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Amateur Radio Operators needed for 2005 Special Olympics of NC

Next Meeting March 8



the Hilton. We will be providing communications on Saturday from 8-5 and Sunday from 8:30-5 (at the latest – likely earlier).

Volunteers will receive a meal on Saturday, as well as a t-shirt with "Communications" on the back.

We still have openings for operators to drive officials around town from venue to venue, as well as provide communications to headquarters for them.

We have found out since last month that the ECU Student Recreation Center will be using 3 courts for this tournament. This has necessitated the need for more operators.

If you are available and have not already volunteered, I encourage you to volunteer for this worthwhile event. Please contact me, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV by e-mail at kg4czv@earthlink.net or by phone at (252) 353-7161.

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

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.

We will meet Robert and Cindy at the Texas Steakhouse at 5:30 PM and go to the meeting after the meal. Please let Mike, KD4MTT, marksmarine@prodigy.net know if you would like to join the group.

All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

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

Solaire Anywhere Portable Grill fundraiser

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club is holding another fundraiser. This year it will be the Solaire Anywhere Portable Grill that is valued at \$399. You will receive a chance for it for each \$1 donation. BARC members are asked to help sell and buy some tickets. For those that sell at least 10 tickets, there will be another incentive. It will be announced at the next club meeting in March.

It will be on display at the Down East and Raleigh hamfests with tickets on hand. Help with the ticket sales.

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The RED DOT!

If your address label has a **red dot**, this will be the last issue of *Ham Chatter* if BARC dues are not paid very soon. Some may have the red dot because the editor may not have received the latest list due to time constraints. For those that receive *Ham Chatter* via email, this will be the last one via email if dues are not paid.

President's Corner - Mike Langley, KD4MTT

It must be almost spring because NASCAR is back on TV, March Madness is just around the corner, the Club raffle has started and we are in the planning stages of our special events. It is that fun (and busy) time of the year between winter and summer.

We are asking for your participation in the Special Olympics basketball tournament in mid-March, the Dogwood Festival and BSA Camporee special event station in April, and Field Day in June. Special events are a great time to socialize with others, brush up on operating skills, test our equipment ahead of the hurricane season and support other non-profit groups. Please try to give a little of your time to these events and help show the public who we are and what we do as Amateur Radio Ambassadors.

Tickets are available for this year's raffle. The grill has changed to a Solaire, which cooks hotter and faster than the Companion that we have offered for the last two years. There is a new twist for those that sell at least 10 tickets. Come to the Club meeting and learn all about it.

Early predictions for the Hurricane season are much like last year. We

are inside the 100 day window (June 1 officially starts the season) so I guess that makes us short-timers. Let's get started now in preparing our emergency plans and getting our gear in shape. Don't wait until Phillip or Marvin announce activity in the tropics. It is easier, and cheaper, to do it a little at a time and before the mad rush.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the March 8th meeting. We will hope that Robert feels well enough to tell us about his Tarheel Antennas.

Mike, KD4MTT

Special Event Station N4S

Special Event Station, N4S, will be operating at the East Carolina Council Boy Scout Spring Camporee. Sponsored by (you guessed it) the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club. We will operate on Saturday, April 30 from 10 until 4 (with a lunch break) in the Gold Area (Pitt County District). Plan on coming down to Camp Bonner North just east of Washington, NC. We will be under a tin roof shelter with a concrete floor. AC power is available along with plenty of tree for antennas. More information at the March and April club meetings. Contact Dave, KV4CN with any questions

FCC proposes holding the line on vanity call sign fee



The FCC has proposed retaining the current \$20.80 Amateur Radio vanity call sign regulatory fee for the 10-year license term. The fee went from \$16.30 to \$20.80 last August. In a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2005" (MD Docket 05-59) released February 15, the FCC says it's proposing to collect more than \$280 million in regulatory fees for fiscal year 2005, as mandated by Congress "to recover the regulatory costs associated with the Commission's enforcement, policy and rulemaking, user information, and international activities."

