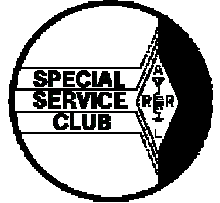




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## Meet the Member Don Corley, WA4DX

This was an easy MTM to do since Don e-mailed me all the information. All I did was take out the double spacing. Thanks Don. (Ed. I guess I'll have to pay Don for doing Murray's job.)

Don was born in Hyndman, PA and graduated from high school in Cumberland, MD. He went to college at West Virginia Institute Of Technology in Montgomery, WV. getting a BS Degree in Electrical Engineering in 1970

He worked for 20 years in the Richmond, VA area for VEPCO, Reynolds Metals, Ethyl Corp. and others. Greenville became his home in 1991 when he came to Burroughs Wellcome (now DSM Pharmaceuticals) as a project engineer.

He and wife Marianne have been married since 1969. She is an Ohio Uni-

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## Next Meeting - February

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next regular meeting on February 12 at 7:30 PM at the American Legion Post 39 at 403 Saint Andrews Drive. It is the 35th Birthday of the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club. Cake and ice cream will be served. All members and guests are invited to attend.*

*The next board meeting is set for February 26 at 7:30 PM at Mark's Marine. The meeting is open to all members.*



## Results: K4H Special Event Operation

By Don Corley WA4DX

The amateur radio "vanity" callsign program includes procedures for obtaining temporary 1X1 (one-by-one) callsigns for qualified special event station operations. Early in 2001, following instructions on the ARRL website, I requested the use of K4H during December, around the anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina. Along with publicizing the event, my goals were to gain operating experience, learn how to improve future operations, and of course, to have fun!

Activity prior to the operation included placing announcements in ham publications, printing QSL cards, sending envelopes to the incoming QSL bureau, gathering information about the events in Kitty Hawk, and making sure all equipment was functioning properly.

Due to other priorities, operation on location from Kitty Hawk was not possible, and actual operating time was nowhere near what I had estimated. However, during a total "operating" time of about 30 hours, nearly 800 contacts were made with hams in 75 countries and 48 states (missed HI and MS). This included several other special event stations

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Don Corley, WA4DX

## Dues are Due!

Be sure to complete the application in the December issue of *Ham Chatter*. Everyone is requested to complete an application so records can be updated. There is also an application at <http://www.qsl.net/w4amc/application.html> that can be printed and completed. If you can't get to a meeting, mail it to BARC, PO Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835

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# President's Corner *Dave, KV4CN*

Fire up the rigs and lets get going! There was some good discussion at the last meeting about club activities and we need it to continue. There are numerous opportunities for us to explore. Not everyone will be interested in all of them nor do we want to fragment the club, but if we select them carefully, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. This is our challenge. Please be alert for activities that increase our presence in the community (we are our own best or worst lobbyists), activities that extend our hobby to others (especially youth), activities that increase our knowledge and skills, and activities that are just plain fun. Bring your ideas to the meeting.

Today, KG4CCX and Doug, K4ROK are leading the effort for an SkyWarn Advanced Spotter training class this March. Although closer to ARES, when it is promoted, it will put the club's name in front of our served agencies and other clubs in the area. This brings me to the area of publicity. We need someone to step forward (or be drafted) to lead publicity for the club. The Board has already

done some homework to make this assignment easy. Please give it some thought and volunteer.

Membership sustains any organization. As a club we need to improve our recruiting of new members, and one way is to bring a guest to a meeting. The next step is up to the rest of us. We need to welcome the guest and make them feel at home (someone new to tell our old stories to). We need a group of club ambassadors who will recognize someone new at a meeting and make them feel welcomed. Further, I'd also like a group that would be willing to make a presentation on amateur radio to anyone or any group that asked. Please give this some thought.

Last, Murray, K4MHM, did a great job with the early morning WNCT TV interview. I understand that the station used it as part of their news promotion for several weeks. Thanks Murray for the priceless advertising.

See you at the meeting!

