program by Matt McMahan, WU2V. His subject will be "Local Repeaters and DMR".

Families and Guest are invited to attend.

Board Meeting - January 26, 2021
The meeting will be on ZOOM. The next board meeting will be Tuesday, January 26, at 7:00 PM via Zoom. All members invited.

This is my last newsletter edit

Thanks to everyone that helped me with the newsletter over the years. Associate Editors Murray Merner, K4MHM and Amanda Karr (now Christensen), KI4IWS, were a great help interviewing and writing most of the Meet the Member columns. Murray also wrote several other articles for Ham Chatter.

I got to meet a lot of people that became good friends over the years of editing the newsletter and web site. Also I re-connected with some old friends. - W4YDY

DUES DUE JANUARY 1!

SEE PAGE 7

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<https://w4amc.com/membership/>
to use PayPal

BARC Founder Had Article in January 1971 QST

I was looking through the January 2021 issue of QST and came upon the page that has article lists for 100, 50 and 25 years ago. One happened to catch my eye when I saw the call sign, K4MI, for 50 years ago. It was the call of Jack Kear, K4MI, SK, Brightleaf ARC Honorary Life Member. Jack was one of the founding members to organize BARC.



Jack Kear, K4MI (SK)

He wrote an article for QST titled, "Five For Five" (Five Decibels for Five Bucks). He describes "a simple two-band beam that really works, and only cost a few dollars." He has some drawings and in the article he describes the construction, testing and how it works.

The article covers 2 1/3 pages in the January 1971 QST, pages 40 to 42. ARRL members can go to the QST archives and search for K4MI in the January

1971 QST and the link to the article will display. You can view and save the article in PDF format. These archives are photos of the pages so you won't be able to copy parts but you can print the article on your printer.

Jack retired from the VOA in 1990. His story of his Amateur Radio history can be seen in the March 2000 Ham Chatter at <https://www.qsl.net/w4amc/hc/pdf/hc0003.pdf>. - W4YDY

VERY IMPORTANT CORONA VIRUS INFORMATION

WEAR ANY MASK while outside in public AT ALL TIMES (N95, surgical mask or bandanna in that order of effectiveness) as they all reduce the spread of the virus. The data shows that there is a 98% reduction in transmission of the virus if you wash your hands at least 4x a day and wear a mask. Lets ALL DO THIS for the sake of the country!!!!

Dr. Peter Van Houten, N4PVH

Login for BARC meeting on Zoom

Peter Van Houten, N4PVH, will be running Zoom for the meeting. To join, use his Zoom number, 699-723-8982. The password will be sent via email. If you have problems, call or email Peter or another club member.



Happy Birthday

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

01-06 W4ESO Frank Spencer

Please let us know of any additions or corrections.

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Doug Ferris, K4ROK
Mike Langley,
KD4MTT

Please inform the First Vice President of any changes.



Next VE Session

SESSIONS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19? STAY TUNED.

Exams will be held on third Tuesdays at 2200 Charles Blvd, ECU Greenville Center in Greenville, NC. **Location may change.** Exams will start promptly at 6:30 PM. For more info email Gary, **KK4GC**, at qsl-ve@w4amc.com. (remove spaces) Study material at <http://www.arrl.org/courses-training>. Walk-ins welcome.

Please bring the following required:

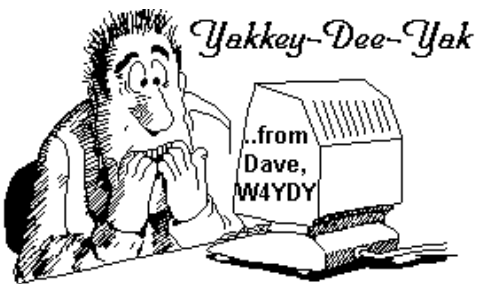
- Photo ID (drivers license)
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- Copy of Amateur Radio License
- Original CSCE's
- Copy of CSCE
- Test fee is \$15.00 .
- Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.
- SS Number will be needed if you don't have an FRN number. *

Go to <https://www.qsl.net/w4amc/barcinfo.html#VE> or w4amc.com for more information.

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This is it! The LAST one!