The FCC anticipates 8000 vanity call sign applications during FY2005--up from 7800 applications in FY2004--and it expects to raise \$166,443 from vanity call sign fees.

More information on vanity call signs is available on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vanity.html>>. - Via ARRL Letter Online



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

2	W4MY	Marty Young
9	NW4S	Jeff Wainwright
14	KD4MTR	James Hoover
17	KG4CZV	Dave Pulver
18	KI4DED	Rose McLaughlin
20	K4MHM	Murray Merner

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

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Jeff Hardee, K4RJF

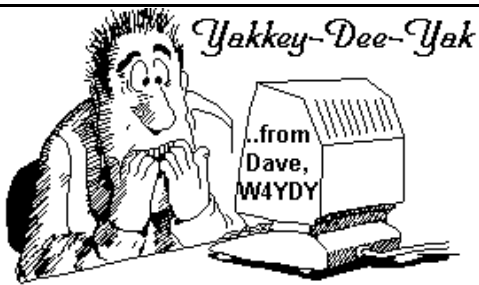
Bernice Turnage, WA4SLD

Please inform Bryon Highland, K4BMH, of any changes.



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Yakkey-Dee-Yak

Again this year, the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club is having another fundraiser. This year it is a different grill and it is a fast cooking infrared unit with all stainless steel construction. It will be at the Down East Hamfest in Kinston and the RARSfest in Raleigh for ticket sales.

If you go to these hamfests, please take a half hour or so and help sell tickets for the grill. It will give you a chance to sit down and rest while helping the club. Many times you can see more people at the hamfest while at a table because most will pass by. Also, at the Down East Hamfest, Mike Langley, KD4MTT, may have his new Solaire Anywhere Portable Grill in the outside flea market area cooking up some goodies for a taste test. That should convince you to sell and buy a lot of tickets!

Another operation coming up is April 30 at the East Carolina Council Boy Scout Spring Camporee at Camp Bonner East of Washington. The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring the special station with the call sign N4S. It will be a six hour operation from 10 to 4. Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, is in charge of the event. Contact him for more information

The ARRL Field Day will be here before you know it. A lot of planning is needed and Mike, KD4MTT, is looking for volunteers. It's another great training for emergencies and have a lot of fun helping out.

The club thanks Bill Finch, W4EHF, for helping out *Ham Chatter* by getting a new advertiser, Parrott Canvas Company. Let our advertisers know we appreciate them. - W4YDY

2005 NC QSO Party

The 2005 North Carolina QSO Party a success. More participants, more food, more contacts, and more points equaled another successful NCQSP for BARC. Claimed score is 35,275 points (2004 was 28,410 points). Stations in 31 North Carolina counties, 33 states, 1 Canadian province, and 1 DX were worked. Operators skillfully handled several pile-ups, and Ken, N8FF, was the maestro of the key. Thanks to those who brought food and to Mike, KD4MTT, who not only supplied lunch, but also cooked it on his grill. We appreciate Paul's,



N8FF and KG4ZVM

KS4YF work to secure permission to access site C and to Doug, K4ROK, for physical access to the site on both Sunday and on Saturday's workday.



KD4MTT and K4MHM

Thanks to those who came out on Saturday to get ready for the event. Event participants were Eric, KF4OTN, John, KE4TZN, Dickie, KI4IWR, Brad, KG4ZVM, Richard, KG4SNE, Peter, KG4WEZ, Mike, KD4MTT, Doug, K4ROK, Murray, K4MHM, Ken, N8FF, and Dave, KV4CN. Results should be available by June. Like the man said, "If you missed it, you missed a good one." See you at the '06 NCQSP - KV4CN

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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The DX Magazine issues most-wanted DXCC entities survey results

According to 2004 survey results published in the January/February issue of The DX Magazine <<http://www.dxpub.com/>>, North Korea (P5) remains atop DXers' "most-wanted" lists for DXCC.

"It was a real surprise to see North Korea at the top of the most-wanted list," commented The Daily DX <<http://www.dailydx.com/>> Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR. The most-recent P5 operation was by Ed Giorgadze, P5/4L4FN, in 2001 and 2002, during which he logged more than 16,000 QSOs.