*73, Dave LeMoine, KV4CN*

## Membership sustains any organization.

# FCC converting ATINs to FRNs

Acronym alert! Acronym alert! Everyone to get from street! (with apologies to the old movie, The Russians are Coming, the Russians are Coming!) The FCC is completing the conversion of Assigned Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ATINs) to Commission Registration System (CORES) FCC Registration Numbers (FRNs). ATINs were issued to amateur applicants--to clubs and to non-US citizens--who did not qualify for a Social Security Number, so they could register for the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS). The FCC issued most ATINs, but some were issued by a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) or Club Station Call Sign Administrator (CSCSA). An FCC spokesperson said all ATINs should be converted to FRNs by mid-February. The FCC has discontinued the use of ATINs, since the CORES registration process provides an exception for club stations and non-citizens to obtain an FRN. The FRN then may be used to access the ULS, which incorporates the Amateur Service licensing database (among other services). - via ARRL Letter Online 2/1/02



## Happy Birthday

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

- 1 KE4JWK Juanita Humbles
- 7 KG4CCY Kimberly Lukhard
- 9 W4GDF Heber Adams
- 15 KE4JZU Gene Underwood
- 17 K4ROK Doug Ferris
- 18 KE4JZV Lynn Ross
- 20 WD4JAD George Dale
- 20 KE4UGG Micheal Metcalf

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

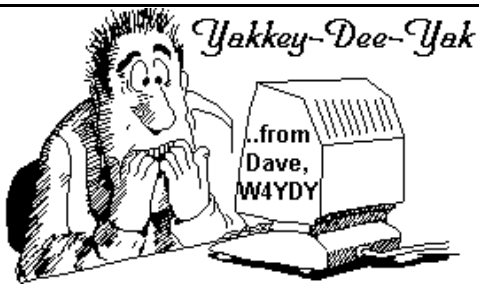
## Well Wishes

Juanita Humbles, KE4JWK, former BARC secretary, is at home recovering from cancer surgery. She had surgery the first of January and then returned for additional surgery about 4 weeks later. Cards may be sent to her at her home. BARC members all wish her a very speedy recovery.



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## President Bush addresses Florida ARES Net

BARC has been lucky for the past year or so to get *Ham Chatter* printed free by an anonymous donor but due to changing situations by the donor, they were not able to continue. Walt Verdick, KA4WFS, was able to obtain printing services for that club at no cost, courtesy of Xerox. This being a non-profit club (and a non-profit editor!) the donation is very much appreciated by all. This will save the club forty to fifty dollars a month in printing expenses.

I also want to thank the several others that were on the lookout for printing services. It was very possible that they might have been successful if we were still in need.

### DX spotting

DX spotting has been added to the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club web site at <http://www.qsl.net/w4amc/>. {This address is at the top of every inside page of Ham Chatter. :-)} It is just below the News section and it may be selected from the top of the page via a link, "DX Spots" to get you there fast. There are 21 links to the various bands and modes. Each link will start a new browser page. To return to the BARC page, just select the first browser window. You cannot get back to it by clicking on the "Back" browser button on the DX page. You can click on one or more bands or modes if you are only interested in limiting your spots. The pages will be updated about every 5 minutes with the latest DX stations heard on the bands.

For those using email on the

President George W. Bush spoke January 31 via Amateur Radio to members of the Northern Florida Amateur Radio Emergency Service Net (NFAN). The president was in Florida to spotlight five volunteer groups for their value to the new Office of Homeland Security--among them the Volusia County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES).

"I want to thank all the volunteers who help make sure that Florida is prepared for any kind of emergency," the president said in part, after checking in around 9:15 AM to a regular session of the 75-meter ARES net. "I want to thank you all for helping your communities be prepared."

Northern Florida ARRL Section Manager Rudy Hubbard, WA4PUP, said Bush spoke from a portable station set up at a Daytona Beach-area fire station. At the request of ARES Volusia County Emergency Coordinator Joette Barnett, KG4HPN, John Schmidt, AF4PU, and Clifford Fraser, KE4HIY, arranged to have the station ready as a demonstration of Amateur Radio's role in emergency preparedness and in the hope that Bush would be willing to address the 75-meter net. Hearing the president check into the net was a pleasant surprise, Hubbard said.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, said he was "extremely grati-

fied" that President Bush recognized the valuable service Amateur Radio operators provide in times of emergencies. "I know that all hams in the United States stand ready to do their part in America's Homeland Security Program," Haynie commented. Haynie has said that defining Amateur Radio's role in homeland security would top his list of initiatives for his second term.

