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Amateur Radio Operators needed for 2005 Special Olympics of NC

Special Olympics North Carolina is returning to Greenville for their 2005 basketball tournament. The tournament will be Friday, March 18 through Sunday March 20.

We will be looking for volunteers to provide communications from the 9 venues, where competition is being held, to the headquarters at the Hilton. We will definitely be providing communications on Saturday from 8-5 and Sunday from 8:30-5. We will find out after February 12 if our services will be needed Friday.

Our goal is to have at least two operators per venue each day. The exception to this is South Central High School, which has two courts. Therefore, our goal is four operators for this venue.

We are also looking for four operators to drive officials around town from venue to venue, as well as provide communications to headquarters for them.

The venues we will be providing services for this year are:

- Boyd Lee Park
- C.M. Eppes Middle School
- D.H. Conley High School
- E.M. Eppes Middle School
- ECU Student Recreation Center
- J.H. Rose High School
- Minges Coliseum
- Pitt Community College
- South Central HS (2 Courts)

This is a good event to participate in for several reasons. First, this event provides an opportunity early in the year to practice running a directed net, with tactical call signs. This is a much better time to work on those skills than during a hurricane, or other event, where the pressure is greater.

Second, last year, Special Olympics North Carolina officials were very impressed with the turnout and the professionalism of our volunteers. This is a good feather to have in our cap.

If you would like to volunteer for this worthwhile event, we would love to have you join us. Please contact Dave Pulver, KG4CZV by e-mail at kg4czv@earthlink.net or by phone at (252) 353-7161. – KG4CZV

Next Meeting February 8

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on February 8 at 7:30 PM at the VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville.

Bernie Nobles will have a program about TV transmission line and transmitters.

For those that have them, be sure to wear your GREEN shirts with the BARC logo to the meeting. There will be a birthday celebration of the 38th anniversary of BARC. Cake and ice cream will be serviced. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting is set for February 22 at 7:30 PM. The meeting is open to all members.

Tarheel Antennas coming to BARC in March

Robert Young, NC4ME, owner of Tarheel Antennas in Fuquay-Varina, NC, will be in Greenville on March 8 to present a program to the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club. He will discuss his very popular screwdriver antennas and will probably have a few on display.

Tell your friends and lets have a big crowd to welcome him.



President's Corner - Mike Langley, KD4MTT

February 1967. Do you remember where you were and what you were doing? Were you in the Greenville area? Did you know what ham radio was?

There was a small group of people in Pitt County that knew about ham radio and wanted a place to share what they knew and to learn from others. They came together to form The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club. And the rest is, as they say, its history.

During each February's club meeting we celebrate the actions of the founding fathers with cake and ice cream.



This year's celebration will be in recognition of 38 years of service to the hams of Eastern North Carolina. I hope that you will have an opportunity to join us in celebration and **be sure to wear you green shirts with the BARC logo**. Oh, and Bonnie will make sure she orders the refreshments without calories, carbs or other unhealthy additives ☺
73,

Mike, KD4MTT



Happy
Birthday

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

5	KI4CRC	Sandy McLaughlin
8	KG4SNB	Ray Vickers
9	W4GDF	Heber Adams
15	KG4JZU	Gene Underwood
16	KG4WEZ	Peter Van Houten
17	K4ROK	Doug Ferris
18	KE4JZV	Lynn Ross
20	WD4JAD	George Dale
20	KE4UGG	Michael Metcalf

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

Contest program follow up by KV4CN

As a follow up to my presentation on contesting at the last meeting, here are additional resources for the new and veteran contesters. If you haven't checked out the "ARRL Contest Rate Sheet", please do so. It's published every two weeks on Wednesday. Even if you have no interest in contesting, it sometimes contains unusual information and links to web sites of general amateur radio interest. ARRL



Dave, KV4CN, presenting contesting program at January meeting

members can subscribe to its email distribution by going online, logging in, and accessing your member data page. Select "Contest Rate Sheet" as one of the items that you would like to receive via email.

If you are not a member of ARRL or want to view previous issues go to <http://www.arrl.org/contests/rate-sheet/>.

