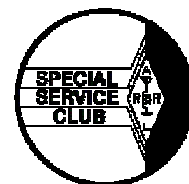




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## Meet The Member Jeff Hardee, KF4HMF

Jeff got his Technician License April 26, 2000 and is planning to take his code test on October 19 and if successful will take his General written then too.

His interest in Amateur Radio goes back a long way to when his grandmother gave him a short wave radio and he was able to listen to such places as London, China and Vietnam. He was able to accumulate as many as 50 QSL cards from many different locations. At the age of 12 he got his Citizen's Band radio license and was involved in that for a couple of years.

His equipment is an Icom 746 HF/2 meter rig in the car. He has a Yaesu FT 90 2 meter/ 440 dual bander at the house with a 2 meter vertical. He is thinking of putting up a tower and a Cushcraft mini beam which will work 10, 12, 15, 17 and 20 meters.

His interests are not quite clear yet although when he gets more HF privileges would like to have a scheduled QSO with a ham friend in South Carolina. He recently took the SkyWarn training and has been involved in Field Day and the International Festival.

Jeff is a manager of one of the H&R Block offices in Greenville - that's why you don't see him for the first few months of the year. He is the former owner of the Vacuum Cleaner Hospital from 1991 to 1999. The internet also is an interest.

Jeff is a born and raised Greenville, but he went away to school.

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## Day of Infamy I December 7, 1941



## Day of Infamy II September 11, 2001

### Vietnam War veteran Bill Ruth, W3HRD, killed in Pentagon attack

The terrorists' attack on the US has claimed another ham and ARRL member. Vietnam and Gulf War veteran and retired Chief Warrant Officer William Ruth, W3HRD, of Mount Airy, Maryland, is the fifth ham known to have died as a result of the terrorist attacks.

The Army announced September 19 that Ruth, who worked at the Pentagon, was among the 30 confirmed

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## Next Meeting - October 9

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next regular meeting on October 9 at 7:30 PM at Cypress Glen Retirement Community at 100 Hickory Street. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

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

## Amateurs among the missing in World Trade Center attack

At least four Amateur Radio operators are among the many still missing in the aftermath of the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. The attack also destroyed the major TV and radio transmitting site atop one of the twin towers.

The hams reported missing so far include:

\* Steven A. "Steve" Jacobson, N2SJ, 53, of New York City, a transmitter engineer for WPIX TV, and an ARRL member.

\* William V. "Bill" Steckman, WA2ACW, of W Hempstead, New York, a transmitter engineer for WNBC TV. He was well known in the NYC area and ran a number of repeaters from the World

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**Two more amateurs lost in WTC. See page 7**

# President's Corner

Wayne, WD4JPK

## A word from your President

As at our last meeting we remembered the New York, Washington, DC and Pennsylvania tragedy with a moment of silence. I believe we still need to remember these people, family members, Fire, rescue, police, ARES and other ham radio operators that fulfilled the call to duty. With the anticipation of things to come, there will be more traffic handling and other things for us to do. Please consider how you can help when called upon.

It's that time of the year again, when the nominating committee will be calling on you to step forward and make a difference in the club next year. This is your opportunity to make some

of the changes you would like to see. Please consider each office and let it be known at the October Meeting.

This year is not over as of yet, and there are still things to be done. Coming up soon will be the S. E.T. simulated emergency test. This will give all of us a time to check out

## This year is not over as of yet...

our equipment and procedures. In the past we have been asked to practice like if

there was severe weather in the area. This year I believe it will be different; you will want to be a part of it. We never know what crisis we will be called to help out in.

Thanks and 73'S

Wayne Ross WD4JPK



## Happy Birthday

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

9	KG4KSR	Robert Waddell
19	KD4JOV	James Eubanks
21	KF4FQC	Hal Smith
22	N4LNT	Tom Tomlinson
28	K4BMH	Byron Highland

Correction to last month:  
9/1 KG4NSC Patrick Williams

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

Thanks to the anonymous donor for stamps for this issue of Ham Chatter.

