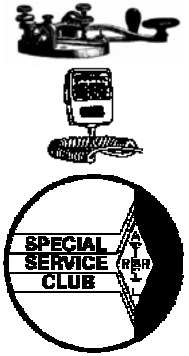




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## Meet The Member Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW

Bonnie, a member of BARC since 1999, is our secretary this year (maybe next year too, if we're nice to her). She was born in Fort Jackson, SC in a military hospital and "raised all over the world." Home has been many places including Germany and Saudi Arabia, and she's visited England, the Netherlands, France, Kenya, Egypt, Canada and Mexico.

Her dad, Tom, W4TEP, "encouraged" her to get her license and it had a practical value in a convoy of Boy Scouts when needed to communicate between the vehicles, especially the "tag" vehicle. Her current license is a Technician Class which was obtained in April 27, 1999. Her license came of real value when, along with Tom and her husband Dave, KG4CZV, she covered the Red Cross office during the Floyd

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Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW

## Next Meeting - March 13

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next regular meeting on March 13 at 7:30 PM at Cypress Glen Retirement Community at 100 Hickory Street.. Directions on page 5. The program will be about the results of the Strong Angel operation last summer. Bill Igoe, N4ZTN, will be the speaker. He was in Hawaii with Brother Simon, KQ2V, during the operation. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*The next board meeting is set for February 27 at 7:30 PM. The meeting is open to all members.*

## BARC Dues

Please return the application in last months issue if there are any changes to the BARC Secretary with the correct fee if not already paid. I not paid before April, you will **not** be in the next roster.

Dues are \$20 for regular members, \$10 for first year new hams (19 or over), \$5 for first years new hams (18 or younger) and \$2 for family members (in same house with another member.)

H o n o r a r y members do not pay dues.

Our Treasurer, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, will be glad to help you.

## Alaska, Nevada Join States Seeking PRB-1 Legislation

Two more states have joined the list of those seeking to get Amateur Radio antenna legislation on the books. Efforts are under way to incorporate the provisions of the limited federal preemption known as PBB-1 into state law in Alaska and Nevada.

The Alaska proposal, Senate Bill 78, seeks a minimum regulatory height limit of up to 200 feet for Amateur Radio antennas or structures--similar to the Virginia Amateur Antenna law. The Nevada proposal, Assembly Bill 61, represents the first attempt on the state level to limit the impact of private covenants, conditions and restrictions--so-called CC&Rs--on Amateur Radio antennas.

ARRL Alaska Section Manager Kent Petty, KL5T, credited "the dedicated and tireless efforts" of Dan Squires, KD7WN, and Rob Wilson, AL7KK, as well as ARRL Northwestern Division Director Greg Milnes, W7OZ, with moving the bill forward. Sponsored by Sen Robin Taylor, SB 78 was introduced February 8 and referred to the Community and Regional Affairs Committee.

The Alaska bill would establish a three-tier minimum regulatory height schedule that depends on the population density of the community in which the antenna is installed and the size of the lot on which it is sited. The minimum would be 75 feet in areas with population densities more than 120 people per square mile. A minimum regulatory height of 140 feet would prevail in areas with population densities of more than 120

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# President's Corner - *Wayne, W4AJRQ*

## A word from your President

It now appears that everyone survived the cake and ice cream from our last meeting. It was great - - thanks Bonnie.

Just a couple of comments on Netiquette.

Unfortunately, nets don't always run smoothly, and there are some things we can do to help this situation.

One of the important things to do in a net is to wait one or two seconds when it is your turn to talk. This allows someone else to break in to join the net, to make some comment on what has been said, or to tell you something before you start transmitting.

On most nets the checkin order is the order of call up for commits or information. The Net Control Station (NCS) establishes this order, in order to run the net.

We all should remember that the NCS is the Boss of the net and the NCS should control the operations of the net. If others start to take over the work of the

NCS, doubling will begin to occur and confusion will result. The NCS usually has a net procedure that he is following, but there are times when the NCS has to deviate from this procedure. The NCS should determine this and do whatever it takes to keep the net running smoothly.