Hubbard said a copy of proposed expanded Amateur Radio antenna (PRB-1) legislation was given to the President and to the president's brother, Florida Gov Jeb Bush, for possible introduction in next year's Florida legislative session. "We Amateur Radio operators will volunteer however we're needed, and maybe it will be seen that we can greatly help the nation if we have the antennas we need," Hubbard commented. The proposed bill would seek to extend Florida's PRB-1 law to include private deed covenants, conditions and restrictions.

Bush's stop in Florida was part of a swing through the southeastern US, which also included stops in North Carolina and Georgia. The Daytona Beach event marked a rare appearance on ham radio by a sitting president. Former President Gerald Ford spoke via a ham radio satellite hookup in 1986. - via *ARRL Letter Online* 2/1/02

Internet, you might have been getting a lot of spam and maybe some viruses. Everyone should have an antivirus program installed and updated. There are several that are suppose to work good. Norton's is the one that I use and it has caught several before it messed up my computer.

One thing I do is to use a web site to check my email in my mailbox before I download it to my computer. It lists the sender, subject, date and file size.

About 75 percent is spam, so I select and delete those, log out and download the good email into my computer. It also helps keep out viruses from someone that you are not sure about. The URL for checking email is <http://mail2web.com>. A simple screen comes up and you enter your email address and password that you normally use and you're set! - W4YDY



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# Meet the Member - Don Corley, WA4DX

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versity graduate with professional work history in fields of adoption, pre-school and daycare. Most recently she has been the Director of the PCMH employee day-care center "A Child's Place".

They have two sons, both married and living near Charlotte. Tim, 27, is an engineer for the city of Gastonia (also a degreed meteorologist). Recently he obtained general class license, KF4YPA, and is an avid DX chaser. Jeff, 23, is a civil engineer and Incident Management Engineer for the NC Dept. of Transportation in Charlotte. He is not a ham (yet), but does get to use some very hi-tech radio and computer equipment as part of his job.

Don's initial interest in ham radio was a result of short wave listening as teenager (using a Hallicrafters S-120) registered as WPE3HGM. He had an early fascination with Morse code. Listening to increasing signal strengths from the east in the morning was like "listening to the sun rise". In Jan 1970 (senior college year) he obtained his novice license - WN3NQR. Pat Dalporto, WA8OPM, now W8FV, a member of the WVIT Amateur Radio Club helped Don to get started and licensed.

He never operated in 3-land; always was "portable 8" West Virginia. His equipment consisted of a Hallicrafters S-120 receiver, an EICO 723 CW transmitter with just two crystals, and a 40 meter dipole on an apartment roof. (34 dollars for the used 723 was a BIG purchase back then.)

## Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on February 15. Exams will be held at St. Peter's School on 5th Street and will start promptly at 6:30 PM. Tom Parsons, W4TEP, 355-2815, [tparsons@greenvillenc.com](mailto:tparsons@greenvillenc.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
- ◆ Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.

In June 1970 he got a General Class license and became WA3NQR / 8 which later changed in December 1970 to WB4TFL due to moving to Virginia. He expanded his equipment by buying an NCX-3 transceiver with a 14AVQ vertical (the antenna still works !!)

In January 1991, following relocation to Greenville, his interest in ham radio was re-invigorated through friendship with Danny Shive, K4WKZ. In 1994, the



"gotta have's" attacked again and he purchased a Yaesu FT767-GX transceiver and "Carolina Beam" wire antenna - "a fantastic combination." It seemed like lightyears of improvement over old rigs.

Operating on new bands and working countries never heard of before were the inspiration for license upgrading. In October 1995 he upgraded to Extra Class license, and the next year obtained a vanity callsign WA4DX.

Last year he bought a Kenwood 940-SAT transceiver (son Tim got the Yaesu) and moved into a patio home

where he is hamming with attic dipoles and short verticals.

His operating interests include: DXing with 290 countries worked and 285 confirmed; collecting QSL cards and magazine pictures of DX operators worked. He has a preference for CW - Don "loves that sound." He enjoys contacting others throughout the world, reaching across borders; increasing his knowledge of world geography and happenings around the world. Listening to public services, etc on his scanners is also an interest. He has a dual band Yaesu FT-8500 in his vehicle.

Future goals include: learning more about VHF/UHF equipment and techniques and developing a capability for emergency operations support. He also wants to do some serious contesting, and as a DX'er, wants to WORK'EM ALL.