## VHF radio designer Ed Clegg, W8LOY, SK

Edward T "Ed" Clegg, W8LOY, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died September 7. He was 80. An ARRL member and a New Jersey native, Clegg was founder of Clegg Communications Corporation, one of the early and popular amateur VHF radio manufacturers. Among his designs were the Clegg Zeuss transmitter and companion Interceptor receiver, the FM 27-28 transceivers, the Clegg 99er 6-meter rig and the AV-44 All Bander receiving converter. In 1964, Clegg authored an article on speech clipping for QST. Clegg retired to Ohio in the early 1990s. His wife, Mavis, is among his survivors. - *via ARRL Letter Online 9/28/01*

## WTC emergency response excerpts from ARRL Letter Online 9/21/01

New York Amateur Radio Emergency Service and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service volunteers generally are in good spirits, but tired, says New York City-Long Island Section Emergency Coordinator Tom Carrubba, KA2D. "The mood is positive," he said, more than a week into the grim reality of the World Trade Center attack response. "Overall, it's going very, very well. Everybody's settling into the routine of the operation."

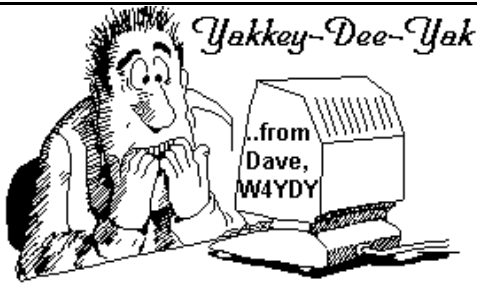
Two dozen or more hams per shift are covering communications and logistical support for the American Red Cross as well as supplementing communication for the New York City Office of Emergency Management. "It's a great effort every day, 24/7, and it's expanding as we get more requests."

Hams are deployed to 13 American Red Cross shelters, two OEM sites, several staging areas, and Red Cross headquarters, and as net controls. At any given time, up to a half dozen amateurs are posted just outside the secure perimeter of the so-called "Ground Zero" World Trade Center site, where Carrubba described conditions as "terrible." Shifts at all locations are 12 hours long.

Carrubba explained that Amateur Radio volunteers are being rotated in and out of areas and duties in an effort to equalize the stress. In ten days, more than 350 hams have volunteered in excess of 5000 work hours.

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*Yakkey-Dee-Yak*

## FCC registration number becomes mandatory in December

Amateur Radio has come through again with much needed support for the terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington and Pennsylvania. Other articles via the ARRL in this newsletter explain what has been done and what is needed. They are still supporting the Red Cross communications in assisting and feeding the many volunteers required in the cleanup in New York.

A week after the attacks, the ARRL put on a previously scheduled demonstration of Amateur Radio to the FCC in Washington. The commissioners were very interested in the many uses and modes that Amateur Radio offers. Another article in this newsletter will explain the demonstration to the FCC.

## Nominations for officers for 2002

The nominating committee will present a list at the October meeting for the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club officers for 2002. Check with members of the nominating committee as soon as possible if you are interested in running for a position. Members of the committee are **Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, Tom Parsons, W4TEP, John McCoy, K4KBB,** and **Dave Langley, W4YDY**. We need your input. - *W4YDY*



Get ready (again) for the FRN! Although the FCC has slipped the deadline before, the Commission said this week that, starting December 3, 2001, everyone doing business with the FCC--licensed or not--must obtain and use a 10-digit FCC Registration Number--or FRN. The FCC called the move "a first step" toward streamlining fee collection and tracking. Many amateurs registered with the Universal Licensing System (ULS) were assigned a 10-digit FRN by the Commission Registration System--or CORES--in a one-time cross-registration last year and notified by mail.

Details to implement CORES for the Amateur Service are still being worked out. Steve Linn of the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau said just how CORES and ULS will work together remains up in the air. "CORES is not replacing the ULS database," he explained, "but there are a lot of questions as to how it is to be integrated." A final implementation with respect to Amateur Radio is "yet to be determined," he said. Under the most likely scenario, however, CORES registration will supplant ULS registration for those who do not already have an FRN.

Those without an FRN will be required to register and provide one before transacting business with the FCC, whether or not a fee is required. An individual does not have to hold an FCC license to obtain an FRN. The requirement to obtain one extends to applicants for an Amateur Radio license as well as to anyone required to pay a fee to the FCC, such as those applying for a vanity call sign. CORES registrants will be required to supply a Taxpayer Identification Number--or TIN--typically a Social Security Number (SSN) for an individual. The FCC says CORES information is not made public.

