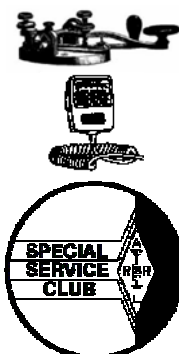




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## Meet The Member Wayne Lukhard, KG4CCZ

Born and raised in Richmond, VA, Wayne found his way to Greenville in the pursuit of love - he moved here to marry Kim, KG4CCY, who was here at ECU in graduate school. They've been married three years and "The Little Man" Robert was born this past December.

Charles Meistroff (SK) piqued Wayne's interest in Amateur Radio when he was about age ten. Meistroff lived in the neighborhood and showed Wayne his shack and gave him some catalogues. A multi band radio enabled him to listen to two meter ham radio. He actually got

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Wayne Lukhard, KG4CCZ, & Robert

## Next Meeting - International May 8 Festival

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next regular meeting on May 8 at 7:30 PM at Cypress Glen Retirement Community at 100 Hickory Street. Program to be announced. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*The next board meeting is set for May 29 at 7:30 PM. The meeting is open to all members.*

Have some fun and get some culture at the same time. BARC will be at the International Festival on May 5 as announced in May's *QST*. It's a nice Special Event station and when a lot of people pitch in its pretty easy too. The day starts with the set up at 0800 hours. We will be using the club rigs and probably a couple of verticals (one them an experiment of Bernie, WA4MOK). Operation is to start at 1000 hours to 1700 hours when take down starts. This is the fifth and last one for yours truly and I have another obligation with the hospital at 1730 so I would like some one to take charge of the take down and return of equipment. Come out and make some contacts for us and let the public know what Amateur Radio is. - *K4MHM*

## New Ham Class

We're trying something new. You might call it the four week wonder program. We are going to teach the new ham class in four sessions! The process will be to have a class every two weeks on Saturday mornings from basically 9:00 to about 1:30 including the Morse code. It will start with an orientation on Thursday July 12 with the first session on July 21 and every Saturday there after. Session One will focus on electronics; Session Two on transmission; Session Three on antennas and the Fourth Session on operating a station. We'll be leaving out Chapter 11 on buying equipment since it is not on the exam. The last session will try to include the exam which will be open to others as well. It will be important that the student do the reading in the two weeks between the classes. Let people know and pass out our flyers to be handed out at the meeting. - *K4MHM*

## BARC Trailer

On Saturday afternoon, April 28, several BARC members gathered at Mike Langley's business to work on the new BARC equipment trailer. Cabinets were installed and the BARC equipment was stored in the trailer. Mike, KD4MTT, was able to obtain a couple of nice cabinets and he installed shelving and built a box to store ground rods and stakes. BARC members helping were Mike Langley, KD4MTT, Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ, Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, Rick Parker, W4UEF, Murray Merner, K4MHM, Tom Tomlinson, N4LNT and Dave Langley, W4YDY. The lettering on the trailer looks very good so everyone should go out to the International Festival in May 5 to see it being used for the first time. - *W4YDY*

# President's Corner - *Wayne, WD4JPK*

## A word from your President

**Where are you? Are you sick? Are you bed ridden? I have been missing you!!**

I haven't heard you on the nets, seen you at the meetings.

I was just wondering what has happen to you.

On May 5, there will be opportunities for all of us. The day starts of with set

up for the international festival.

BARC is running a special event station at the town commons. You can help set up, operate the club rigs or just fellowship. Whatever, come on down. The latest edition of Q.S.T has this event listed in their special event section. Murray K4MHM is heading this event up and needs **YOU** to help make this a success.

The same day, in the morn-

ing there will be an opportunity for you to participate in the TEDI BEAR (Tender Evaluation, Diagnosis and Intervention for Better Abusive Response) walk. This event is a great opportunity to show how our hobby can help the community. This is an excellence time for the public to be exposure to B.A.R.C. and Amateur Radio. We have a place for you. Come on out!

## Where are you?

Field Day is almost upon us; the last weekend in June is the date for field day. Pat Sutton KD4NNA will be leading this event this year. He cannot be successful with out your help. Field day is always a fun time with good things to eat and drink; fellowship is at an all time high. You will not want to miss this one.

73,  
*Wayne Ross, WD4JPK*

# Doxs Your Club Nxxd You?

Xvxn though my computxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll xxxcpt for onx kxy. Thxr arx 104 kxys that function wxll knough, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx diffrxncx.