If you are an ARRL member, "A Contest Primer" about getting started in contesting has been placed on the ARRL web site. Go to <http://www.arrl.org/members-only/contests/rate-sheet/qsl0silver.pdf>. If you have an interest and are not a member, let me know and

I can get you a copy.

That's all. Thanks for your attention at the meeting and thanks to those who jumped with additional information and experiences. 73, Dave, KV4CN.

Amateur Radio volunteers aid North Carolina Governor's inauguration

Amateur Radio volunteers responded in force after North Carolina Gov Mike Easley's inauguration committee asked for help in coordinating logistics for the January 15 inaugural festivities. Central Carolina Helping Hams' Bill Cole, KG4CXY, turned to Wake County ARES Emergency Coordinator Tom Brown, N4TAB, to coordinate hams at the event, which included the swearing-in ceremony and a parade through downtown Raleigh--North Carolina's capital. Brown, in turn, recruited 17 radio amateurs who shadowed event officials and parade marshals and tracked the parade's

progress. Handled via a local repeater, message traffic ranged from directing volunteers to cueing the 21-gun salute. Amateur Radio volunteers also helped to check in and line up the various units that marched in the inaugural parade. - via *ARRL Letter Online*

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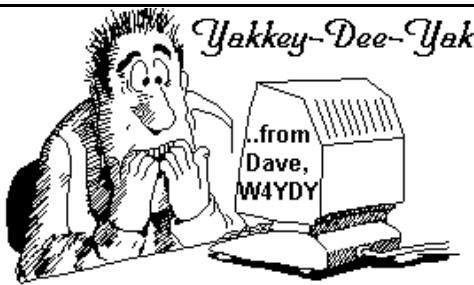
Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Jeff Hardee, K4RJF

Bernice Turnage, WA4SLD

Please inform Bryon Highland, K4BMH, of any changes.





There are a lot of BARC activities coming up over the next few months. Just look at the calendar on the back page. The NC QSO Party will be this month and looks like operators are getting set to go back out to the old VOA site C to work it again. Also Ken, N8FF, would like to get a group to go out and operated the ARRL DX contest from there also. **Anyone interested, get in touch with Ken.** He wants to see how the rombics will do in the contest.

With at least 26 operators needed for the Special Olympics of North Carolina, that should keep a few busy on one weekend. For the newer licensees, this is an excellent chance to operate and get some operating experience needed to prepare for emergencies. Even if you don't have the needed equipment, the operators are needed. Equipment will be furnished if you don't have any. Dave Pulver, KG4CVZ, is putting a lot of time in the project so help him out and volunteer.

Several contests and hamfests are coming up soon along with some good meeting programs. A big crowd is expected in March when Tarheel Antennas will be here for the program. There's a birthday party this month.. Have fun and enjoy! - W4YDY

Register Food Lion MVP card for credit to BARC

To help BARC, go to foodlion.com and go to "In the Community", then "fund raising" menus and follow the instructions. Tnx to Dave, KV4CN, for the reminder.

Mac Whitehurst, ex-KS4O, SK

Joseph McElroy "Mac" Whitehurst, 83, became a Silent Key Sunday, January 23, 2005. Mac was a member of the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club until recently. His license, KS4O, expired last year.

Mac was a native of the Bethel community and graduated from Bethel High School. He attended UNC at Chapel Hill before enlisting in the U. S. Navy. He served for 20 years, retiring in 1958 as Chief Petty Officer.

After the Navy tours, he moved to Greenville and attended ECU while working at WNCT-TV. After graduation, he taught at Pitt Community College for 20 years. He was a member of the Golden K Kiwanis Club and the First Christian Church, where he served as an elder, taught the Fellowship Sunday School Class and was a longtime member of the Property Ministry Team.

Mac was preceded in death

by his first wife, Hazel Garris Whitehurst; a son, Joseph Matthew Whitehurst; and a brother, William Burgess Whitehurst.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Mathis Whitehurst; a daughter, Pattie Whitehurst of the home; a granddaughter, P.Z. Whitehurst of San Francisco; two stepdaughters, Catherine R. Moore of Temple, N.H., and Alice Quiggins of Greenville; two stepsons, Bill Quiggins of Little Rock, Ark., and Jerry Drum of Clarksville, Tenn.; three step-grandsons, K.G. Moore of the Azores and Colin Moore and Jonathan Moore, both of West Warwick, R.I.; and a sister, Mary W. Kopf of Smithtown, N. Y.