This issue of Ham Chatter is my last to edit. I started editing Ham Chatter in June 1997. Except for a 3 1/2 year break starting in 2015, I did the main editing. During the break, I continued this column and wrote all the local club news. Mark Raysin, **KG4GVJ**, will be the editor starting with the February 2021 issue. It will be on the new W4AMC web site.

In July 1996, I started the W4AMC web site. I didn't and still don't know very much about programming a web site since I had no training for web design. And it shows! As someone commented, "It's an antique version". In January, for the most part, I will end editing the web site at <https://www.qsl.net/w4amc/>.

There may be a few changes for a while. The site will still be online as an archive with all the Ham Chatters since 1997 and also pictures and videos of past BARC and club member activities.

The new web site, W4AMC.COM <<https://w4amc.com/>> is on a new server. David Meeks, **KN4VJR**, is the webmaster. Peter Van Houten, **N4PVH**, has moved the site to the new server, WordPress. Future announcements, news, activities, Ham Chatter, etc. will be on that site.

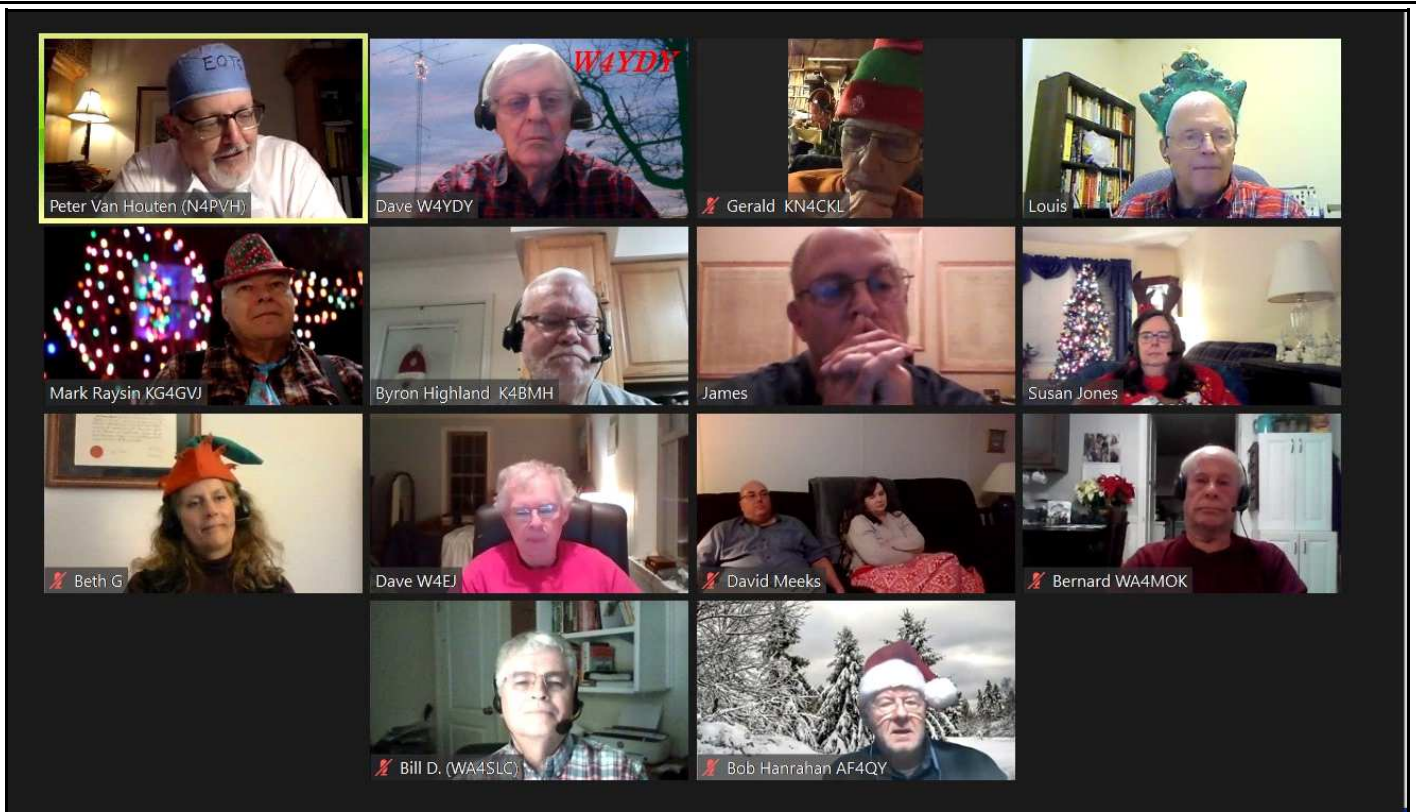
The new server for W4AMC.COM is a secure site, https. The old site on GoDaddy was not a secure site, http. The QSL.NET site is also a secure site, https. The BARC achieves will stay there with links from W4AMC.COM.