Somxtimxs it sxxms to mx that our group is somxwhat likx my computxr, not all thx kxys arx working propxrlx. You may say, "Wxll, I am only onx pxrson. It won't makx much diffrxncx." But you sxx, thx group to bx xffctivx nxxds thx activx participation of vxry pxrson.

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxrson and that your xffort is not nxxdx, rxmxbxr my computxr and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson and nxxdx vxry much!"

*Modifixd slightly from thx RARS Nrxws, May 1974 - W4YDY (I nxxd a nxxw computxr! Hxlp!)*



## Happy Birthday

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

- 1 WB4PAC William Overton, Jr.
- 14 W4TEP Tom Parsons
- 19 KG4BTX Larry Dendy
- 19 KB3KR J. Lawry Bennetts
- 29 KV4RF Bob Fainter

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

### Tar River ARC May Meeting

You are invited to attend the Tar River ARC May 7 meeting in Rocky Mount at 7 PM at the Boddie-Noell Office Building, Noell Lane. Talk-in: 146.805 MHz. PL 118.8 Hz.

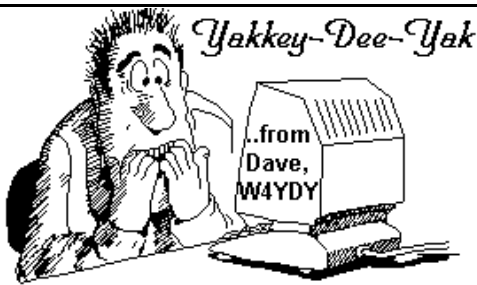
Contact for Bill Thomas, N2BT, for further information at 252-442-6131 or n2bt@TarRiverARC.com or visit our club web site at www.TarRiverARC.com

Program: Bill McDowell, K4CIA, will speak about his 40 years of Amateur Radio and DX'ing. Bill has received 5BDXCC #75, 5BWAS #98 and 160 Meter DXCC #11 and has worked over 300 countries on each of the eight bands, 80 through 10. Bill is also the North Carolina section DXCC field checker and will be available to check your QSL cards after the meeting.

(Please note: QSL cards for 160 meters or those older than 10 years cannot be field checked).

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Sometimes I am asked about where to find information on the Internet about Amateur Radio activities, etc. Most of the time, it can be found through links on the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club web site at <http://www.qsl.net/w4amc>. There are links to the BARC roster with email addresses, BARC VE exams dates, a BARC application form, the BARC constitution, the BARC brochure, the Net Control Station format for the Monday night net and local ARES information.

The hamlinks page has about seventy or so links to a variety of Amateur Radio activities. The first set of links will get you to the ARRL, including the North Carolina site. Also there are links to callsign lookups and the FCC, including the ULS link for license renewal.

These links are followed by fourteen groups of links. The first group is national organizations, including the AMSAT Amateur Satellite Corporation, County Hunters, Old Old Timers Club, Quarter Century Wireless Association, Ten-Ten International, and others. Next is a list of Amateur Radio resources. This includes QSL.NET where there are thousands of Amateur Radio web sites (Including the BARC site). The other sites have thousands of links to other Amateur Radio sites. For those that might be interested in Amateur Radio TV, there is a group of sites listed next. Then the Digital/Packet Radio group lists PSK31 links for free software and instructions and links for free software for a RTTY program (MMTTY) using the same hookup as PSK. You might be interested in the APRS site.

The next two groups include operating and DX links. These include WAS nets and contest links. Also there are many links to DX operating with spotting for DX stations on the internet. Check that link to find DX stations on the air that include the frequency of the station. There is a link to the AC6V site that have thousands of links to DX and QSL information. Many times one can find QSL managers for the DX station that you just worked!

For the persons that are interested in getting a license or upgrading, the training group has links to practice exams including code practice right on the Internet! Moving on down the page

## ...thousands of Amateur Radio links...

you can find a link to an RF Safety Calculator. The FCC requires *EVERY* Amateur Radio station to be checked for RF Safety. This calculator will make it easy and I'm sure you will be happy to find the your station is in compliance.