The NCS should be attentive at all times so that it will never be necessary for some other net member to step in and do the NCS's job. One can learn many things about NCS functions if one will keep a log

## Netiquette

of checkins and comments listed. This will allow one to step in and continue with the net if for some reason the NCS should fail to return (example: Power, equipment failure etc.)

Following these net basics should result in enjoyable smooth-running amateur radio nets.

See you on the Monday night nets and others.

73,

*Wayne Ross, W4AJRQ*

## Pilot and Air Traffic Controller Humor

The German air controllers at Frankfurt Airport are a short-tempered lot. They not only expect one to know one's gate parking location but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we (a PanAm 747) listened to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747 (call sign "Speedbird 206") after landing:

**Speedbird 206:** "Top of the morning Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of the active runway."

**Ground:** "Guten morgen! You vill taxi to your gate!"

The big British Airways 747 pulled onto the main taxi way and slowed to a stop.

**Ground:** "Speedbird, do you not know vare you are going?"

**Speedbird 206:** "Stand by a moment ground, I'm looking up our gate location now."

**Ground (with some arrogant impatience):** "Speedbird 206, haff you never flown to Frankfurt before?!?"

**Speedbird 206 (coolly):** "Yes, I have, in 1944. In another type of Boeing. I didn't stop." - *Via ARNS News*



## Happy Birthday

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

- 3 KC4UCW Jane Lindsley
- 7 W3OHF Winfred Crockett
- 9 WB4RQG Leland Tucker
- 9 NW4S Jeff Wainwright
- 14 KD4MTR James Hoover
- 17 KG4CZV David Pulver
- 18 WA4DX Don Conley
- 20 K4MHM Murray Merner
- 21 KB4RES Linda Leighty
- 23 KF4CCZ Wayne Lukhard
- 25 W4UEF Rich Parker

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

## Pilot and Air Traffic Controller Humor

As a junior crew member Pan Am 727 Flight Engineer, I was listening to the radio waiting for start clearance out of Munich, Germany. This was the conversation I overheard (I don't recall call signs any longer):

**Lufthansa:** (In German) "Ground, what is our start clearance time?"

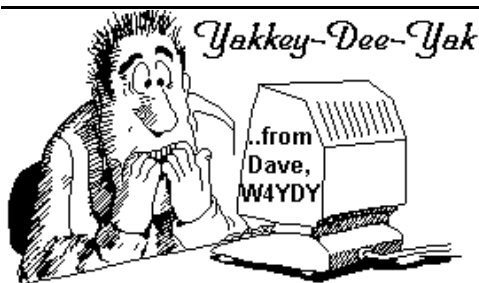
**Ground:** (In English) "If you want an answer you must speak English."

**Luft:** (In English) "I am a German, flying a German airplane, in Germany. Why must I speak English?"

**Beautiful English Accent:** (before ground could answer) "Because you lost the bloody war!" - *via ARNS News*

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The March issue of CQ Magazine has several articles about the few hams that give Amateur Radio a bad name. One article covers the operators that constantly use profanity and talk about subjects that would be R or X rated in the broadcast media. Amateur Radio should be G rated, because you never know who may be listening. I am very careful on where I tune my radio when I have visitors in the shack. The article stated that you could send them a note or speak to them on the air.

I wrote an article in this column (October 1997) about some in the 75 meter listening area using profanity. I got some messages from them stating that they would try to do better. A few weeks later when I listened again, the messengers were using profanity on the very first transmission that I heard. I don't listen there any more. Maybe it's better now.

Another time, I made the comment about someone using profanity on the frequency in the roundtable I was in. Several jumped on me that it was okay because you heard in on TV all the time. The TV programs are rated PG. Is Amateur Radio rated PG? So be prepared to be attacked if you make your views known about not liking the profanity on Amateur Radio. One sounded like he was ready to fight! I turned the radio off.