Number two on the list is Andaman and Nicobar Islands (VU4), although a post-survey DXpedition in December likely diminished worldwide demand, despite being cut short by the tsunami.

In third place--but topping the list in four US time zones--was Scarborough

Reef (BS7). Fourth is Lakshadweep (VU7), and fifth is Yemen (70). A DXpedition set for this month from number six Peter Island (3Y/P) could blunt demand for that rare one. Rounding out the top 10 are Navassa Island (KP1) and Desecheo Island (KP5), both under jurisdiction of the US Fish and Wildlife Service which has denied visitation permission, Bouvet (3Y/B) and Kure Island (KH7K).

McClenny, who also edits "How's DX?" for QST, notes there's still a large demand for VU4, but he expressed guarded optimism that the VU4RBI/VU4NRO DXpedition's emergency communication operation following the December 29 earthquake and tsunami would make Indian authorities more willing to allow future DXpeditions. "Keep your fingers crossed," he said. - *ARRL Letter Online*

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **April 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. 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.

Be sure to bring **copies** of your Amateur Radio license and / or CSCE if upgrading.

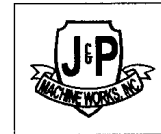
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Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2005 introduced

At the urging of the ARRL, Rep Michael Bilirakis (R-FL) has introduced The Amateur Radio Spectrum Act of 2005 into the US House of Representatives. The bill, designated HR 691, has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee where Bilirakis serves as vice chairman. Like previous versions of the proposal, the current measure would require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" to Amateur Radio if the FCC reallocates primary amateur frequencies, reduces any secondary amateur allocations, or makes additional allocations within such bands that would substantially reduce their utility to amateurs. ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, expressed his appreciation to Bilirakis this week.

"As president of the American Radio League and on behalf of the more than 670,000 federally licensed Amateur Radio operators throughout the country, I would like to thank you for once again sponsoring the 'Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act,'" Haynie told the Florida

Republican. "As you know, this legislation is vital for ensuring that the Amateur Radio Service, the only 100-percent fail safe emergency communication capability, remains a viable public safety option."

HR 691 references Amateur Radio's role in providing "voluntary, non-commercial radio service, particularly emergency communications," and it points out that hams have "consistently and reliably" provided communication support in the event of emergencies and disasters including tornadoes and hurricanes, chemical spills, forest fires and rail accidents. As the measure notes, FCC actions already have led to the loss of at least 107 MHz of spectrum to radio amateurs.

Rep Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) has signed on as the bill's first co-sponsor. Bartlett chairs the Projection Forces Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee. One of three scientists in the 109th Congress, Bartlett also is a senior member of the House Science Commit-

tee.

Efforts now will focus on attracting additional cosponsors for the legislation. The League is encouraging members to urge their congressional representatives to sign aboard HR 691. A sample letter is available on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr-691-sample-letter.html>>. More than 100 lawmakers agreed to co-sponsor similar legislation in the 108th Congress, where it was designated HR 713. Work is proceeding to have identical legislation introduced in the US Senate.

The text of HR 691 is available on the Government Printing Office Web site <http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=109_cong_bills&docid=f:h691ih.txt.pdf>.

For general guidance on the best methods of contacting your members of Congress, see "Communicating with Congress," by Derek Riker, KB3JLF, on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/news/bandthreat/0304046.pdf>>. *ARRL Letter*

ARRL Staffer testifies on BPL at California hearing

ARRL staff member Dean Straw, N6BV, testified February 8 in San Francisco at a California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) public hearing on broadband deployment--including BPL. In his nearly six-minute testimony on the draft policy decision crafted by CPUC member Susan P. Kennedy, "Broadband Deployment in California," Straw--an electrical engineer and an ARRL technical editor--decried the fact that the section of the document dealing with BPL--broadband over power line--neglected to mention the technology's disadvantages.