The remaining groups have ARES info, Space links, ham personal

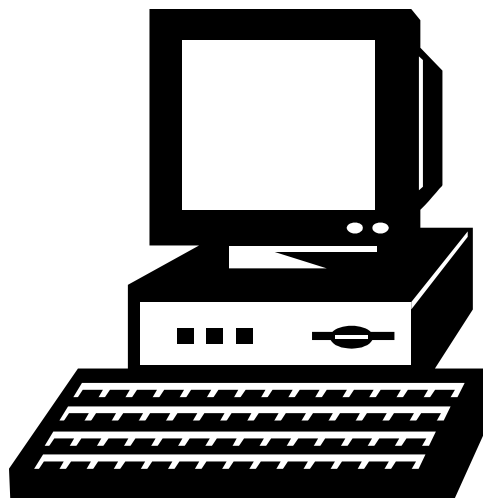
pages, scanner links to a large database for finding FCC assigned frequencies and some links to vintage Amateur Radio sites. If you need a manual for that old gear you bought at the hamfest, there is a link for that.

Also on the BARC website is another page that has a list of some of the popular Amateur Radio equipment manufacturers and stores such as HRO and AES.

If you are on the Internet, you have a great resource on your club site to start you in the right direction. Since there are thousands of Amateur Radio links, one site will not have everything on it. For those that do not use the Internet, you are missing out on volumes of information. If one wants to buy new Amateur Radio equipment, you can find out information about it on many sites and compare prices. You may not see prices in the magazines since they change from time to time, but the Internet sites of the dealers usually have the latest prices listed along with all the accessories you might add. Sometimes you may find an Internet special discount! Also, there are sites with wiring diagrams for mike and radio accessory connections in many places.

The BARC site also has a weather page with over 20 weather links and some emergency preparedness information links. Click on the Newport site link and see the radar anytime. One can look at radars anywhere in the United States.

I hope this information will help and if anyone thinks there needs to be some other links added, let me know and I will try to get it on the site. It does take a lot of time to keep the site up to date and links corrected so new links will be added as soon as possible after they are checked out. Seems like a lot of sites terminate and many others change addresses that have to be updated. - W4YDY



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## Ham Radio Numbers Show Post-Restructuring Growth Spurt

Amateur Radio is experiencing a bit of a growth spurt in the wake of amateur license restructuring. FCC licensing statistics as of the end of March--the most recent complete figures available--show a net gain of approximately 6600 current licensees, or about 1%, from last April, when restructuring went into effect. Prior to that, the number of amateurs had remained relatively stable since 1998.

ARRL VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, says the full impact of license restructuring--including the elimination of the 13 and 20-WPM Morse exams--is slowly making itself felt within the amateur community. "For the first quarter of 2001, ARRL VEC test session statistics show that new and upgrading

amateurs continue to earn licenses at a rate stronger than that of first quarter 1999 and first quarter 2000," he said. "This is a positive trend that we expect will continue over the coming months."

As of the end of March, according to statistics compiled by Joe Speroni, AH0A, the FCC showed 684,359 current licensees on its books, although the number of active amateurs is believed to be far smaller. Speroni's figures show that more than 20,000 new amateurs entered the hobby over the past year, while attrition was on the order of 13,600.

Overall, statistics show growth in the number of Extra, General and Technician licensees from year-earlier figures, while the number of Advanced,

Tech Plus and Novice licensees declined.

Jahnke says comparing the ARRL VEC's first quarter 2001 numbers shows that interest in the Extra class license is up by as much as 30% over the first quarters of 1999 and 2000. "Extraordinarily, interest in the General license is up 450% to 650%!" he said.

With the change to a new, 50-question Extra class written element that combines material formerly covered in the 90 questions contained within the old Advanced and Extra tests, some predicted the Extra test would be easier to pass. That's not proving to be the case this year--at least at ARRL VEC-sponsored sessions, where the Extra pass rate has declined by nearly 7% from 1999. Technician and General pass rates this year have been up on the order of 10% to 12% from pre-restructuring rates, however, at ARRL VEC sessions.