Other interests include fishing and internet surfing. - *K4MHM*

## Technician License Course

The course started January 19 and we have had Orientation and Sessions 1 and 2. The class members are: Ralph Scott (long time interest in radio and antique radios) and his wife Nan, Tim Avery (has a friend who is a ham), Richard Campbell (began his interest in shortwave radio), Dean Morris (Bill Dawson spoke to him about the course - thanks Bill), Ray Vickers (a retired physician and native of Scotland who would like to keep in touch with "the old country"), Ralph Hanneman (is interested in maintaining his proficiency in German by talking to people in Germany), Taylor Miller (he has a brother who is a ham), Terry Bundy (his father was a ham and he was referred by John McCoy - thanks John), Shirley Katrobos, KF4VHJ, who is taking the course as a refresher and William Finch, Jr. son of W4EHF. - *K4MHM*

(Remaining class schedule on next page.)

## Help available for viewing and filing FCC comments

The ARRL Web site now offers help for those planning to file comments electronically with the FCC on petitions for rulemaking and other FCC proceedings that invite public comments. Visit the "How to File Comments on FCC Proceedings" page <[http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/news/filing\\_hints.html](http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/news/filing_hints.html)>. Information on the page explains about the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>> and includes practical tips on how to use it. The page also decodes some of the FCC's acronyms, such as NPRM, NOI and R&O, and explains their purpose in the regulatory process. - *via ARRL Letter Online 1/18/02*

## 2002 TECHNICIAN LICENSE EXAM PREPARATION CLASS BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

**Text:** *Now You're Talking* (4th edition)

**Class time:** Start 9:15 a.m.

**Class Coordinator:** Murray Merner, K4MHM, Phone: 757-3429

**Feb 16  
Session 3**

**Chapter 8: Amateur**

**Radio Signals and Emissions**

**Bill Dawson, WA4SLC**

**Chapter 3: Radio Wave Propagation**

**Gary Gasperini, AF4XV**

**Chapter 10: Radio Frequency Radiation**

**Safety**

**Dave Langley, W4YDY**

Mar 2

Session 4

**Mar Session 5**

**Mar 16**

Session 6

Mar 23

**Chapter 9: Choosing an Antenna** (2 hours)  
Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK

**Chapter 1: Federal Communications  
Commission Rules**

**Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ**

**Chapter 2: Operating an Amateur Radio  
Station**

**Chapter 4: Amateur Radio Practices**

**David LeMoine, KV4CN**

Exam

## Results: K4H Special Event Operation

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(Marconi anniversary, etc.). The most unexpected replies to my CQs were from VK6AJ, CN8NK, EZ8CQ, and TN2RMC. Other rewarding contacts were with some I frequently work, such as 3B8CF (Jacky!), V51AS, and 5H3RK.

Answering random CQs with the 1X1 call was interesting. The most frequent responses were "What is your full callsign?" and "Is this a special event station?" One gentleman remarked that I must have obtained my license "a long, long time ago". DX stations seemed to more readily accept the callsign as legitimate. Many of my own CQs resulted in multiple simultaneous responses, which was quite exciting.

My equipment was a Kenwood TS-940SAT, running about 150 watts to dipoles and shortened verticals in the attic (antenna restrictions where I live).

I found out quickly that best results would be obtained by using CW, which I actually prefer. Band conditions during most available operating times were not favorable to SSB operation with my



setup, except for the weekend of the 10 meter contest. Also, longer than expected QSOs often resulted from the exchange of holiday greetings. But I enjoyed the opportunity and consider it successful, since I did, to a limited

extent, achieve my goals.

Several conclusions are obvious. To maximize the number of QSOs, "contest station" rules must apply. High power and a gain antenna will be needed. QSO rates might be higher with SSB operation, although CW may be the only means to contact some DX locations. Scheduling of several operators would keep the station on the air for a greater period of time. Also, publishing designated frequencies and operating the station near them will help interested persons to find it. Note that most popular ham magazines will accept event announcements from clubs only, not individuals.