An FRN will not be needed to

file comments in rulemaking proceedings. Filings that do require an FRN but don't include one will be rejected. The FCC has not yet proposed replacing the ULS Licensee Identification Number with an FRN; many amateurs already have both, and both numbers appear in FCC licensee records. The ULS continues to be available to new registrants.

The FCC began implementing CORES last year. The agency announced the adoption of its new CORES/FRN rules on August 31 and detailed the requirements in a Report and Order.

In its Order, the FCC sounded almost apologetic for imposing yet another set of numbers on licensees and applicants. "We realize that the manner in which our electronic systems have developed has results in a multiplicity of numbers, passwords and identifiers," the FCC conceded. The FCC said that once various electronic filing systems--such as ULS--incorporate CORES and FRN into their application process, "the need to maintain registration information in multiple systems will be eliminated."

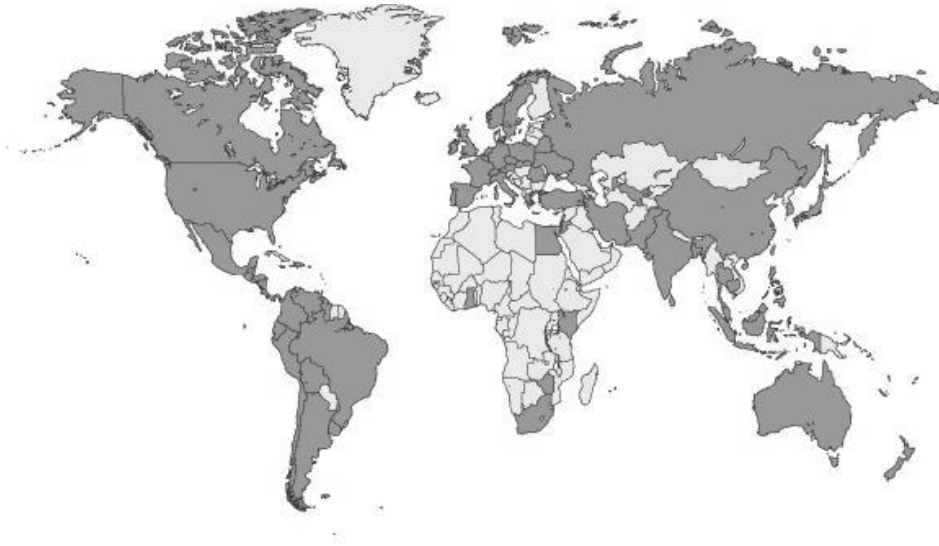
The FCC said CORES makes provision for the registration of foreign nationals unable to obtain an SSN by providing the ability to register without one. The FCC has required that club stations obtain an assigned TIN when registering in the ULS. In an apparent about-face, the FCC's CORES Order states that unincorporated radio clubs registering in CORES should use the TIN/SSN of the license trustee. The ARRL has asked the FCC to clarify.

The on-line filing system and further information on CORES is available by visiting the FCC CORES Web page, <https://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/cores/CoresHome.html>. A copy of the FCC R&O is available on the ARRL Web site, <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2001/09/04/3/cores-ro.pdf>. - *via ARRL Letter Online 9/7/01*

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## ATTACK ON THE WORLD

### The International Toll of September 11, 2001



The shaded countries lost citizens in the attack on the world on September 11, 2001. Following is a list of the countries.

Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belarus, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mexico, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & Grenadines, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela and Zimbabwe

## Amateurs among the missing in World Trade Center attack

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Trade Center, most notably the 434 MHz ATV repeater.

\* Robert D. "Bob" Cirri Sr, KA2OTD, 39, an ARRL member from Nutley, New Jersey and the ARRL District Emergency Coordinator for Hudson County. A Port Authority police officer, Cirri was on the job helping to evacuate workers from the building when it collapsed.

\* Michael G. Jacobs, AA1GO, 54, an ARRL member from Danbury, Connecticut. Jacobs worked at Fiduciary Trust Company International, which had offices in the World Trade Center.