Services were held January 28 and burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in Greenville.

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club and its members send their condolences to his family and friends.

2005 Membership Dues

It's that time of the year once again. Membership dues for BARC were due January 1, 2005. The 2005 membership roster will be published in the April or May 2005 Ham Chatter. Those who have not paid their dues will not be listed on the roster and will be removed from the Ham Chatter mailing list starting with the April issue. Membership dues are the same as they were in 2004, and are as follows:

Regular Member	\$20.00
Family Member	\$2.00
Associate Member (Non-Licensed)	\$5.00
Honorary Member	\$0.00
New Hams: 18 and younger (1 st year)	\$5.00
New Hams: 19 and older (1 st year)	\$10.00

Please mail your dues, along with the member application form to:
Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835

We are requesting that you send the application form in so that we can have your correct information on file. The form on page 5 of the January 2005 *Ham Chatter* can be copied or downloaded from <http://www.qsl.net/w4amc/application.html>.

If anyone has any questions concerning their membership status or their dues, please call me at (252) 756-6019 (H), (252) 321-6007 (W) or e-mail me at tamonday@earthlink.net. Thank you for your support and participation in BARC. Terry Monday, KG4WEW, BARC Treasurer

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DXCC listing now available on the ARRL web site



The ARRL Web site now features up-to-date listings of DXCC awards earned.

The new system shows every issued DXCC award known to ARRL's computerized DXCC system, with the exception of individual standings for 5BDXCC. ARRL Membership Services Manager Wayne Mills, N7NG, says the Web site listing is even more complete than the DXCC Yearbook ever was, since the printed list did not list inactive band-accounts for the previous year.

"This will list everything and everybody," Mills emphasized. "The new

system makes available a separate listing for each DXCC award type--band or mode." Even more important, Mills notes, is that it essentially renders obsolete the manually generated monthly and yearly reports. "Under the new system, DXCC listings will updated daily," he emphasized.

The DXCC standings of all ARRL members will remain in dark type. Call signs of non-members who have not submitted credits for 10 years or more are in grayed-out type.

Each listing by band or mode is complete in a separate Adobe PDF file. The largest listing (DXCC Mixed) now runs to more than 50 pages, but the size of the PDF file is only about 150 kbytes

because of file compression. Printing format options include US letter-sized or ISO A4 paper.

The DXCC listings can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/#listings>. - *Via ARRL Letter Online*

BARC high on Google list

When I typed in "Greenville, NC" (including the quotation marks) in the Google search box, it came up with about 750,000 hits. At **seventh** place in the list was the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club listed at <http://www.qsl.net/w4amc>. Without the quotation marks it was **ninth** with over 2,520,000 hits! Greenville, North Carolina produced **ninth** for BARC with over 3,620,000 hits - *W4YDY*

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **February 18**. 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. w4tep@arrl.net. 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 \$14.00
- ◆ Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.

Email addresses

Please send me your new addresses so I can update my records. I need the correct addresses to notify members when the latest *Ham Chatter* goes online, important notifications and update the email roster on the web site. - *W4YDY*

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FCC cites homeowners for causing interference to radio amateur

Things aren't all that friendly in one Friendswood, Texas, neighborhood, where a dispute over interference from one couple's battery chargers to a neighboring radio amateur has resulted in an official FCC Citation to the couple. The December 10 Citation is the latest chapter in a long-running dispute that FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth has described as "an unfortunate neighborhood situation." The Citation sprang from complaints by ARRL member William Cooper, W5ZAF, that his next-door neighbors' battery chargers were interfering with his ham radio activities. The FCC concurred.

"Investigation by the FCC's Houston Office revealed that on December 7, 2004, you were operating battery charging devices at your residence," the Citation said. "These devices were observed to be generating radio frequency pulses on various high-frequency radio bands. These radio frequency pulses were determined to be causing harmful interference to the Amateur Radio Service." Only after FCC agents visited the couple's home did the interference cease. The FCC did not make the couple's names

public nor did it post the Citation on its Web site.

