

BARC FREE CLASSES

Periodically, BARC offers free Amateur Radio classes to the public. If you are interested in attending these classes and obtaining your Amateur Radio license, please contact us at President@w4amc.com.

VOLUNTEER EXAMINER

SESSIONS

Volunteer Examiner (VE) sessions are scheduled to be held at 6:30 pm on the third Friday of the following months: February, April, June, August, October and December.

The sessions take place in the Science Classroom at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 2606 East 5th Street, Greenville, NC.

There is a minimal charge examination fee. You must bring a photo ID and any original or copies of prior Certification of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE's) and/or any Amateur Radio license.

Please check www.w4amc.com for up to date and contact information.

All sessions will accept walk-ins. Please be prompt.



BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR

RADIO CLUB

P.O. BOX 8387

GREENVILLE, NC 27835

If you would like to become a member, please fill out the application completely, so that the club can better serve you. License information is for statistical purposes only.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Current Call Sign: _____

Birth Day Month/Day: _____

License Class _____ Are you a Member? _____

____ Technician _____ A.R.E.S.

____ General _____ R.A.C.E.S.

____ Extra _____ M.A.R.S.

____ ARRL Member

Other (Please specify): _____

Are you a Volunteer Examiner: _____

Which of the following club activities would you be willing to help with?

____ Programs _____ Field Day

____ Publicity _____ V.E Sessions

____ Elmer Sessions _____ Training Classes

____ Club Offices

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MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS:

7:30 PM ON THE 2ND TUE OF

EACH MONTH

LOCATION: VFW POST 7032,

1108 MUMFORD ROAD'

GREENVILLE, NC

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND
MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club

The Doorway To A Great Hobby:

Amateur Radio is a hobby that can be participated in by young children and the elderly, the able bodied and the disabled, engineers and non-"teckies", boys/girls, and men/women alike, done inside and out, can be inexpensive or expensive. It is a hobby that can be enjoyed by all.

With this in mind, amateur radio is the perfect family hobby. In this day when connecting in the family is so difficult, Ham Radio provides an opportunity for family members to share experiences and support.

While Ham Radio may be only a hobby, it is also an opportunity for us to experience success. Ham Radio has spurred children to do better in school, progress socially, and improve their self-esteem. Many of us choose our future occupations based on hobby experiences. Many young Hams become so interested in electronics, that it motivates them to seek education and jobs in that field. (Such as: electrical engineering, broadcast communications, computers, physics, even astronomy.)

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club (BARC), here in Greenville, is a group of people from Eastern North Carolina, with an interest in Amateur Radio. Meetings are held monthly with technical presentations, social interaction, and friendship. Also, there are other interactions in the form of help with radio, antenna, techniques, and training. BARC is a ready resource for help, support and fun.

BARC has other activities such as conducting New Ham Classes, so participants can get their entry level Radio License. Special Events and the annual Field Day provide time for Club Members to act as a team, to learn, and to practice techniques that are handy and beneficial in times of emergency situations.

Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), another component, is activated during local, regional, state or world emergencies. ARES members assist with emergency communications during these times. Another aspect is Skywarn. It is activated during sudden severe weather watches and warnings. Skywarn consists of Ham and Non-Ham members volunteering their time to spot severe weather and report it to the proper authorities or through Ham Radio to Net Control Operators that in turn report findings to the National Weather Service (NWS).

Whether your interest is more sedate as in talking to people around town or broaden to around the world (you can do that too!), Amateur Radio can be a fun and rewarding hobby. And, with the many ways of communicating, for instance by using a microphone, sending and receiving Morse Code, computers, radio teletype or television, there's no limit to who you may end up contacting or what you may achieve. You can even learn to build your own equipment. Your antenna can be homemade or store bought. It can be as simple as a wire or cable, running up a wall, down a chain link fence, up and through trees, or on an aluminum ladder. Your signal can be transmitted around the world by antennas, satellites, microwave and moon bounce.

The choices and options are unlimited. Ham radio has it all and the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club is a way to get started. Come join us!!

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club is an affiliate of the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL), and ARES.

- The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) divides the entire range of communication frequencies among the services that use them.
- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) allocates and governs all Frequency Bands, along with issuing all Amateur Radio Licenses in the United States.
- The Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL) is a membership organization, of Amateur Radio Operators, with a multitude of services available, along with representing Amateur interests to the FCC and other Government Agencies.



Emergency Services

ARES:

In addition to being a great hobby, Amateur Radio operators have the opportunity to provide services to the community in times of emergency.

Amateur Radio Emergency Services is recognized by the Department of Homeland Security for its abilities to provide emergency communications in a disaster situation.

Amateur Radio operators have the ability to provide communications when phones are down or overloaded, or when cell phones don't work.

ARES operators were critical to emergency services communications in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01 and many hurricanes, most notably, Hurricane Katrina.

Skywarn:

Many Amateur Radio operators also choose to be Skywarn Spotters for the National Weather Service. The NWS relies upon spotters to let them know what conditions are being experienced on the ground during severe weather. The information collected from spotters helps forecasters analyze their data and issue more accurate forecasts, watches and warnings.