The collapse of the World Trade Center brought down the master TV transmitting antenna that served all but one television station in New York City, as well as several radio stations and amateur repeaters. "The broadcast community is in absolute shock," said Hudson Division Vice Director Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML, who works for ABC News. "We all knew transmitter engineers, we all knew people who worked up in those towers near those big television transmitters, and they're gone."

Mendelsohn said many viewers in the Greater New York City Area who are not on cable can only see WCBS, channel 2, which maintains its transmitter site on the Empire State Building. WCBS has offered assistance and space to help the other stations get back on the air from its site, he said.

"None of the other transmitters exist anymore. They're in the rubble along with the master antenna system, hundreds and hundreds of two-way radio system antennas, and boxes and, of course, untold thousands of people who perished."

There was cause for rejoicing in the case of another amateur who worked in the World Trade Center. Rob Nall, WV0S, reports that his friend, Herman Belderok, Jr, KB0EEB, managed to get out of the building just minutes before the structure collapsed. - *via ARRL Online 9/14/01*

## Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on October 19. 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 in 2001!**
- ◆ Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.

## W3HRD killed in Pentagon attack

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dead. He was 58. "I remember Bill from my time with the Rock Creek Amateur Radio Association," said Leo Boberschmidt, W3LEO, a close friend. "I still remember the great slide program he gave on his experiences during the Gulf War; it's hard to say anything else right now." Four other amateurs are still missing in the wake of the World Trade Center attack. - *via ARRL Online 9/21/01*

## BARC Class & VE session DXCC squared--the hard way!

The latest BARC class finished up on Sep 8 with 5 students: Scott LeMoine, Linda Hardee, George Smith, Melissa Lee and Daniel Lee. After the last class there was a VE testing session. George passed Element 2 and what appears to be a perfect Element 1 at 5 wpm! A couple of weeks later, he received the call sign KG4PIL.

Congratulations to all who attended the course and to our newest ham, George. He also joined BARC so make him feel welcome as he participates in our club activities.

VE's were Cliff Kendall, N3LEX, Tom Parsons, W4TEP and Gerry Clayton, K4IDD. Thanks for your time on a Saturday morning. - *K4MHM*

The late DXpedition team of Lloyd and Iris Colvin, W6KG and W6QL, worked, confirmed, and received DXCC from more than 100 DXCC entities. This fact was among those established as research continues on a biography of the Colvins by author, Jim Cain, K1TN, a former ARRL Headquarters staff member. "We've counted DXCCs from 109 DXCC countries so far," Cain said, "not including any of the dozens of DXCCs Lloyd and Iris achieved as individuals from California. Can anyone top this?" Iris Colvin died in 1998, and Lloyd Colvin died in 1993. The couple was most active between the 1960s and the early 1990s. Commissioned by the

Yasme Foundation, the soon-to-be-published book will include a history of the Foundation and a biography of the couple. Cain invites additional information, photos, and anecdotes on the Colvins and on the early Yasme days in the 1950s. Send information to [yasme-book@mybizz.net](mailto:yasme-book@mybizz.net). - *via ARRL Letter Online 9/7/01* **Editors Note:** Lloyd not only worked from a lot of DX locations, he also worked a lot of Novices on the Novice bands. He was W4KE when he worked WN4YDY in the January 1953 Novice Roundup. His QSL card has 15 previous calls and 37 countries visited. At the time, he was a Lt. Colonel in the Signal Corps at Ft. Bragg, NC. - *W4YDY*

### West Kiribati T30ES operation on the air

Eric Griffin, N1JSY, will be on the air for the next 18 months from the island of Butaritari in West Kiribati as T30ES. The T30ES operation is not a DXpedition. Griffin is a Penn State grad who's in the Peace Corps. His T30ES adventure is being supported by the Candlewood Amateur Radio Association and the Bethel Educational Amateur Radio Society,



both of Connecticut, whose members donated the various elements for the T30ES station. At

last report, one antenna was up and N1JSY had made a few regional QSOs as the station undergoes its shakedown cruise. T30ES will be active as his schedule permits. He's running 100 W with battery power and will operate only during his non-work hours. QSL to PO Box 3441, Danbury CT 06813. For more information on T30ES, visit The Kiribati Connection Web site, <<http://people.mags.net/boem/kiribatil.htm>>. --Peter Kemp, KZ1Z - *via ARRL Letter Online 9/7/01*

### ARRL President praises Amateur Radio emergency effort

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, took advantage of a visit to New York City hams to express his gratitude for the overall Amateur Radio volunteer effort in the wake of the terrorist attacks September 11.