"I feel there is further work necessary on the sections dealing with broadband over power line--BPL," Straw testified. "There is not a single mention made of the three most significant disadvantages of BPL." These, he continued, include interference from BPL to radio receivers, interference to BPL from radio transmitters and a lack of bandwidth for expansion, especially in instances where BPL interference must be mitigated in some fashion.

"We are not opposed to Internet broadband services," Straw maintained on behalf of the Amateur Radio community at

large. "We're not categorically opposed to Access BPL, but we are opposed categorically to interference."

Kennedy, who chaired the hearing, stopped Straw from reading into the record the CPUC's own cautious reply comments on the BPL proceeding, although she did say he could submit them in writing. While generally supportive of encouraging more competition within the broadband industry, the CPUC's reply comments recommended the FCC "ensure that adequate testing is performed and industry standards are developed before any deployment takes place." The CPUC also noted "significant disagreement in the industry over the level of interference."

"The statements made by the CPUC in June of 2004 in reply comments to the FCC are now being--rather incautiously, I'd say--thrown to the wind," Straw declared. The attitude toward BPL in Kennedy's broadband deployment policy document, if adopted by the full commission in its present form, would represent a 180-degree shift from its position of less than a year earlier, he said.

The broadband policy Kennedy

drafted calls for California to "encourage deployment of BPL by its electric utilities by providing regulatory certainty in the areas of its affiliate transaction rules, in the treatment of BPL program expenses and revenues, and exemption from Section 851 requirements for the use of utility assets." And it says the CPUC "should adopt this policy framework proactively without waiting for an application to be filed by an electric utility for a BPL project."

Straw said the broadband policy appears to represent "a wholesale embracing" of BPL. "I urge caution in that," he said. "There is still a great deal of science that has not been done on BPL in terms of interference and interference mitigation."

In December, the ARRL suggested that Kennedy temper the "excessively optimistic" view of BPL he'd expressed in an interview. "It has yet to be demonstrated that BPL systems can be deployed without polluting the radio spectrum," ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, wrote Kennedy December 10. "Until this issue is resolved, we respectfully suggest that public statements that paint an excessively optimistic picture of BPL are inadvisable." - *Via ARRL Letter Online*

BARC Meeting Minutes - February 2005

VFW HALL, MUMFORD RD.
FEBRUARY 8, 2005

Mike Langley, KD4MTT, Club President called the meeting to order and 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 was approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Richard, KI4CRD, reported receiving newsletters from other clubs as well as flyers for the upcoming FROSTFEST and for the upcoming Down East Hamfest on March 6.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Terry, KG4WEW, reported on expenditures and he is working on the budget for this year asking for ideas etc for equipment

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Byron, K4BMH, asked for reports and noted Jeff K4RJH was probably home from recent surgery. Walt, KA4WFS, having heart problems at home. Gail Manning has cancer.

EQUIPMENT: Mike, KD4MTT, reported still need filter for analyzer and incidental parts which could probably be picked up at Hamfest.

EXTRA CLASS: Bob, N4USB, reported could not find videos for class and recommended each take a chapter and present it. All agreed.

PUBLICITY: No report.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS: Bernie, WA4MOK, reported the statewide ARES meeting April 16, for long range planning.

Equipment ordered for Pitt Homeland Security is arriving and we are in pretty good shape.

Deposit (25%) has been made for trailer. Byron, K4BMH, reported need for net control and passed the signup list around.

NC SPECIAL OLYMPICS: Dave, KG4CZV, reported on the NC Special Olympics for Mar 18-20 and a meeting will be held on 2/17 for those participating.

HAM CHATTER: Dave, W4YDY, no report.

VE SESSIONS: Tom, W4TEP, reported 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: Tickets for fund raising event have been ordered
NC QSO, Paul, KS4YF, checking on site

for 2/27 event.

Byron, K4BMH, reported the Dogwood Festival is coming up April 22-24 and we will operate as Special Station, single operating station. 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 we are to late to participate in the senior projects for this year.

NEW BUSINESS: It was reported the rules for Field Day have changed and the need to check them out.