The ARRL Laboratory has been working with the FCC and Cooper to help broker a resolution to the interference issue.

FCC Part 15 rules regulating "unintentional radiators" require that the operator of such devices must cease operation upon FCC notification that it's causing harmful interference. "Operation may not resume until the condition causing the harmful interference has been corrected," the FCC said.

Since it began about a year ago--when Cooper first suspected the interference he was hearing came from his neighbors' Christmas lights--the squabble has escalated beyond the interference issue. Both parties have hired attorneys, and volumes of correspondence have changed hands. Last September, the couple complained that Cooper's antenna support structure violated homeowners' association covenants.

After notices from the FCC's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau went unanswered, Hollingsworth issued warning notices to the couple last

June and September alleging that the battery chargers--apparently used to charge some electric scooters--were causing interference. Cooper provided his neighbors with free toroid core devices that resolved the interference, but the couple subsequently removed them. The couple told Hollingsworth they'd initially been willing to work with Cooper but took out the filters after he allegedly made disparaging remarks about them to another neighbor and took photos of their house and property.

Hollingsworth responded by emphasizing that it's the couple's responsibility to correct the interference--whether or not they accept Cooper's help. Simply unplugging the chargers when not in use--as they had suggested--was not an acceptable solution, he told them in his final Warning Notice. Cooper claimed the chargers had been operating 24 hours a day.

The FCC Citation, which does not require a response from the couple, warned that subsequent violations could lead to fines, equipment seizure and even possible criminal sanctions. - *via ARRL Letter Online*

FCC Chairman Powell announces his resignation

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell announced today that he'll step down, effective "sometime in March." Powell's resignation comes just one day after President George W. Bush's inauguration for a second term in the White House. Nominated by former President Bill Clinton, Powell--whose father is Secretary of State Colin Powell--joined the FCC in 1997. He became its chairman two days after President Bush was sworn in for his first term in 2001. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, called Powell's performance "a deep disappointment" after some initial optimism. While the League is not unhappy about Powell's departure--especially given his unabashed cheerleading on behalf of the FCC's broadband over power line (BPL) initiative--there's also concern about whom President Bush might call upon to replace him.

"It's no secret that we thought Chairman Powell was going entirely in the wrong direction on BPL and dragging the other commissioners and FCC staff

along--willing or not--because he was, after all, the chairman," Sumner said. "A new chairman might be a chance for a fresh start."

Last October when the FCC adopted new Part 15 rules for BPL, Powell called it "a banner day." While conceding that BPL will affect some spectrum users, including "all those wonderful Amateur Radio operators out there," the chairman implied that the FCC must balance the benefits of BPL against the relative value of other licensed services.

Powell listed the Commission's adoption of BPL rules among the "policy highlights" of his tenure. "Broadband to power plugs would lower prices, expand deployment," the chairman's list of accomplishments asserts.

Possibilities to replace Powell include the other Republican members of the five-member FCC--Kathleen Q. Abernathy, a staunch BPL supporter, and Kevin J. Martin. "We look forward to the opportunity to work with the new chair-

man, whoever that may be," Sumner said.

The chairman said the seeds of the Commission's policies under his leadership "are taking firm root in the marketplace and are starting to blossom." He cited the increased use of cell phones, digital TV and other digital technology "increasingly connected anytime, anywhere by a wide variety of broadband networks."

As FCC chairman, Powell also has been in the forefront of enforcing the Commission's rules on indecency, largely through imposing huge fines on violators. He also supported changes in media ownership rules that permitted even greater concentration in the ownership of broadcasting outlets.

Powell's formal resignation announcement followed widespread reports in the media that he would be leaving. Communications Daily said the chairman's last day would be March 10. - *via ARRL Letter Online*

BARC Meeting Minutes - January 2005

BARC Monthly Meeting Minutes VFW HALL, MUMFORD RD.

January 11, 2005

Mike Langley, KD4MTT, Club President stated we had a couple of first time visitors and ask them as introductions are made to tell a little about themselves and then welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all attending to introduce themselves with name, call sign, and town. The roster book was passed around to record attendance.