"On behalf of the 680,000 ham operators in the US, thank you for doing such a fine job," he said during a September 21 visit with Amateur Radio Emergency Service volunteers at the heart of the communication effort.

ARRL Hudson Division Director Frank Fallon, N2FF, accompanied Haynie on his visit. "From the very first day I have been proud of the way ARRL members in the Hudson Division responded in overwhelming numbers," Fallon said. "So many responded at many, unfortunately, were turned away."

"It really has been our finest hour!" Fallon continued. "It has made us all very

### Meet The Member, Jeff Hardee, KF4MTL

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He attended Marian Institute in Alabama for his last two years of high school as a prep school for college - they went to school six days a week. An uncle who was getting a Ph.D. at Louisiana State University encouraged him to go to Loyola in New Orleans. Jeff eventually did get a BA from Loyola, but in the middle of his time there he suffered a broken neck at the age of 20 in a motorcycle accident. His 2 to 3 year recovery detoured his education for a while.

Jeff lives with his mother in Greenville. There are no other amateur radio operators in his family. - *K4MHM*

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## ARRL "Amateur Radio demo and education day" wows FCC

The ARRL this week took Amateur Radio's message directly to FCC Headquarters in Washington, DC. ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, said the idea behind the ARRL's "Amateur Radio Demo and Education Day" September 18 was to foster a positive view of the Amateur Service--especially with three new commissioners on board who may not be familiar with ham radio and the issues it faces.

"The FCC is bombarded with paper every day in the form of filings, briefings, backgrounders and other print materials," said Haynie, who masterminded the demonstration. "So our purpose was to let the commissioners and their staff get out of the 'paper chase' for awhile and see Amateur Radio up close."

The "demo" part of the event included a fully operational HF Amateur Radio station, which was used to make several contacts, a selection of low-profile antennas, a PSK31 setup, and a software-defined radio designed and built by Bob Larkin, W7PUA--and featured in QST <<http://www.proaxis.com/~boblark/dsp10.htm>>. The "education" facet comprised informational graphics throughout the room that depicted such topics as Amateur Radio disaster communication, the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program, and deed covenants, conditions and restrictions--or CC&Rs--as they affect hams subjected to private land-use regulations. One surprisingly popular

poster featured a description of radio wave propagation. A videotape loop on Kid's Day ran all day long.

The event gave Haynie the chance to chat at length about Amateur Radio issues with FCC Chairman Michael Powell, commissioners Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, and Kevin Martin, and key FCC staffers.

Equally enthusiastic was ARRL First Vice President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, who also represented ARRL at the event. "We wanted to show the continuing--and maybe even growing--importance of Amateur Radio to the nation's telecommunications

### ARRL takes Amateur Radio message to Washington

infrastructure, and to demonstrate our role in technological development and emergency communication," Harrison said.

And that latter aspect did raise a somber note, as the Amateur Radio demonstration took place only days after the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. Powell asked the FCC to "go on with the show," because of his commitment to keeping the FCC running on a business-as-usual basis during the national crisis. News of the tragic situation still pouring in underscored Amateur Radio's value in providing emergency assistance.

Haynie said the highlight of the

event was the interest and involvement of Chairman Powell and his staff as well as the opportunity personally to meet the other three new commissioners. Haynie said that some commissioners seemed particularly interested in information on Amateur Radio antenna installations that had been erected under the "reasonable accommodation" provision of PRB-1.

Haynie said he was especially pleased that every commissioner and nearly all FCC department heads turned out with their staff members--nearly 100 visitors in all. Chairman Powell spent considerable time examining every display and asked for a personal demonstration of the PSK31 equipment. He was also interested in Amateur Radio involvement in rescue efforts at the World Trade Center and Pentagon disaster sites and how the Amateur Radio Emergency Service operates.

ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay said he was pleased to see that people did not just "cruise through" but stayed to discuss various issues and topics. Imlay said the event set the stage for future productive discussions with the FCC on a number of important Amateur Radio issues.

On behalf of the ARRL contingent, Haynie deemed the day a huge success. "This was the first time we have ever had such an opportunity, and in our collective opinions it was very successful!" he said.--Steve Mansfield, N1MZA - via ARRL Letter Online 9/21/01

## Georgia hams support Southern Baptist relief effort in NYC

A group of Georgia amateurs has accompanied Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief crews to the New York City area in the wake of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. The hams are providing communications support to the Convention's mobile kitchens and shower units. They deployed at the request of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The communications van of the Chattahoochee Baptist Association Amateur Radio team is stationed at a staging area at the Raritan Valley Baptist Church in Edison, New Jersey. Operating as

W4CBA, the volunteers in Edison are utilizing the nearby New Jersey Institute of Technology Amateur Radio Club's K2MFF 147.225 MHz repeater in New-

### ...the call from FEMA...

ark to communicate with deployed kitchens and showers in the Brooklyn Naval Yard and near Ground Zero in Manhattan. Amateurs are accompanying volunteers from eight states into the field as

they serve meals to relief workers and displaced residents.

According to Jackie Whitlock, N4JJW, the call from FEMA came on Wednesday. By the Friday after the attack, two kitchens had been deployed, with a third unit in reserve at Edison. In their first 36 hours on the scene, 89 volunteers had served more than 7500 meals at the Manhattan and Brooklyn sites.

The Chattahoochee Baptist Association has been supporting Southern Baptist Convention relief efforts since 1996. - via ARRL Letter Online 9/21/01

## ARES/RACES NYC effort stands down, REACT seeks volunteers

After more than two weeks of intense effort, the Amateur Radio volunteer activation in New York City is winding down. ARRL New York City-Long Island ARES Section Emergency Coordinator Tom Carrubba, KA2D, says all ARES/RACES World Trade Center operations in support of the American Red Cross and the NYC Office of Emergency Management ceased early this week.

REACT International continues to seek additional Amateur Radio and licensed GMRS users, primarily to support the Salvation Army's relief efforts in New York City. REACT International Secretary Lee Besing, N5NTG, said his organization has been lining up volunteers, and Jeff Schneller, N2HPO--who's affiliated with the Salvation Army Team Emergency Response Network (SATERN)--has been doing the scheduling for the support effort.

REACT needs up to two dozen volunteers a day. Those who are willing and able should first visit the REACT International Web site <[http://www.reactintl.org/tragedy\\_09112001.htm](http://www.reactintl.org/tragedy_09112001.htm)> or send e-mail to [NYCHelp@reactintl.org](mailto:NYCHelp@reactintl.org).

Carrubba says the American Red Cross closed all shelters that remained open in New York City on Sunday, September 23, while the New York City Office of Emergency Management shut down Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service support Monday, September 24. Any remaining Amateur Radio

Emergency Service activity will be handled by volunteers from the Greater New York City area, he said.

New York City District Emergency Coordinator Charles Hargrove, N2NOV--who served as incident commander--has expressed his appreciation to all amateurs who volunteered their time and equipment. Hargrove outlined Amateur Radio's role in the disaster response in a September 27 interview on Bloomberg Radio's WBBR in New York City.

ARRL New York City-Long Island Section Manager George Tranos, N2GA, also expressed his gratitude to all Amateur Radio operators who came forward to assist the ARES/RACES effort. "The system works and our 'hobby' has performed well as a 'service' to the public," he said.

Tranos said some 500 Amateur Radio volunteers helped out with communications support for the disaster. "The ARES organization has done a good job in mobilizing--some being on scene and ready on the morning of September 11," he said. Tranos also praised Carrubba, who, he said, "showed the way and was instrumental in the administration, organization and logistics of the operation."

"Thanks and congratulations go to each of those who helped," Tranos concluded. "Now, hopefully, we can try to return to some degree of normalcy." - *via ARRL Letter Online 9/28/01*

### ...volunteers helped out with communications support for the disaster.

## Michigan ham granted short-term renewal, upgrade

The FCC has acted on long-standing renewal and upgrade applications from a Michigan ham whose operation had come under Commission scrutiny. The FCC this month renewed the license of Allen J. Stap Sr, N8OKU, of Gobles for a two-year term, provided he follows FCC rules. It also granted his application to upgrade to General.