Licensee numbers compiled by Speroni show that the FCC issued nearly 5400 new licenses in the first quarter of this year--more than 2230 in the month of March alone. That compares with around 3730 new hams in the same quarter last year. As would be expected, the vast majority of the newcomers entered the hobby as Technician licensees. March was one of only three months in the past year where the number of new licensees exceeded 2000. For more information, visit Speroni's Amateur Radio Education Web Site, <http://ah0a.org/AH0A.html>. - Via ARRL Letter Online 4/20/01

**...nearly 5400 new licenses in the first quarter of this year...**

## NC Senate Bill 838 Would Eliminate Ham License Plate Fee

*The following email was received 4/5/01.*

State Senator Robert A. Rucho (R, Mecklenburg County) has introduced a bill that would eliminate the \$10 fee for Amateur Radio license plates. You can see the bill at this General Assembly web page (though the text of the bill was not available on the web page as I write this):

<http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/html2001/billInfo/billsearch/billnumber.html>

This Amateur Radio friendly bill deserves:

1 - a note of thanks to Sen. Rucho. <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/members/Senate/senator.pl?nUserID=11>

2 - Most Important - an e-mail, phone call or letter to your own state Senator and Representative asking them to support the bill. Find them here: <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/html2001/Representation/WhoRepresentsMe/index.html>

This bill was brought to my attention by Milton Alford K4WOX, who works in the Governor's budget office. Thanks, Milton!

73,  
Gary KN4AQ



## Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on June 15. 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](mailto: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.

## FCC advises several hams about transmit-frequency QRM while operating split.

The FCC recently sent advisory notices to several hams who may have caused QRM on their transmitting frequencies while operating split to work SSB DX on 40 meters. The complaints stemmed from operations during February.

"While this may not have been malicious interference, please be advised that amateurs must operate in accordance

with Section 97.101 of the Commission's rules, which sets out the general standards for operation of an Amateur Radio station and specifically covers frequency sharing and interference," FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth wrote.

Since most of the rest of the world only has access to 7.000 to 7.100 MHz--still in the US CW subband--US stations working 40-meter SSB must listen for DX stations in the US CW band while transmitting "up" within the US phone allocation. - via ARRL Letter Online 4/6/01

## Meet The Member, Wayne Lukhard, KG4CCZ

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serious when he moved to Greenville. The brother of a co-worker and Bonnie, KG4CZW, alerted him to BARC and a new ham class. He and Kim attended the class with Bonnie and David, KG4CZV. He got his license in Feb 1998 and is a Technician Plus. He does have an interest in upgrading to General to give him more band privileges to pursue an interest in digital. His

equipment is a Kenwood TS-520S for which at one time he had a ten meter dipole which has since succumbed to breaking branches. He also has a two meter Radio Shack RXT 212 rig and has a discone antenna which is used on his scanner. He hasn't made a lot of HF contacts being somewhat limited with time and space since going back to school. Other ham interests include SW listening and listening to military transmissions. Satellites and digital are interests he would like to pursue in the future.

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While taking the ham class, he purchased a CW paddle/keyer but hasn't been on the air with it yet. Wayne has helped with the last two Field Days and with Kim worked with food preparation.

Wayne is a former cook with Cypress Glen. He left there this fall to attend Pitt Community College in the Electronic Engineering Technology program. He had to cut back in his studies at the beginning of this year due Robert's birth and the death of his father in Feb. He plans to take some courses this summer and be back on track this fall.

Wayne is developing an interest in computers and he and Kim enjoy cooking at home. We know how tough it can be to be active in Amateur Radio and take care of responsibilities of job, school and family - it is important to keep first things first. We appreciate what Wayne is able to do for BARC and hope that he can become more active in the future. - *K4MHM*

## Hopeful Space Tourist is now KG6FZX

Wealthy US businessman Dennis Tito, who hopes to be the first space tourist aboard the International Space Station, now is an Amateur Radio operator. Tito, 60, has been in Russia training to go into space.

Last weekend a volunteer examination session was set up for Tito in Russia and he passed the Technician exam. The FCC issued Tito the call sign KG6FZX April 11. It's not clear at this point how Tito plans to use Amateur Radio aboard the ISS.

Russia gave Tito the go ahead to visit the ISS as part of a three-man team that will blasted off April 28 on a 10-day mission. Tito reportedly is paying the cash-strapped Russian space program some \$20 million for the privilege of being the first space tourist. Accompanying Tito into space was be Talgat Musabayev as team commander, and Yuri Baturin as onboard engineer. Tito reportedly will handle communications systems during the flight.