There is also the matter of bad manners by some operators. Some are on nets. But they are few and that is good. Most nets welcome new members or

checkins and they are very helpful in explaining the requirements of the operation. One of the best is the 3905 Century Club WAS nets. There are a lot of very nice people running the nets and they are very helpful with new hams and also in helping a station get the weak signal contacts. I have been on a number of nets on 20 and 15 meters working DX, etc. and they are very helpful and patient. I have listened in on one net that has a lot of nice operators except for one. You just have to listen for an hour or less and he will have told off someone new to the net because they used phonetics or have

**“Spectrum is worth a fortune, and we will never keep it by making fools of ourselves in using it.”**

asked a question or made a statement he though may be wasting time. He has told some to get off the frequency or if they ask a question about the operation, he will tell them to have a nice day and continue the net. He has absolutely no patience with anyone that does not operate like a robot. It doesn't matter if it's a DX station or not. It's ashamed that people like that give Amateur Radio a bad name.

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, of the FCC is quoted in CQ Magazine. “Every time a licensee carries on like that on the air, that person takes the Amateur Radio Service one step closer to extinction. Spectrum is worth a fortune, and we will never keep it by making fools of ourselves in using it. American operators are all too often the subject of ridicule in other countries.” - W4YDY



**See you at the Down East Hamfest in Kinston on March 25. Contact Byron Highland, K4BMH, for more information. Email: [bhighland@CI.GREENVILLE.NC.US](mailto:bhighland@CI.GREENVILLE.NC.US)**

## PRB-1 Legislation

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people per square mile and a lot size of an acre or larger. The top-tier 200 feet minimum regulatory limit would apply in areas where the population density is 120 people or less per square mile.

Petty is encouraging members of the Alaska Amateur Radio community to contact their state senators and representatives to support the measure (visit <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/> for more information).

In Nevada, the PRB-1 bill was filed February 1 by Assemblyman Bob Beers, WB7EHN, and referred to the Committee on Government Affairs. The proposal (<http://www.leg.state.nv.us/71st/bills/AB/AB61.html>) would require local ordinances to "reasonably accommodate amateur service communications" and "constitute the minimum level of regulation practicable to carry out the legitimate purpose of the governing body." The bill would not apply to historic or architectural preservation districts.

In a unique twist, however, the Nevada measure would make "void and unenforceable" any provision in a deed covenant, restriction or condition that "precludes amateur service communications" or "unreasonably restricts the placement, screening or height of a station antenna structure" that might significantly decrease antenna performance or that does not allow for the use of an alternative station antenna "at a comparable cost and with comparable efficiency and performance."

The bill's provisions would not apply to CC&Rs in Nevada already "executed and recorded" at the time the bill goes into effect.

Ten states now have incorporated the essence of PRB-1 into their lawbooks. For more information on PRB-1 and Amateur Radio antenna regulation, visit ARRLWeb, <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/#local>.

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## An Amateur Radio club CAN die.

The mail carrier often returns mail to me marked "insufficient postage," "addressee unknown," or "moved."

But imagine my surprise when a newsletter I had addressed to an amateur radio club came back stamped "deceased."

I don't know whether the club had actually "died," or if the postmaster of that community merely perceived the club as defunct, but it started me wondering how a club might make the obituaries. Suppose we start by dropping a few club activities. We might decide that recruiting newcomers to Amateur Radio is too much bother. Or that asking people to check into the net is a bit much. And suppose we question the need for attending our monthly meeting.

Is it possible we might soon develop an organizationally illiterate generation of hams? Of course, some in the club would never ever notice we had dropped those activities, unless we announced it in our newsletter. But interest would fade, little by little. And eventually, without member enthusiasm, no one would do the club's work. Without workers, a club must die.

Is that what you want?

You must decide; your presence or absence can make a difference.

Come to meetings.

Get (or stay) involved in club activities.

Or don't act, and watch it die.