Stap's upgrade was held in abeyance for more than a year while the FCC evaluated his written responses and on-the-air behavior following earlier sanctions. A letter from FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth noted that Stap had entered a plea of no contest in May 1997 to an alleged violation of a Michigan statute that makes it a misdemeanor to "prevent, interfere, obstruct or impede a public safety radio communication." Stap was accused of intentionally interfering with a RACES station engaged in test operations in support of civil defense communications, Hollingsworth said.

Stap served a "delayed" sentence of nine months after agreeing not to operate on 2 meters and to surrender his radio equipment to the police. After nine months, the restrictions against Stap were lifted and the charge dismissed.

Subsequently, Stap was notified by the FCC to answer to complaints alleging that he had interfered with Kalamazoo repeaters. Stap received a warning letter in February 2000.

Stap's license came up for renewal in May. Hollingsworth said that since the FCC had received no complaints about Stap since last year, it would grant the two-year renewal. At the same time, the FCC acted favorably on Stap's application to General class. Hollingsworth told Stap that he may routinely renew his Amateur Radio license if he follows the rules during his current two-year term. But he warned that valid complaints of rules violations could lead to a license revocation hearing. - *via ARRL Letter Online 9/28/01*

## Two more amateurs reported lost at World Trade Center

ARRL has learned that two more amateurs were lost and presumed dead in the World Trade Center attack September 11. Gerard J. "Rod" Coppola, KA2KET, was a transmitter engineer for WNET, channel 13. He was 46 and lived in New York City. Winston A. Grant, KA2DRF, was a computer technician with Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield. He was 59 and lived in West Hempstead, New York. A

fund has been established to assist the families of broadcast engineers. Send checks made out to "Ennes Educational Foundation Trust" to The Society of Broadcast Engineers Inc, 9247 N Meridian St, Suite 305, Indianapolis, IN 46260, ATTN: Broadcast Engineer Relief Fund.-some information courtesy of Paul Sanchez/Emmis Broadcasting - *via ARRL Letter Online 9/28/01*

## BARC Monthly Minutes - September 2001

### BARC Monthly Meeting Minutes

The regular monthly meeting of the Brightleaf Amateur club was held Tuesday evening September 11, 2001 at Cyprus Glen Retirement.

President Wayne Ross WD4JPQ opened the meeting.

Members and visitors introduced themselves.

President Wayne asked to open this meeting with a moment of silence for us to reflect on the happenings of today.

The president asked that unless there was important business to discuss for us to hold it until the next meeting so we could get back home with our families as soon as we could.

Paul, KS4YF, asked for the club to purchase a balun to use at VOA at a cost of \$100

It was referred to the equipment committee.

Doug, K4ROK, gave a report on VA. And New York Traffic handling, only out going traffic at this time.

Doug also announced that P.C.E. C. now has the call of KG4PDU and they are trying to get NC4PC.

Paul Catrou, WA4MXT, gave a great program on QRP operations.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ*

## BARC Board Minutes - September 2001

### Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 25, 2001 at 7:30 pm

Cypress Glen Retirement Community

#### Board Members in attendance:

Wayne Ross (WD4JPQ), Dave Pulver (KG4CZV), Dave LeMoine (KV4CN), Murray Merner (K4MHM)

#### Others in attendance:

Dave Langley (W4YDY), John McCoy (K4KBB).

The secretary and treasurer's reports were given.

*Committee Reports:*

#### MEETING LOCATION:

The committee discussed a new meeting location for the club

meetings. Several options are being considered.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The nominating committee has met with their suggestions for the 2002 officers. John McCoy, (K4KBB) discussed the results of this meeting with the board members. The nominees will be presented to the club at the October meeting and the vote will take place at the November meeting. The absentee ballots will be handed out at the October meeting.

#### RADIO CLASS:

The next class is tentatively planned for January. A reformatting of the class structure is being considered.

#### VE SESSION:

The next VE session will be October 18, 2001 at St. Peter's School at 7:30 pm.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS:

S.E.T. is planned for November 3, 2001

#### EQUIPMENT:

Wayne Ross (W4JPQ) and John McCoy (K4KBB) will be checking out the trailer at Tom Parsons' (W4TEP) house to determine if it can be used to transport tower sections.