Special event operations is a great way to enjoy ham radio, and with careful planning could provide a good opportunity to demonstrate ham radio to others. - WA4DX

## Spark gap signal heard for hundreds of miles

David Wilson, VE3BBN, reports his commemorative spark gap transmissions December 12 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Marconi's 1901 transatlantic experiments were heard hundreds of miles away. Wilson, who lives near Niagara Falls, Ontario, built a low-power rotary spark transmitter and secured permission from Industry Canada (that country's FCC equivalent) to use it briefly on 80 meters. He transmitted "MARCONI S" twice a minute and said he got more than 450 reports but estimated that only about 60 of them were valid. "The best distance was Kansas City," he said--some 850 miles away. He noted that the majority of the reports were in the 200 to 400-mile range. Additional information, photos and audio of what his transmitter sounds like are available on the "Spark Gap Transmitter Signals for Marconi Centennial" Web site <<http://www.qsl.net/g4rfr/marconi.htm>>. - via ARRL Letter Online

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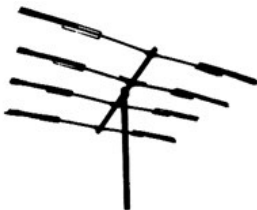
## FCC denial leaves league eyeing congressional action on deed restrictions

The ARRL got the proverbial lump of coal in its stocking in late December, but it wasn't from Santa. The FCC affirmed a November 2000 staff-level decision that declined to include privately imposed deed covenants, conditions and restrictions--CC&Rs--under the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1. That policy requires municipalities to "reasonably accommodate" amateur communication in antenna-related zoning and regulation.

The ARRL a year ago appealed to have the full FCC review the earlier denial. The Commission turned down the League's Application for Review December 18 in a Memorandum Opinion and Order released December 26.

"There has not been a sufficient showing that CC&Rs prevent Amateur Radio operators from pursuing the basis and purpose of the Amateur Service," the FCC said. The Commission said hams still can get on the air without installing residential antenna systems by operating away from home, while mobile or at club stations.

The FCC said it recognizes the importance of preserving the integrity of contractual relations that



CC&Rs represent. It asserted that the ARRL had submitted no specific evidence that would persuade it to abandon its long-standing policy of excluding CC&Rs from PRB-1.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, expressed disappointment in the Commission's ruling. "The biggest problem Amateur Radio operators face today is being able to put up an antenna," Haynie said. "Our only approach now is to get a bill into Congress."

The FCC itself even hinted that Congressional action ought to be a next logical step. "However, should Congress see fit to enact a statutory directive man-

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## Vanity processing ramping up slowly

Vanity call sign processing is resuming, but not exactly apace. On January 23 and 24, the FCC processed 70 vanity grants from applications received October 16, 17 and 18. Additional vanity grants are expected to follow as FCC personnel assemble all applications--paper and electronic--received on a given date.

Prior to January 9--when the FCC processed 27 vanity applications received from October 15 filers--the Commission had not issued any vanity grants since last October 30.

The holdup got its start when a batch of mail containing some 100 vanity applications received during the first two weeks of October apparently was mislaid in the process of dealing with the anthrax scare and mail decontamination. FCC policy gives equal priority to paper and electronic vanity applications, so the mail snafu has affected all vanity processing.

All vanity fee payments have been recorded and deposited or charged to credit card holders' accounts. The FCC has been using vanity fee payment data from the FCC's fiscal agent, Mellon Bank in Pittsburgh to contact applicants directly to have them resubmit their applications.

Since October, the FCC has been urging all of its customers to avoid using the mails to conduct business with the agency and to use electronic means to file comments or applications. The FCC has been acting on amateur renewals and administrative updates filed on-line via the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau's Universal Licensing System <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls>>. All applicants now must include an FCC Registration Number (FRN) when filing any application. - *via ARRL Letter Online 1/25/02*

## Question pools to remain valid for four years

The Question Pool Committee of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators has announced that starting with the new Amateur Extra (Element 4) question pool released November 30 and going into effect this July 1, all question pools will be valid for four years. QPC

## BARC members paid up for 2002

The following members have paid their dues for 2002!

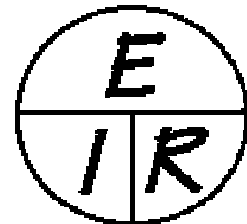
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The following are honorary members.

**K4MI, K4NBH, K4SKI, KQ2V, N4BSI, W4DXJ, W4GDF, W4UTO, WA4BVH, WA4MOK and WB4SLF.**

Dues must be paid up in March or you will be dropped from the Ham Chatter mailing after the March issue if you get it via the USPS. You probably have a **red dot** on your mailing label.