QSLs: LOTW, eQSL & Cards

For those that are wanting confirmations for awards, etc., there are several ways now to confirm contacts rather than just getting the paper QSL cards. The best thing about the paper is that you can get cards from all over the world if

you are into DX. Also you can have a nice collection of stamps from other countries. But, it is the most expensive way to confirm contacts. You can save a lot of money by using Outgoing and Incoming QSL Service of the ARRL. Membership is required for some of these services. There are some other bureaus also. Before the Internet, paper was the only way to confirm. I do enjoy looking through my six card file boxes to the very interesting cards from hams all over the world. I have about 6 to 7000 cards with 10,795 contacts confirmed from 239 countries. Some cards have up to 8 QSOs confirmed.

As of 12/31/2020, I have 18,146 Logbook of The World confirmed, 236 countries, and 6,846 eQSL confirmations. Some QSOs are confirmed by card, LOTW, and eQSL. So the total QSOs confirmed is 18,848 with 369 countries. Only QSOs starting in 1992 have confirmations via Internet. There are 138,397 QSOs in my logging program. The logging program makes it easy to get the numbers. - *W4YDY*



Christmas party attendees on Zoom. Peter, N4PVH, Dave, W4YDY, Gerald, KN4CKL, Lou, W3LPR, Mark, KG4GVJ, Byron, K4BMH, Jim, AC4JL, Susan, WA4AKB, Beth, KN4FZB, Dave, W4EJ, David, KN4VJR, Bernie, WA4MOK, Bill, WA4SLC, Bob, AF4QY. Some others might not have been online when picture was captured.

FCC Reduces Proposed Amateur Radio Application Fee to \$35



The FCC has agreed with ARRL and other commenters that its proposed \$50 fee for certain amateur radio applications was “too high to account for the minimal staff involvement in these applications.” In a Report and Order (R&O), released on December 29, the FCC scaled back to \$35 the fee for a new license application, a special temporary authority (STA) request, a rule waiver request, a license renewal application, and a vanity call sign application. All fees are per application. There will be no fee for administrative updates, such as a change of mailing or email address.

This fall, ARRL filed comments in firm opposition to the FCC proposal to impose a \$50 fee on amateur radio license and application fees and urged its members to follow suit.

As the FCC noted in its R&O, although some commenters supported the proposed \$50 fee as reasonable and fair, “ARRL and many individual commenters argued that there was no cost-based justification for application fees in the Amateur Radio Service.” The fee proposal was contained in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in MD Docket 20-270, which was adopted to implement portions of the “Repack Airwaves Yielding Better Access for Users of Modern Services Act” of 2018 — the so-called “Ray Baum’s Act.”

“After reviewing the record, in-

cluding the extensive comments filed by amateur radio licensees and based on our revised analysis of the cost of processing mostly automated processes discussed in our methodology section, we adopt a \$35 application fee, a lower application fee than the Commission proposed in the NPRM for personal licenses, in recognition of the fact that the application process is mostly automated,” the FCC said in the R&O. “We adopt the proposal from the NPRM to assess no additional application fee for minor modifications or administrative updates, which also are highly automated.”

The FCC said it received more than 197,000 personal license applications in 2019, which includes not only ham radio license applications but commercial radio operator licenses and General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) licenses.

The FCC turned away the arguments of some commenters that the FCC should exempt amateur radio licensees. The FCC stated that it has no authority to create an exemption “where none presently exists.”

The FCC also disagreed with those who argued that amateur radio licensees should be exempt from fees because of their public service contribution during emergencies and disasters.

“[W]e are very much aware of these laudable and important services amateur radio licensees provide to the American public,” the FCC said, but noted that specific exemptions provided under Section 8 of the so-called “Ray Baum’s Act” requiring the FCC to assess the fees do not apply to amateur radio personal licenses.