The minutes from last month were approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Richard, KI4CRD, reported receiving newsletters from other clubs as well as flyers for the upcoming FROSTFEST to be held in Richmond in February. Also received a list of on-line training courses available and a lot of them are free, so if interested see the list.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Terry, KG4WEW, reported on expenditures and the bank balance. Also annual dues are due and please fill out an application when paying so we can update our club records.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Byron, K4BMH, asked for reports and noted that Rick, W4ZRA, was recuperating from back surgery and Jeff, K4RJH, had a staff infection from recent surgery.

EQUIPMENT: Mike, KD4MTT, said all items that were ordered had been received and also had storage cases that he had purchased for about \$100. All that is left is the filter for the antenna analyzer. Will report on total expenditures at the next meeting.

EXTRA CLASS: Bob, N4USB, reporting he is still trying to find videos for the extra class.

PUBLICITY: No report.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS: Bernie, WA4MOK, reported a request had been received to provide alternate communications for the Govern-

nors inauguration. The need is for about 15 people and 2 will be high level and will be interviewed by security. Raleigh has plenty of Hams but an email was sent out to let everyone know. It would be a great honor to participate

On the 2nd Saturday in February meeting for Areas 1 & 2 will meet in Columbia starting at 10:30AM all are invited. Contact Bernie if you want to ride since a couple of vehicles will be going from this area.

The statewide ARES meeting April 16 in Winston Salem, for long range planning.

Bernie reported that as far as he knows our club is the only one that has had two SEC's.

Paul, KS4YF, reported he and Doug met with the coordinator at PCMH to shake loose the funds to complete the move but will remain where we are until all the new cables have been pulled. Seems everything is on go but keep your fingers crossed.

NC SPECIAL OLYMPICS: Dave, KG4CZV, reported on the NC Special Olympics for Mar 18-20 and would have 10 venues with 2 operators each. They will be at various schools around the county with the headquarters at the Hilton. This is a good way to get involved and if you want to participate contact him. In addition there will be 4 mobile operations for VIP's transportation. The hours are from 8:00am until finished around 2-5 pm.

HAM CHATTER: Dave, W4YDY, reported we need to pay QRZ 30.00 for donation for web space, Terry, KG4WEW, said he would pay.

VE SESSIONS: Tom, W4TEP, reported 5 applicants for the last VE session and only 1 was local. VE tests are now \$14.00. Next VE session will be February 18th. They are given the 3rd Friday of all even months.

OLD BUSINESS: Don't forget to sign up for the Food Lion MVP program and designate the funds for BARC. You have to re-enroll each year.

NEW BUSINESS: Byron, K4BMH, reported the Dogwood Festival is coming up April 22-24 and we will operate as Special Station, single operating station, and stated the need for frequencies and to email him with suggestions so he can get them published by ARRL. It was also voted that we could again have a raffle for our 2005 fund raising. He also reported he has tickets for the Downeast Hamfest. \$4.00 or 3 for \$10 and will be available until 2-26 also we need a table for our raffle ticket sales.

Dave, KV4CN, reported he has contacted one of the coordinators at DH Conley about including Amateur Radio as a project for the high school seniors and was well received. He will follow up and find out about getting information out to them when they start deciding on a project.

Mike, KD4MTT, mentioned the International Festival and Teddy Bear walk in May to mark on your calendars.

Bernie, WA4MOK, mentioned rumor has it that Carolina Mall will be in process of construction and the site we normally use may not be available. Mike mentioned the area next to the site he thinks belongs to Lowe's and we may be able to use that.

Mike, KD4MTT, brought up the disasters that have been happening and noted I-95 closing due to fire etc and advised everyone to Be Prepared since we never know when we may be called on.