If you have paid your dues and your call sign is not listed contact the BARC treasurer, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV. His phone number is at the bottom of page 3 in *Ham Chatter* or write and to him at BARC, PO Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835. If you haven't paid, send a check to him if you can't get to a meeting - *W4YDY*



Chairman Scotty Neustadter, W4WW, says the shift from a three to a four-year schedule will enable the QPC to do a better job in developing syllabi and pools for the various examination elements and allow more opportunities for public input. - *via ARRL Letter Online 1/7/02*

## ARRL Board adopts modified Novice band refarming plan

The ARRL Board of Directors has adopted a modified proposal to re-farm the Novice bands, now that the FCC no longer issues Novice licenses. The Board met January 18-19 in Fort Worth, Texas.

The ARRL Novice Spectrum Study Committee had proposed allowing Novice and Tech Plus (or Technician with Element 1 credit) licensees to operate CW on General-class 80, 40, 15 and 10-meter CW segments at up to 200 W output. The panel recommended refarming the current Novice/Tech Plus CW subbands, in part to allow expansion of phone allocations on 80, 40 and 15 meters.

The Board approved a modified plan that would leave in place or slightly trim the amount of additional phone spectrum the committee had recommended for 75 and 15 meters. The amended plan would drop the US phone band to 3725 kHz on 75 meters but leave it at 21,200 kHz on 15 meters. The original plan called for dropping both by 25 kHz.

The 75-meter proposal would expand the phone band by 50 kHz for Generals over the present allocation and by 25 kHz for Advanced and Extra licensees. On 15 meters, Generals would get another 25 kHz of phone spectrum, but phone privileges for Advanced and Extra class operators would stay the same.

The Novice Spectrum Study Committee's original recommendations for 40 and 10 meters were accepted. The ARRL plans to propose the modified re-

farming plan to the FCC later this year along with other regulatory requests.

The Board also deferred until its July meeting a decision on whether to cut "Section News" and contest "line scores" from QST and move them to the ARRL Web site as part of an effort to stem ARRL operating losses. Before deciding to relocate the QST content, the Board said, it wants members to be "aware of the reasons for the proposed relocation and the enhanced capabilities available on the Web site." The Board said it also wants to evaluate "variations and alternatives" to the proposal.

The Board did decide to eliminate the minutes of its own meetings--published as "Moved and Seconded"--from QST. Minutes already are posted on the ARRL Web site and will be made available via alternative means to members lacking Internet access.

In other business, the Board accepted the Volunteer Resources Committee's recommendations to change several field organization rules. The new rules state that a section manager "is accountable for carrying out the duties of the office in accordance with ARRL policies" and "shall act in the best interests of Amateur Radio." Among other changes, the revised rules will prohibit a section manager removed from office from running in the next SM election following removal. Anyone removed by action of the Executive Committee would have to get that committee's consent to be eligible to run again. The Executive Committee

also will have the power to cancel any field organization appointment "whenever it appears to be in the best interest of the ARRL to do so."

The changes were prompted in part by the Executive Committee's declaring the office of Virginia Section Manager vacant last May. The rules changes will not affect the current Virginia SM election process, already under way.

The Board also modified the ARRL by-laws to say that anyone removed from office by recall won't be eligible to be a candidate for director or vice director for three years following removal from office.

The Board resolved to petition the FCC in order to elicit "a clear statement from FCC acknowledging the limit of its statutory jurisdiction to authorize the manufacture and sale of unlicensed Part 15 devices."

The Board further resolved to extend the ARRL's "most sincere condolences to the families and friends of the radio amateurs who lost their lives on September 11, 2001." The Board also commended and honored amateurs who volunteered during the subsequent rescue and recovery efforts.

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, who was elected to another two-year term during the Board meeting reported that he felt the League's relationship with the FCC had improved and that he was very pleased with the Amateur Radio Day at the FCC held last September. - *via ARRL Letter Online 1/25/02*

## FCC denial leaves league eyeing congressional action on deed restrictions

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dating the expansion of our reasonable accommodation policy," the FCC declared in its MO&O, "the Commission would expeditiously act to fulfill its obligation thereunder."

Haynie conceded that extending PRB-1 protection to CC&Rs would be "a tough sell" to members of Congress. He noted, however, that it's getting more difficult all the time for amateurs to find desirable housing that does not come with

deed covenants and restrictions. "It's extremely serious for the amateur community, because it restricts what hams will be able to do in the future," he said.

The topic is likely to be the focus of additional discussion at this month's meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors.

In its Application for Review in late 2000, the ARRL maintained that the FCC should have the same interest in the effective performance of an Ama-

teur Radio station and in the promotion of amateur communications regardless of whether the licensee's property is publicly regulated or privately governed by home owners' associations and their architectural control committees.