Tito, the founder of a California investment firm, studied aerospace engineering in college and later worked for five years at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab. He told a news conference that he's excited about the prospect of going into space and he's looking forward to the experience. Tito had hoped to visit the Russian Mir space station, but those plans had to be scrapped when the Russians

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## Missionary-Ham, Infant, Die When Plane is Downed in Peru

A missionary from Michigan, killed after the plane in which she was a passenger was shot down last week in Peru, was an Amateur Radio operator. The Harrisburg, Pennsylvania-based Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, identified the dead as Veronica "Roni" Bowers, 35, and her infant daughter, Charity, seven months. Roni Bowers was **KD4CKM**, a Tech Plus licensee.

The Cessna 185 float plane ditched in the Amazon River after being fired upon. Bowers' husband, Jim, and their son, Cory, 6, were not seriously injured in the incident. Jim Bowers is **KD4CKN**, a General licensee. Pilot Kevin Donaldson was shot in the leg in the incident but survived.

The Bowerses, from Muskegon, Michigan, had been serving in Peru since July 1993. News accounts say the Peruvian Air Force shot down the plane carrying the missionaries in the Amazon jungle April 20. The Peruvian military said it opened fire after the pilot ignored warn-


ings to land, but that claim is disputed.

A communiqué from the Peruvian Ministry of Defense said that the Peruvian Air Force "deeply regrets the loss of human life." It said its actions were part of its anti-drug operations procedures. Reports say a US military aircraft associated with anti-drug trafficking operations first spotted the Cessna but told the Peruvians the plane might be legitimate.

An investigation continues. Funeral services for the mother and infant were set for April 27 in Michigan. - *via ARRL Letter Online 4/27/01*

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## BARC Monthly Minutes - April 2001

### BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

GENERAL MEETING, Tuesday, April 10, 2001

Cypress Glen Retirement Community

The meeting was called to order and introductions were made. Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Secretary's report: Several newsletters of other Radio Clubs were received and a flier of the Manassas Hamfest on Sunday, June 3, 2001 at the Prince William County Fairgrounds in Manassas, VA was received.

Treasurer's report was given.

President's report: Beverly Wheeler, Special Needs Co-Coordinator of Pitt County Social Services, sent a letter about creating a county wide data base of special needs citizens to be used by emergency communications. Information is available through Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ.

#### Committee Reports:

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Murray Merner, K4MHM, gave a report on the Teddy Bear Walk and the International Festival. Please meet at the International Festival BARC tent area at 9:00 am for the Teddy Bear Walk. Your help could also be used a little earlier than that for setting up the antennas for the International Festival. Please volunteer. Your help is needed.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE:** Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ, gave a

report on several members that need our attention.

**VE GROUP:** April 20, 2001 at 6:30 PM is our next VE session. It will be held at St. Peter's School. Dave Langley, W4YDY, reported that we need at least 3 more VE's to help.

**EQUIPMENT:** Mike Langley, KD4MTT, gave the following report. The cost for the trailer lettering and logo is \$ 300.00. The logo will be printed on mylar and then put on the trailer. Hudson's Signs between Washington and Chocowinity will be doing the work. "Mobile Emergency Unit" will be placed in International Orange at the bottom. A motion was carried to continue the work. Mike found some cabinets that he will look into purchasing. A workday has been set up for Saturday, April 28 at 2:00 pm. It will be held at Mark's Marine, 6 1/2 miles toward Chocowinity on Hwy 33. There was discussion about changing the logo back to the original colors for the trailer.

**ARES:** There is a statewide meeting in Raleigh on April 28. Plans and objectives for 2001 will be discussed. The objective is to get a complete statement from emergency management as to what they want us to do.

**VOA:** BARC has been given permission to work with International Medicine at VOA Site C.

A map of the antennae structure at Site C was displayed. BARC will be provided space within VOA Site C building to work.

**HAM CLASSES:** Orientation will be Thursday, July 12. Session 1 will be July 21, Session 2 will be August 4, Session 3 will be August 18, and the final sessions and exam dates have not been scheduled yet due to the Labor Day holiday.

#### Old Business:

WE4ECU forms have been downloaded. Tom Parsons, W4TEP, will be asked to be trustee.

The annual Scout Show will be held May 12 at the Town Commons. Boy Scouts of America, Pitt District have invited BARC to set up a booth and held scouts with their Radio Merit Badge. It was agreed that we will set up during this show. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, take down and man the booth.