He also mentioned the clubs birthday next month and to please wear your club colors for the meeting.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM: Dave, KV4CN, gave an interesting and informative program on contesting and how to go about it. He also mentioned the NC QSO party coming up and the need for a work day at the VOA site.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business the meeting adjourned about 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted by
Richard Cox, KI4CRD

BARC Board Minutes - January 2005 Commercial Ad Rates

January 25, 2005

Mike Langley, KD4MTT, called the meeting to order at 1935 EST. Attendees were: Mike Langley, KD4MTT, Dave Langley, W4YDY, Bryon Highland, K4BMH, Taylor Millar, W4WTM, John McCoy, K4KBB, and Richard Cox, KI4CRD

Secretary's Report: Nothing to report

Treasury's Report: No Report

Health & Welfare: Byron, K4BMH, reports Gail Manning has cancer

Ham Chatter: Dave, W4YDY, asked if donation had been sent to QSL. Terry, KG4WEW, was asked to send a check for \$30.00 as a donation.

Mike, KD4MTT, reported all equipment had arrived except the analyzer filter and the expenditures had been under budget. He also reported that he is working on the design etc for the tickets for the fundraiser, also cost of printing. NCSO was discussed and reported all venues may not need two operators but if enough operators it would allow relief for breaks and all. Some will require mobile rigs; HT will

be on the fringe.

ARES – Byron, K4BMH, reported the area meeting in Colombia the 2nd Sat in Feb. and the statewide meeting is before the RARSFEST this year.

It was reported that cables have been ordered for the hospital for the move, and are waiting on the county to release funds for the trailer to be built.

The next VE testing is scheduled for Feb 18th. and fees are now \$14.

NCSO is Feb 27 and VOA site needs some work. We will probably operate from noon till about 7:00PM

Byron, K4BMH, is finalizing plans for the Dogwood Festival Apr 22-24

Also the International Festival and Teddy Bear walk is May 7th.

A discussion was held concerning the possibility of a membership chairperson to follow-up on membership etc.

Mike, KD4MTT, with no further business closed the meeting at 2055 EST

Respectfully submitted by
Richard Cox, KI4CRD

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- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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, Tuesday, 2100 on 145.21 MHz
- ◆ Carteret County ARS (CCARS) Emergency Net, Tuesdays, 1930 on the Newport 145.45 (-) 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
- ◆ Beaufort County Emergency Communications Net, Thursday 2000 on 147.345 MHz. Preceded by Newsmen at 1930.

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- ◆ 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

NC ARES Internet

<http://www.ncarrl.org/ares/>

Amateur Radio volunteer among train wreck victims

Amateur Radio volunteer Scott McKeown, KE6EMI, of Moorpark, California, was among the 11 people who died after two Los Angeles Metrolink commuter trains collided January 26 in Glendale. More than 200 people were injured in the mishap, which occurred after one of the trains derailed after striking a motor vehicle left on the tracks. McKeown, 42, served as Ventura County ARES/RACES Area 8 Moorpark Assistant Emergency Coordinator. He also regularly volunteered to support communications for the Angeles Crest 100-Mile Endurance Run and had assisted during past runnings of the Baker to Vegas Relay Annual Challenge Run. A former City of Glendale employee, McKeown--a married father of two--was acting telecommunications manager for the City of Pasadena. - via *ARRL Letter Online*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 8	Regular Meeting	Mar 29	Board Meeting
Feb 12-13	CQ WPX RTTY Contest	Apr 2	Ham Chatter Deadline
Feb 18	BARC VE Session	Apr 12	Regular Meeting
Feb 19-20	ARRL CW DX Contest	Apr 17	RARS Fest, Raleigh
Feb 20	Frost Fest, Richmond VA	Apr 22-24	Dogwood Festival, Farmville
Feb 22	Board Meeting	Apr 26	Board Meeting
Feb 26	Ham Chatter Deadline	Apr 30	Ham Chatter Deadline
Feb 26-27	NC QSO Party	May 10	Regular Meeting
Feb 26-27	CQ WW SSB 160M Contest	May 28-29	CQ WW CW WPX Contest
Mar 5-6	ARRL SSB DX Contest	May 31	Board Meeting
Mar 6	Down East Hamfest, Kinston	June 4	Ham Chatter Deadline
Mar 8	Regular Meeting	June 7	Regular Meeting
Mar 18-20	Special Olympics of NC	June 25-26	ARRL Field Day
Mar 26-27	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest		Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
			Board Meeting - Last Tuesday @ 7:30 PM

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