A copy of the FCC's Memorandum Opinion & Order in RM-8763 is available on the FCC Web site <[http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs\\_public/attachmatch/FCC-01-372A1.doc](http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-01-372A1.doc)>. - *via ARRL Letter Online 1/7/02*

## BARC Monthly Minutes - January 2002

BARC Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 8, 2002  
7:30 pm at the VFW Hall

Meeting was opened by Dave LeMoine, KV4CN.

Members and visitors introduced themselves.

The previous minutes were approved. The secretary and treasurer both gave reports. The Charleston, South Carolina Hamfest is on February 2, 2002.

### OLD BUSINESS

**HAM CHATTER:** Dave Langley, W4YDY, reported. He asked if anyone knows where we may be able to get printing for our newsletter donated. We print 100 copies a month which will cost us \$500 to \$600 for printing in Black & White for the year. Office Depot will print 2 sided copies for 9.5 cents per double sided page plus one cent per copy for staples plus tax. Mike Langley, KD4MTT, will get a quote from a com-

pany he is familiar with. Walt Verdick, KA4WFS, will check with the print shop he works for.

**EQUIPMENT:** Mike Langley, KD4MTT, reported. The old open trailer that is presently at Tom Parsons, W4TEP, property may be able to be renovated but is in pretty bad shape. We have been talking in the past about using the trailer to carry tower sections, iron stakes, etc. to make room in the enclosed trailer to move around in. Presently these items are blocking safe access to the inside of our new trailer. New trailers and used trailers will also be looked into if a renovation can not be worked out.

**PUBLICITY:** Walt Verdick, KA4WFS, is retiring from the publicity position. We need a new volunteer. Walt gave his list of contacts to Murray Merner, K4MHM.

**VE SESSIONS:** Tom Parsons, W4TEP, reported. The next session is February 15. Three people were tested at the last session.

**VOA:** Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, reported. We have the keys. A 50 Ohm line needs to be run to the open wire feed point and the rotators need to be hooked up.

**HAM CLASS:** Murray Merner, K4MHM, reported. 5 sessions have been scheduled for the next class beginning the 19<sup>th</sup> of January. It will be held at the Sheppard Memorial Library on alternate Saturday mornings. Murray is advertising the class in the *Daily Reflector* and on Channel 7.

**ARES:** Doug Ferris, K4ROK, reported on the recent ties in the coastal linking system. He asked for help on the net control on occasional Sunday nights. He'll get volunteers a script. Bobby Joyner called him and notified him last week that the county was on standby and a shelter may be opened. Activation did not occur, but the line of communication is open and in use. The computer at EOC and at the hospital are now supplied for emergency uses. Byron Highland, K4BMH, is our new net manager. Byron asked for information on what is being done on the Monday night 9 pm nets.

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Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting  
Tuesday, January 29 at 7:30 pm  
Mark's Marine

Those in attendance: Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, Dave Langley, W4YDY, Mike Langley, KD4MTT, Paul Catrou, WA4MXT and Paul Fletcher, KS4YF.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were given. The Greenville-Pitt Chamber of Commerce has contacted us about updating their Clubs & Organizations Directory. Bonnie will make changes and return letter along with a request to keep us informed of any community gathering, fairs or events that we as an organization can be included in.

### *Committee Reports:*

EQUIPMENT: Mike reported that he is looking for a replacement open trailer for the club. He called for a need to create an annual calendar of events that the trailer will be used for so we can get the trailer ready. The first event will most likely be the International Festival which will be the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of May.

PUBLICITY: We are still actively seeking a replacement for Walt Verdick KA4WFS. Murray Merner K4MHM did a remarkable job advertising the Ham class. The newspaper article and television spot were very informative.

HAM CHATTER: Dave W4YDY reports that the *Ham Chatter* will be published for free from now on due to a do-

nation by Xerox. Walt Verdick KA4WFS has arranged this donation. The web site used to get 150 to 200 hits a month. It is now getting 250 to 300 hits a month due to Dave W4YDY adding DX spotting to the web site.

VE SESSION: The next session is February 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's Catholic School.

### *New Business:*

KIT BUILDING: Paul Catrou brought a kit already made of a 1 watt QRP rig transmitter, which will enable one to transmit CW on the air. It would take at least 3 hours to complete the project. Paul will attend our next general meeting to present a possible class.