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## Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on April 20. Exams will be held at St. Peter's School on 5th Street and will start promptly at 6:30 PM. Cliff Kendall, K3LEX, 752-0107 : cpkendall@aol.com

Please bring the following:

- ◆ Photo ID (drivers license)
- ◆ Original Amateur Radio License
- ◆ Copy of Amateur Radio License
- ◆ Original CSCE's
- ◆ Copy of CSCE
- ◆ Test fee is \$10.00 - **An increase!**
- ◆ Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.

## From the FCC Log: Raleigh Repeater Interference

LOUISBURG/CARY, NC: The FCC wrote Richard Phillip Cantwell on January 23, 2001, citing monitoring information before the Commission alleging that radio signals were transmitted from a vehicle registered to Cantwell "at various times in November and December 2000," FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth wrote. "The apparent purpose of those signals was to interfere with repeater operations on 146.88 MHz in the Raleigh, North Carolina, area." Hollingsworth enclosed a photograph of the vehicle, which bears a logo of Consolidated Delivery and Logistics Inc. Hollingsworth said the company informed the FCC that the vehicle was registered to Cantwell as an independent contractor for the company. Hollingsworth cautioned Cantwell that such unlicensed operation would be a violation of federal law and could lead to a fine and seizure of transmitting equipment. Hollingsworth requested that if Cantwell is an FCC licensee he respond to the letter within 30 days with an explanation and list any call signs he holds. - *ARRL Web 2/15/01*

*Editors Note: Amateur Radio Operators in the Raleigh area tracked the interference down over a period of several weeks by working together.*

**Have you introduced Amateur Radio to at least one other person this month?**

**In order to make our hobby grow, we need to work on sharing our enthusiasm with new people.**

## ARRL Offers New Five-Year Membership Plan

With a membership dues increase going into effect July 1, 2001, the ARRL is offering a special five-year membership plan until then, so members can lock in at the current, lower dues rates. Effective immediately, current or prospective ARRL members in the US and US possessions can obtain a five-year renewal or membership for \$146 (\$122



for those 65 or older)--a saving of \$24 (\$18 for those 65 or older) from the cost of year-to-year renewal at current rates!

Due to postal considerations, this offer cannot be extended to those living in other countries. The special five-year membership offer expires June 30, 2001, the last day the present dues schedule is in effect. After that, annual dues will increase to \$39 for individuals (\$34 for those 65 and older).

Another option is to apply for an ARRL Life Membership for \$850. Special discounts apply to senior and visually impaired applicants. A complete rate schedule and application form is available on ARRLWeb, <http://www.arrl.org/join.html>. - *Via ARRL Letter Online 02/09/01*

## Cypress Glenn Antenna Installed

An antenna was installed at Cypress Glenn Retirement Center on March 1. Tom Parsons, W4TEP, and Doug Ferris, K4ROK, donated the antenna, cable and other parts required for the installation. They got it installed and checked out on the repeaters in the area.

Tom Tomlinson, N4LNT, was also in on the installation and he will use the new antenna to check into the local Monday night 2 meter nets. He will also assist in operation of the station in times of emergency.

## Meet The Member Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW

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hurricane/flood. Her daughter speaks Spanish and was at one of the shelters so radio communication with her was also of value. During the flood when she was commuting to Durham, NC she was able to use her radio while on the road. Her equipment, which she shares with Dave, is an Icom IC 2100H two meter rig in the vehicle - they may get more equipment which will give them more flexibility. Basically, now she is content with talking to others when driving.

Other activities she has taken part in are the International Festival and two Field Days. She was of special value during the I.F. when she started calling CQ and giving "88's" (which at the time she didn't know what it meant) resulting in a lot of contacts.

Upgrading is not a priory at this time although she had made progress on the Morse code. She would like to get more involved in ARES though.

Bonnie has a bachelors degree in geology from the University of Tennessee. She worked for a while for the Ford Motor Company. You may wonder, as I did, what a geologist would be doing working for Ford. She searched for the sand that the foundry would use to cast the engine blocks (At this point the reader should refrain from making any unsolicited comments about any Ford product). After the stint of sand between her toes, she got married and became a full time mom. After moving to Greenville a few years ago she joined the staff at Cyprus Glenn as Activity Director where she worked for three years until recently.