“Emergency communications, for example, are voluntary and are not required by our rules,” the FCC noted. “As we have noted previously, [w]hile the value of the amateur service to the public as a voluntary noncommercial communications service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications, is one of the underlying principles of the amateur service, the amateur service is not an emergency radio service.”

The Act requires that the FCC switch from a Congressionally-mandated fee structure to a cost-based system of assessment. The FCC proposed application fees for a broad range of services that use the FCC’s Universal Licensing System (ULS), including the Amateur Radio Service, which had been excluded previously. The 2018 statute excludes the Amateur Service from annual regulatory fees, but not from application fees.

“While the Ray Baum’s Act amended Section 9 and retained the regulatory fee exemption for amateur radio station licensees, Congress did not include a comparable exemption among the amendments it made to Section 8 of the Act,” the FCC R&O explained.

The effective date of the fee schedule has not been established, but it will be announced at least 30 days in advance. The FCC has directed the Office of Managing Director, in consultation with relevant offices and bureaus, to draft a notice for publication in the Federal Register announcing when rule change(s) will become effective, “once the relevant databases, guides, and internal procedures have been updated.” - *via arrl.org 12/30/2020*

FCC Posts Email Address Reminder On ULS Landing



The FCC is encouraging users of the Universal Licensing Service (ULS) to have an email address on file with the FCC.

“Applicants are strongly encouraged to provide an email address on their license application (s), which will trigger the electronic issuance of an official copy of their license(s)

to the email provided upon application grant. Per the timing specified in Rulemaking FCC 20-126, the FCC will no longer print, and licensees will no longer be able to request, hard copy license authorizations sent by mail.”

The FCC has not yet established the date by which an email address will be required on all applications. ARRL VEC already has begun including email addresses on FCC applications for as many applicants as possible. - *via arrl.org 12/21/2020*

*From an earlier ARRL news item: 12/3/2020
FCC to Require Email Addresses*

Under new Section 97.23, each license will have to show the grantee’s correct name, mailing address, and email address. “The email address must be an address where the grantee can receive electronic correspondence,” the amended rule will state. **“Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct email address.”**

President's Corner, Peter Van Houten, N4PVH

Let's Look Ahead...



BARC President, N4PVH

Is anyone not happy to see the end of this year 2020? What a year of changes caused by the election mess, pandemic disrupting all social fabric of this nation, and all the other issues that we will not bother to mention. I would like to focus on the new year and see what the members want to do in BARC. In February, we have had to suddenly cancel all in person meetings (eye ball QSO's) and shift to on line Zoom meetings. This was painful but like most changes, it has good and bad features. The good feature was that we had fabulous meetings with speakers that would never agree to come to Greenville to small club. We hosted the co-founder of Elecraft talking about the technology in the new K4 radio. Marv Hoffman updated us on the ARRL inner working. Two talks from Brian Harrison on Amelia Earhart's last flight and the radio technology in use at that time. The second was the FCC's efforts to secure the airwaves during WWII. These and more videos are now hosted on the new web page <https://W4AMC.COM/next-meeting/> for you to enjoy at your leisure.

That also brings up the issue of the expiring old BARC web page: we had to archive the old web site to qsl.net and start a new site at WordPress making it more modern and secure (https) saving money along the way! There is a link at

the top of the new site that will take you to the archive of the old site if you want to see old photos, activities and info stored there. Please visit the new site often as we intend the new site to be the central hub of coordinating our activity and documenting our accomplishments. We still have the Facebook groups of W4AMC, W4AMC-friends and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service - NC. These are there for quick posts and look up information on the fly. I have found people seem to be more comfortable going to a secure BARC web page than going onto Facebook. We are slowly building the new web pages to support our activities. Please send suggestions and corrections to David Meeks, **KN4VJR**, webmaster (at) w4amc.com.

BARC Business

It is DUES time again! Please mail your \$20 membership dues to Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835. See the membership page on W4AMC.COM for more details. We all must continue to support the club and the activities as this last year has been very difficult for all. We must pull together and support each other and enjoy this hobby as a (Covid) stress relief.

The budget for 2021 will be the same as the 2020 budget. There have been both ups and downs in the expense categories such as the savings from not needing to pay for a meeting location but then that was partially offset by the costs of the Zoom membership. We saved some money with the web page hosting changes. A complete report for the next year is being prepared by Jim Lowe.