The program was given by Jeff Orrock, Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Newport, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted by

**Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW**

## BARC Board Minutes - April 2001

BARC Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, April 24, 2001  
Cypress Glen Retirement Community

IN ATTENDANCE: Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ, Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV, Dave Pulver, KG4CZW, Dave Langley, W4YDY, Murray Merner, K4MHM and Bill Dawson, WA4SLC.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were given. Dave Pulver, KG4CZW, will email Dave Langley, W4YDY. all names of those who have not yet renewed, so that red stickers can be placed on their newsletters as a reminder to renew.

President's Report: Patrick Sutton, KD4NNA, has volunteered to be this

years Field Day Coordinator. This will be his second year volunteering as Field Day Coordinator.

#### Committee Reports:

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** International Day is on May 5. There has been very little response for help. If anyone would like to

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volunteer, please call Murray Merner, K4MHM. Tables and chairs will be borrowed from St. Peter's School. Hopefully the trailer will be ready to use for this event.

**EQUIPMENT:** There is a work day scheduled Saturday, April 28, to work on the BARC trailer. The lettering has been completed but the work on the logo has not been done.

**INSTRUCTOR GROUP:** The next class session has been set up. July 12 will be the orientation, Session 1 will be on July 21, Session 2 will be on August 4, Session 3 will be on August 18 and Session 4 will either be on August 25 or September 8. The class will vote on this since the last session should fall on Labor Day weekend. The exam date has not been scheduled.

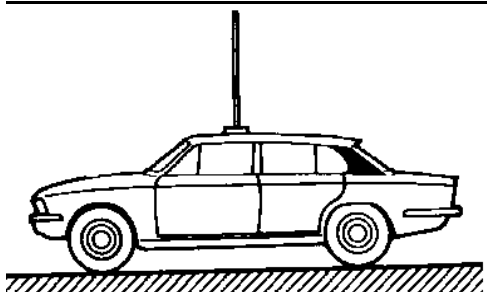
### Old Business:

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV, procured Price quotes on tables. The least expensive tables were at Sam's Club. The purchase of tables is another step for BARC to become self-sufficient. 4' x 2' tables are \$ 39.97, 30" x 72" tables are \$ 49.99 and 30" x 96" tables are \$ 74.97.

Tom Parsons, W4TEP, has agreed to become trustee of the new call sign, WE4ECU.

Respectfully submitted by

**Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW**



# 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@arri.net](mailto:w4ydy@arri.net)

### Dayton Trip!

Share expenses and buy me lunch. Leaving Thursday AM Early, returning late Monday. Up to 5 persons in my van. David Gaytko / WD4KPD Ph# 946-6393

### For Sale:

(2) CC Junior Boomers for 2m, no mast/boom saddles \$25.00 each.

(1) CC 432x118 for 70cm, No mast/boom saddles \$50.00

(1) CC 32-19 Long Boom for 2m, no mast/boom saddles \$50.00

David Gaytko / WD4KPD Ph# 946-6393

### For Sale:

3GP1 CRT for oscilloscope. \$35 or best offer. Dave, W4YDY, 321-2525 or [w4ydy@qsl.net](mailto:w4ydy@qsl.net).

## Hopeful Space Tourist is now KG6FZX

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decided that it was time to deorbit the aged spacecraft.

The prospect of Tito's visit aboard the ISS has generated some tension between the US and Russian space agencies. NASA chief Dan Goldin has suggested that Tito's planned visit this month would be a disruption to the Expedition 2 crew during a complex mission. Russia's space agency director general Yuri Koptev said the mission will go forward. He said Russia does not need permission from its international partners to fly specific individuals to the space station. - via ARRL Letter Online

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### HF

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## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

May 8 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	July 14/15. . . . .	IARU HF World Championship
May 29 . . . . .	Board Meeting	July 21 . . . . .	Cary Hamfest
June 2. . . . .	Ham Chatter <b>Deadline</b>	July 31 . . . . .	Board Meeting
June 12. . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	August 4. . . . .	Ham Chatter <b>Deadline</b>
June 15. . . . .	BARC VE Session @ 6:30PM	August 11. . . . .	Fayetteville Hamfest
June 23/24 . . . . .	ARRL Field Day	August 14. . . . .	Regular Meeting
June 26. . . . .	Board Meeting	August 17. . . . .	BARC VE Session @ 6:30PM
June 30. . . . .	Ham Chatter <b>Deadline</b>	August 28. . . . .	Board Meeting
July 10 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	September 1. . . . .	Ham Chatter <b>Deadline</b>

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

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