She just started a business of arts and crafts specializing in weaving, pottery, stain glass, wreaths and jewelry. Bonnie is a self taught artist gaining an appreciation for arts and crafts while at home with the kids and has attended workshops on various areas of interest. She is a "published weaver" with an example of her work in the Theo Moorman weaving style in a presentation of the Hand Weavers Guild of America.

Other interests include Boy

Scouts. She is the Unit Commissioner for Troop and Pack 826 and is also a trainer for Boy Scout leaders. She became interested in B.S. because of son and has been involved in it for eleven years. Reading is also a passion with her areas of interest being: art, crafts, biography, "how to" books, anthropology and archaeology ( this comes from her paleontological geology background), and mystery novels. She likes to travel - especially old places and archeological ruins.

Bonnie does have a claim to fame - she is the only, repeat, the *only* foster home for rabbits in the Pitt County Humane Society (her mother Bobbie is the director). Currently she has 11 bunnies.

She finds them good house pets, like cats, although you do have to be mindful of electrical wires -

they do like to chew. Dave chimed in noting the "Bonnie can train rabbits better than a teenager." (We've all been there Bonnie.) Maybe someone out there would like a rabbit or two (if you get two, plan on having more).

Bonnie and Dave have two children: Lela (19) attending ECU majoring in art and Robert (16) a junior at DH Conley High School. Neither have shown an interest in Amateur Radio to date.

Bonnie is another example of many phenomena in Amateur Radio: the influence of a ham family member, a practical and an emergencies use for ham radio, a "late bloomer" and getting involved in a club. Bonnie has an enthusiasm and sense of humor that is a real asset to BARC. We appreciate her time and effort and look forward to her further growth as an Amateur Radio Operator. *K4MHM*

**Home has been many places...**

## Directions to Cypress Glen Retirement Community

It is less than 1 mile from St. Peter's Catholic School where we normally meet. Taking 5th Street from the school towards downtown, you will turn right on Hickory Street (across from Wahl Coates Elementary School). Take Hickory Street to the end and you are at Cypress Glen. You will see a covered entrance. This is the main entrance that you will want to enter at. Parking can not be in any of the marked spaces. These are the resident's private parking spaces. There is a small street between the parking lots. Please park on the sides of this street if there is not a space available in the visitor parking (The first lot on the right between the main entrance and the next covered entrance.) There will be a TALK-IN on the 147.09 repeater if you have any questions.

## Down East Hamfest at Kinston March 25

The annual Down East Hamfest will be held at the Lenoir County Fairgrounds on March 25, 2001. Starting time is 0800 and will run until 1500 or 1600. Contact Byron Highland, K4BMH, for more information. Email: [bhighland@CI.GREENVILLE.NC.US](mailto:bhighland@CI.GREENVILLE.NC.US)

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# BARC Monthly Minutes - February 2001

## BARC Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2001 - Cypress Glen Retirement Community

The meeting was called to order by President Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ, at 7:30 pm. Introductions were made by all present. The minutes of the January meeting was approved.

Secretary Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, reported that we received information via mail about the Hamfest and Computer Fair in Raleigh at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds on April 8, 2001.

Treasurer Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, discussed the actuals of the finances. He also presented the proposed 2001 budget. Adding \$800.00 for the trailer to the equipment budget was discussed and accepted.

### Committee Reports:

- SPECIAL EVENTS: May 5 is the Teddy Bear Walk, International Festival and Tour de Cure, all on the same day. BARC will be involved in all activities, so please mark your calendars to help.
- HEALTH & WELFARE: Dave LeMoine KV4CN sent a card to Rachel Edwards (wife of Jack, W4DXJ) who had emergency surgery. Murray Merner, K4MHM, suggested a card be sent to Sandy Steinberg, KG4FTC, with well wishes after diabetic complications, and a card to Jean Verdick (Walter's,

KA4WFS, wife) who is having a heart problem.