Respectfully submitted,

**Dave Pulver, KG4CZV**



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Jim, KD4MTR, 756-1461

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Radio Shack HTX 242 45 watt 2 meter mobile with mag mount antenna \$125  
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John Johnson, KE4TZN - 252-468-3091  
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Johnny Williams, WA4VMZ, SK, Estate.  
1. Transceiver Kenwood TS-520  
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Total package estimate is \$450 but will discuss it. Contact Bernard Nobles, WA4MOK, 756-0020 or email [bnobles@unctv.org](mailto:bnobles@unctv.org)

**For Sale:**

Radio Shack HTX-202 with battery and spare battery pack. Wall Charger, Speaker mike, 12 VDC adaptor for car. \$75. Thomas Settle, KF4HFH, 746-2881

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Vectronics VC3000LP antenna tuner  
MFJ 4245MV switching power supply  
Kenwood 430S HF transceiver  
Call Sandy Steinberg, KG4FTC, at 252-355-1170. \$600 firm.

**Wanted:**

Back issues of QST, CQ and 73 Magazines to replace ones lost in Hurricane Floyd.  
Neal Sumrell, [nc4rr@arrl.net](mailto:nc4rr@arrl.net)

**For Sale:**

Premier 200 Dexk mic/compressor/ equalizer (same as MFJ-299). Like new. \$40.  
John, W4FA, 355-3415

## NETS

### VHF

- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- ◆ Pitt County Emergency Communications Net, Mondays, 2100 on 147.09 MHz. (131.8 Hz 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.
- ◆ New Bern Amateur Radio Club/ Eastern NC 220 Association for the WD4JMS & WA4DAN Net, Monday, 2000 on 146.61 and 224.84 MHz
- ◆ Wilson Amateur Radio Club Net, Monday 2030 on 146.76 MHz.
- ◆ Piedmont Coastal Traffic Net, Nightly 2030 on 146.88 MHz.
- ◆ 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

- ◆ Tar Heel Emergency Communications Net on 3923 kHz Nightly 1930.

### NTS CW Nets

- ◆ 3.695 2000 hours, slow speed (5-8 wpm) Carolinas Slow Net
- ◆ 3.573 1900 hours, high speed (20 wpm)
- ◆ 3.573 2200 hours, slow speed (12-14 wpm), South Carolina/North Carolina

## Ten-Tec opens retail store, full-line dealership

Ten-Tec has opened an Amateur Radio retail store and full-line equipment dealership. The 1000-square-foot retail store and ham shack are in the lobby of the Ten-Tec manufacturing facility in Sevierville, Tennessee. "We have a large, loyal customer base that we'll be able to supply with accessories that complement our own manufactured equipment," says Ten-Tec Amateur Radio Product Man-

ager Scott Robbins, W4PA. "Equipment from more than 20 manufacturers is already in stock and available direct from Ten-Tec." Ten-Tec is planning a grand opening celebration for its new retail outlet during the annual Ten-Tec Hamfest, Friday and Saturday, September 28-29. Visit the Ten-Tec Web site <<http://www.tentec.com>>. - via *ARRL Letter Online* 9/21/01

# *BARC*

## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

Oct 9. ....	Regular Meeting	Nov 18. ....	Benson Hamfest
Oct 19. ....	BARC VE Session	Nov 24-25. ....	CQ WW CW DX Contest
Oct 27-28. ....	CQ WW SSB DX Contest	Nov 27. ....	Board Meeting
Oct 30. ....	Board Meeting	Dec 1. ....	Ham Chatter Deadline
Nov 3. ....	Ham Chatter Deadline	Dec 8-9. ....	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
Nov 3. ....	ARRL CW Sweepstakes	Dec 11. ....	Christmas Party
Nov 13. ....	Regular Meeting	Dec 14. ....	BARC VE Session
Nov 17-18. ....	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes	Dec 15-16. ....	ARRL 10 Meter Contest

**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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BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATIONS

## **W 4 A M C - W I V O A**

**Next Meeting**  
**October 9**

**October 2001**

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