Goals and aspirations for 2021

The goal for next year needs to be fluid as the situation will probably change but it is looking more likely that we should be able to have a REAL FIELD DAY at Oakwood School next year, I do not know with or without masks and that depending on how fast the vaccine is distributed. My optimistic hope

is that normal will return by June or July but stay tuned!

Education of new hams, licensing and the Oakwood school has been put on hold and should be restarted when things open up again. We will need to have volunteers to do lessons, be Elmers and VE. We should start offering testing to small groups and get started again.

We should pull out our emergency communications skills and equipment to get ready for the new year's hurricane season starting in September. This is what has made Amateur Radio really useful to the rest of the population and justifies our ownership of all the bands that we have. There are many groups and corporations that are all too willing to steal our spectrum. We, as a group, need to reclaim our reason for being and show the rest of the world that they need us in times of crisis by being prepared. We may need to take the ICS courses 100, 200, 700, 800 in order to be able to play with the "big boys" from state and local government agencies. This is not above our pay grade! Who is going to volunteer and help put us back on the EmCom map or are we willing to sit quietly and let the "big boys" take our spectrum?

The hope is we can get back to "normal" by July. In the mean time we will continue on Zoom and hope that everyone joins in on the "new" fun while in lock down. Please let us start to shake off the Covid-19 blues (yeah I am referring to the 19 pounds that I gained being inactive) and get out and start participating in all kinds of activities. Volunteer and help run your BARC organization. Let us know what works with constructive suggestions and then volunteer to help bring the suggestions to life. The BARC board, officers and I cannot do it all without your help. We all see the light at the end of the tunnel and it is not a freight train coming!

73, Peter, N4PVH

BARC President for 2021

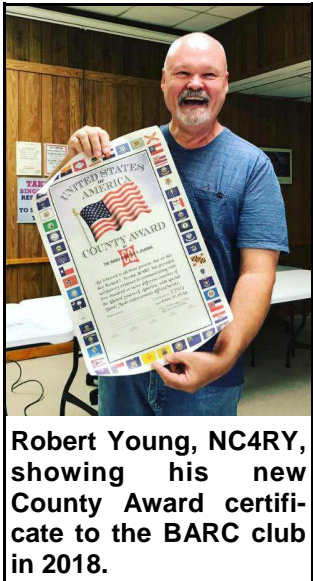
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FOR SALE: Yaesu Vx5. \$75. Richard Campbell, **W4JNC** (252) 758-1244 or richardecu@gmail.com.

K4DKW Receives County Hunter Award

Former BARC Treasurer, Jeff Meyer, **K4DKW**, who now lives in Ohio, just earned the USACA county award from CQ Magazine. Jeff used eQSL for his 500 confirmations. He realized he didn't need too many more new counties to make him eligible to receive the very nice 14 x 20 certificate like one shown in the picture by Robert Young, **NC4RY**. BARC member Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, also qualified for the award via eQSL in 2018.



Robert Young, NC4RY, showing his new County Award certificate to the BARC club in 2018.

Jeff started making many more contacts on FT8 and in about 30 days he had confirmed enough counties to apply for the award. He had to get over 400 more confirmations to make the 500. Looks like he did it in about a month working mostly FT8. During that time, we contacted each other on 40 meters. He's planning on getting his tower up next summer.

Jeff took care of the Christmas snow with a new snow blower. He said he had 8 inches a short time before Christmas and had another 8 on Christmas day. I'm sure he

put that new snow blower to good use!

His Meet the Member story is in the October 2009 HC. <<https://www.qsl.net/w4amc/hc/pdf/hc0910.pdf>>. He sends his best to all the BARC members for the holidays and 2021. Congratulations Jeff. - **W4YDY**

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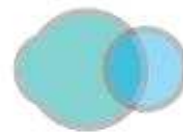
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2021 Membership Dues

It's that time of the year once again. Membership dues for BARC will be due January 1. Membership dues are as follows and are the same as 2020:

- Regular Member \$20.00
- Family Member \$2.00
- Associate Member (Non-Licensed) \$5.00
- Life Member \$0.00
- New Hams: 18 and younger (1st year) \$5.00
- New Hams: 19 and older (1st year) \$10.00

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 at <https://www.qsl.net/w4amc/barc-application.html>.