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**2002 BUDGET:** Dave Pulver presented a preliminary budget which was worked on by the committee and will be presented to the general membership at the February meeting.

**FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING:** The Kinston Ham Club invited us to their meeting which is on the same night as our meeting. The meeting was on IRLP. However, the board agreed that we needed to have our own meeting for many reasons. Our annual Birthday party of BARC will be at the February meeting, so bring your appetites for cake and ice cream. We will be meeting back at our regular meeting place at the American Legion Hall.

**ARRL CLUB LISTING:** Dave LeMoine will fill out the proper paperwork to get us listed as a Special Service Club with the ARRL.

**DONATION:** A Radio Shack 2 meter FM transceiver HT and manual (HTX-202) plus several books were donated to the club by Mac Whitehurst KS4O. This HT will be placed in the trailer.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Any interested BARC members are invited to attend the February board meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, February 26 at Mark's Marine on Highway 33 at Avon Road at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

*Bonnie Pulver,*  
**KG4CZW**

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John, W4FA, 355-3415

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1. Transceiver Kenwood TS-520  
2. Speaker SP-520  
3. VFO-520S  
4. Modulation Scope SM-220  
Total package estimate is \$450 but will discuss it. Contact Bernard Nobles, WA4MOK, 756-0020 or email [bnobles@unctv.org](mailto:bnobles@unctv.org)

### 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)

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Deluxe Antenna Tuner  
Heathkit Model SA-2060A  
1.8 to 30 MHz  
Input power SSB 2000, CW 1000  
4:1 balun, forward, reflected average power and SWR meter readings.  
Jim Andrews, W4UE, 2244 Mill Creek Rd., Newport, NC 28570,  
Ph: 252-240-3741,  
Email: [W4UE@W4UE.COM](mailto:W4UE@W4UE.COM)

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**T-SHIRTS:** Byron, K4BMH, reported that the Kelly Green color has been phased out. We need to decide on a new color. It will cost approximately \$ 18.00 per embroidered emblem so the shirts will cost between \$ 25 to \$ 30 each. We may still have a silk screened image at a different company that we used in the past. Tom Parsons, W4TEP, suggested having an embroidered patch made in Taiwan that could be sewn on to anything. He has had these made numerous times through Boy Scouts and they have turned out beautifully and less expensive.

### NEW BUSINESS

**KIT BUILDING:** Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, reported that Paul Catrou, WA4MXT, is willing to lead a class in building a transmitting rig mainly for CW from a kit that he will put together. The cost would be

under \$ 50. Discussion followed about a possible fox hunt or contest could be included at the end.

**ACTIVITIES:** Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, would like to add one or two more activities this year (one at least being public service). He would like everyone to think about ideas.

Meeting was closed. Half of the program was a video tape on the AO-40 radio amateur satellite presented by Bill Dawson, WA4SLC. The other half was a demonstration of the YAGI hand held arrow antennae to pick up FM satellites by the LeMoine family.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonnie Pulver,*  
**KG4CZW**

# *BARC*

## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

|                 |                             |                 |                             |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Feb 9-10 .....  | CQ/RJ WPX RTTY Contest      | Mar 12. ....    | <b>Regular Meeting</b>      |
| Feb 12. ....    | <b>Regular Meeting</b>      | Mar 24. ....    | Downeast Hamfest, Kinston   |
| Feb 15. ....    | BARC VE Session             | Mar 26. ....    | <b>Board Meeting</b>        |
| Feb 16-17 ..... | ARRL CW DX Contest          | Mar 30. ....    | <i>Ham Chatter Deadline</i> |
| Feb 23-24 ..... | CQ WW SSB 160M Contest      | Mar 30-31 ..... | CQ WW SSB WPX Contest       |
| Feb 24-25 ..... | NC QSO Party 1700Z to 0300Z | Apr 9 .....     | <b>Regular Meeting</b>      |
| Feb 26. ....    | <b>Board Meeting</b>        | Apr 15 .....    | RARSFest, Raleigh           |
| Mar 2. ....     | <i>Ham Chatter Deadline</i> | Apr 19 .....    | BARC VE Session             |
| Mar 2-3 .....   | ARRL SSB DX Contest         | Apr 30 .....    | <b>Board Meeting</b>        |
| Mar 9-10 .....  | Charlotte Hamfest           |                 |                             |

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

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