- VE GROUP: Next session will be February 16 at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's school.
- EQUIPMENT: Mike Langley, KD4MTT, made a plea to all members to salvage materials for the trailer to help in cutting costs. Tom Parsons, W4TEP, has bolt and nut type metal shelving that is 3 or 4 feet long that he will donate. Rose High School had some amateur radio equipment that they donated to us. The teacher in charge has moved to Oakwood School and has asked if we are interested in loaning or donating it back to use with the children. Tom Parsons will check to see if it is in the inventory and where it is located.
- ARES: The Tour de Cure is May 5 & 6 and ARES will be assisting in communication needs. The Eastern Branch of Areas 3, 4 & 5 will meet March 3 at 10 am in the Kinston Library. There will be a talk in on the 145.47 repeater. The Governor's Hurricane Conference is to be held at Sunset Beach March 11 to 14. The National Hurricane conference is April 9 to 13. ARES 1 & 2 meeting will be held in Dare County (Manteo) on May 12. The towers at VOA are still slated to be removed. ARES is trying a letter writing campaign to leave several towers standing for emergency use.

### Old Business:

- HONORARY MEMBER CRITERIA:

Tom Parsons, W4TEP, looked into the criteria. This is to be awarded for notable service to the organization. Recommendations are to be made in writing. The vote may only take place at the October meeting. Past recipients have been Heber Adams and Brother Simon. Although there are outstanding achievements from members with notable records, we should wait until they attain a similar long and consistent record of service.

- QSL CARDS: For anyone interested in return QSL cards for Strong Angel, Tom Parsons, W4TEP, has them.

New Business: None

Announcements: Byron Highland, K4BMH, announced a HAMFEST at the Lenoir Fairground in Kinston on March 25. A raffle is also being held. 1st prize is an HF transceiver, 2nd prize is a mobile radio and 3rd prize is a handy talky.

There is a notice of announcement in the Repeater Journal of BARC's Annual Award Winners.

The meeting was adjourned and a program was presented by Harry Bridges, K4UOR, from Dare County on Amateur Television.

Cake and ice cream was served in honor of BARC's 34th birthday.

Respectfully submitted by

**Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW**

## Jack Carter, KC6WYX, SK, to be buried at sea

A memorial service for Jack Carter, KC6WYX, was held March 1 and burial was expected to be at sea from a US Navy vessel. Carter died February 20. He was the executive officer of the World War II Tank Landing Ship LST-325, which recently completed a 4200-mile journey from the Greek island of Crete to Mobile, Alabama, where it will become a museum. Carter had ham radio gear

aboard and used the WW2LST call sign of the USS LST Amateur Radio Club while under way. The family invites memorial donations to the American Cancer Society. The Palos Verdes Amateur Radio Club has assumed QSL responsibility for contacts Jack Carter made during his WW2LST/MM voyage.--Herb Clarkson, KM6DD/PVARC - via *ARRL Letter Online* 3/3/01

## February VE Session

Only one person came to the BARC VE Session in February. He was not successful with the code test.

Cliff Kendall, K3LEX, VE Liaison, held a meeting to discuss the program with the VEs attending. Procedures and times of VE sessions were discussed.

Attending the session were Murray Merner, K4MHM, Tom Parsons, W4TEP, Gerald Clayton, K4IDD, Byron Highland, K4BMH, and Dave Langley, W4YDY.

**BARC Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 27, 2001  
Cypress Glen Retirement  
Community**

IN ATTENDANCE: Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ, Murray Merner, K4MHM, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, Dave Langley, W4YDY, and Dave LeMoine, KV4CN.

Secretaries Report: Minutes were approved as e-mailed to all officers. Bonnie is collecting the names of volunteers to help certain committees from BARC applications and renewals. Names will be given to committee chairs next month. Information arrived on the Farmville Dogwood Festival. We have not participated in this due to too much Spring activity.