Please give the application and dues to the Treasurer at the meeting or mail your dues, along with the member application form to:

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835

Or go to <https://w4amc.com/membership/> to use PayPal at the page bottom.

If there are any questions concerning membership status or dues, please contact Jim Lowe, AC4JL, Treasurer at <treasurer@w4amc.com> or (252) 320-6545.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in BARC.

NETS

VHF/UHF

♦**BARC Net**, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.

♦**Down East Hospital Net**, 2nd Tuesday of each month at noon

Greenville 444.725 MHz, 91.5 tone N4HAJ

Fountain 444.425 MHz, 88.5 Tone N4HAJ

♦Newport SkyWarn Tues. nights 2100E Grifton-146.685-88.5 tone

♦Newport-145.450..... IRLP 8561 links to Columbia

♦Jacksonville-147.000- 88.5 tone

♦Oriental-147.210-151.4 tone

♦444 Newport-444.825- 88.5 tone

♦Swansboro-146.760- 88.5 tone

♦Grantsboro-145 230 - 85.4 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.

♦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 (20wpm)

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

National Traffic System

Eastern North Carolina Traffic Net (ENCTN) 146.685 (146.085 in) Mhz (PL 88.5) 2030E

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- *Treasurer @ w4amc.com to Jim Lowe, **AC4JL**
- *Hamchatter @ w4amc.com to Mark Raysin, **KG4GVJ**
- *QSL-VE @ w4amc.com to Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**
- *Webmaster @ w4amc.com to David Meeks, **KN4VJR**

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Right under the search bar is a button that says AmazonSmile. Hovering over that button brings up a box which allows you to choose a charity. There is either the word "change" highlighted in blue or a grey "change" button. Either one will take you to the next step.

My page comes up with a list of "spotlight charities" and a search bar where you will have to type in "Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club".

The search results on the next page will show the name of the club and the location here in Greenville. "Select" our club using the button on the right.

It should bring up a page with a confirmation that you have selected BARC.

You did it! Now you are ready to shop. You must be logged in through the Smile.Amazon.com page (as opposed to Amazon.com) for a donation to be made from your purchases. I added the page to my bookmarks toolbar for easy access.

Submitted by Beth, **KN4FZB**, on the W4AMC Blog.

<https://w4amc.com/2020/11/25/everyone-join-amazon-smile-and-support-barc/>

BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 1. ARRL Straight Key Night
 Jan 2. Ham Chatter **Deadline**
 Jan 2/3 ARRL RTTY Roundup
**Jan 5 ** W4YDY RETIRES AS HAM CHATTER
 AND WEB SITE EDITOR ** QRT**
 Jan 12. **Regular Meeting - 7PM**
 Jan 26. **Board Meeting - 7PM**
 Jan 29/31 CQ WW CW 160M Contest
 Feb 9. **Regular Meeting - 7PM**
 Feb 13/14 CQ WW WPX RTTY Contest
 Feb 23. **Board Meeting - 7PM**

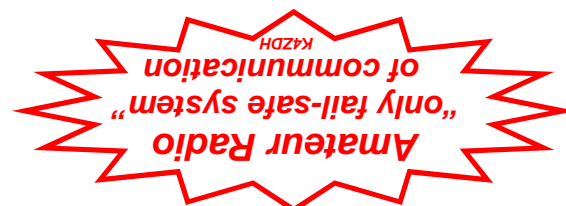
Feb 26/28 CQ WW SSB 160M Contest
 Mar 6/7 ARRL SSB DX Contest
 Mar 9. **Regular Meeting - 7PM**
 Mar 27/28 CQ WW SSB WPX Contest
 Mar 30. **Board Meeting - 7PM**

Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM
Board Meeting - Last Tuesday @ 7:00 PM

Contest Calendar: All the rules.
<https://www.contestcalendar.com/weeklycont.php>

BARC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone
 Down East Hospital Net - 2nd Tuesday at noon - Greenville 444.725 MHz, 91.5 tone N4HAJ
 BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATIONS

W 1 V O A - W 4 A M C - W 4 U H S



Next Meeting on ZOOM
 January 12, 2021 - 7 PM

January 2021

To:



Ham Chatter
 Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club
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 Greenville, NC 27835