Treasurer's Report: A statement of Cash Activity was handed out by Dave Pulver.

Special thanks was given by Wayne to everyone for helping at the last general meeting with the cake and ice cream and clean up.

Committee Reports:

- SPECIAL EVENTS: The Teddy Bear Walk, Tour de Cure, International Festival and Field Day are all coming up.
- HEALTH AND WELFARE: Wayne reported that his wife is having difficulties with her diabetes. It was also decided to send a card to James Eubanks.
- INSTRUCTOR GROUP: Murray is planning something for April.
- PROGRAMS: A program on Strong Angel will be offered at the next general meeting.
- VE GROUP: Dave Langley reported on the last session. One person showed up for a code test. The next session is April 20 at St. Peter's School.
- HAM CHATTER: Dave Langley announced that the deadline is Saturday, March 3rd.

Old Business:

- MEETING LOCATION: The next

# 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: [w4ydy@arrl.net](mailto:w4ydy@arrl.net)

**For Sale:?**

**This place works!  
Last months ad  
did!**

BARC meeting will be at Cypress Glen in the Dining Room. After the last general meeting there, many members voiced their happiness with the more comfortable location.

- PITT COUNTY HAM IDENTIFICATION: Murray is working on getting the print-out of names of HAMS in the county.

New Business:

- Murray was sending a letter to all new members in the past few years. This letter included an invitation to the meetings, a copy of the constitution and by-laws and a roster. Bonnie has volunteered to continue this tradition. Murray will e-mail a copy of his letter to Bonnie.
- Murray suggested that a member be asked to volunteer as a membership chair. This position will call all members who have not renewed and find out their status. This sounded like a good idea and will be mentioned at the general meeting.
- Murray suggested that WE4ECU could be a new club call sign. It was greeted with favorable response.

Respectfully submitted by,  
**Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW**

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- ◆ New Bern Amateur Radio Club/ Eastern NC 220 Association for the WD4JMS & WA4DAN Net, Monday, 2000 on 146.61 and 224.84 MHz
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- ◆ Newport WFO SKYWARN Net, Wednesday, 2100 on 145.21 MHz
- ◆ Coastal Emergency Linking Net, Wednesday, 2100 ET on Williamston 145.410 & 444.250, Columbia 146.835 & 443.300, Rocky Mount 147.120, Ahoskie 146.910, Franklin, VA 147.300, Farmville 145.270, (Buxton 145.150 Coming Soon)
- ◆ Beaufort County Emergency Communications Net, Thursday 2000 on 147.345 MHz. Preceded by Newsmen at 1930.

**HF**

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## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Mar 13. ....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	June 23/24 .....	ARRL Field Day
Mar 24-25 .....	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest	June 26. ....	Board Meeting
Mar 25. ....	Down East Hamfest @ Kinston	June 30. ....	Ham Chatter <b>Deadline</b>
Mar 27. ....	Board Meeting	July 10 .....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Mar 31. ....	Ham Chatter <b>Deadline</b>	July 14/15. ....	IARU HF World Championship
April 8 .....	RARS Hamfest, Raleigh	July 21 .....	Cary Hamfest
April 10 .....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	July 31 .....	Board Meeting
April 20 .....	BARC VE Session @ 6:30PM	August 4. ....	Ham Chatter <b>Deadline</b>
April 24 .....	Board Meeting	August 11. ....	Fayetteville Hamfest
April 28 .....	Ham Chatter <b>Deadline</b>	August 14. ....	Regular Meeting
May 8 .....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	August 17. ....	BARC VE Session @ 6:30PM
May 29 .....	Board Meeting	August 28. ....	Board Meeting
June 2. ....	Ham Chatter <b>Deadline</b>	September 1. ....	Ham Chatter <b>Deadline</b>
June 12. ....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>		
June 15. ....	BARC VE Session @ 6:30PM		

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

BARC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone  
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**Next Meeting**  
**March 13**  
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