Bob, N4USB, reported a need for some type of E-Mail program to inform all members of happenings. Mike, KD4MTT, to explore.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM: Bernie, WA4MOK, presented a very informative program on TV transmission lines and transmitters.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Richard Cox, KI4CRD

BARC Board Minutes - February 2005

February 22, 2005

Mike Langley, KD4MTT, called the meeting to order at 1930 EST. Attendees were: Mike Langley, KD4MTT, Dave Langley, W4YDY, John McCoy, K4KBB, Taylor Millar, W4WTM, and Richard Cox, KI4CRD.

Secretary's Report, Richard, KI4CRD, reminded of upcoming QSO and workday. Workday Sat start about 9:00am, Operate Sunday about noon till about dark. Site C VOA.

Treasury's Report, John, K4KBB, gave report for Terry, KG4WEW.

Health & Welfare: No Report

Ham Chatter: Dave, W4YDY, nothing to report.

ARES: Statewide meeting Raleigh EOC building April 16th.

SONC: Have most of positions filled but still need volunteers, contact Dave, KG4CZV.

Old Business: Mike, KD4MTT, reported all equipment had been received and Bernie, WA4MOK, was installing filters etc.

A table has been purchased at the Down East Hamfest for our use.

Raffle tickets are in see Mike, KD4MTT. It was decided a "backdoor raffle" would be held for members who

sell at least 10 tickets. Each 10 tickets sold entitles you to one ticket in the drawing. This drawing is at no cost to BARC.

New Business: The field day site is still being looked into. There is a need for a volunteer to act as Field Day Chairman.

A discussion was held on the possibility of having an operating site set up for the use of all members but space to house it and security were concerns that would have to be overcome.

Mike, KD4MTT, with no further business closed the meeting at 2035 EST

Respectfully submitted by

Richard Cox, KI4CRD

15th Annual Down East Hamfest

The 15th annual Down East Hamfest (an ARRL sanctioned hamfest) will be held **Sunday March 6, 2005** at the Lenoir County Fairgrounds located on NC 11 south of Kinston, NC (Follow the signs from US 70 East). The doors open at 8 AM Talk in is on 146.085 / 146.685 repeater.

Tickets at the door are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$12.00.

Walk-ins ONLY - FCC Exams begin at 11 AM. Bring the original and a copy of your license or certificate (if applicable).

Tables are \$10.00 each. Electrical Outlets are \$5.00 each. Contact Jean Dupree (252) 523-2703

NEW: Check out our website at www.downeasthamfest.org

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Questions: Jean Dupree, KB4OHX (252) 523-2703 or Byron Highland, K4BMH (252) 753-2895

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- ◆ 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.

HF

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

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NC ARES Internet

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

February VE Session results

At the February VE session, there were three successful applicants to take exams. David Ball, K4KST, passed Element 3 and is now a General. Two became new Technicians and the FCC granted the new call signs on February 22, 2005.. They are Amanda Karr, KI4IWS, Greenville and Oscar Barnes, Jr., KI4IWR, Grifton. Amanda passed Element 2 for the no code Technician and Oscar passed Elements 1 and 2 for Technician with code. Oscar also joined the Brightleaf ARC. Congratulations to all.

Tom Parsons, W4TEP, VE Liaison, was assisted by Bob Moore, N4USB, Murray Merner, K4MHM, and Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, and Dave Langley, W4YDY

Terry Zipes, W4RCN, was WD4AQX. His vanity call was issued 2/26/05.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 5-6.....	ARRL SSB DX Contest	Apr 26.....	Board Meeting
Mar 6.....	Down East Hamfest, Kinston	Apr 30.....	Ham Chatter Deadline
Mar 8.....	Regular Meeting	May 10.....	Regular Meeting
Mar 18-20.....	Special Olympics of NC	May 28-29.....	CQ WW CW WPX Contest
Mar 26-27.....	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest	May 31.....	Board Meeting
Mar 29.....	Board Meeting	June 4.....	Ham Chatter Deadline
Apr 2.....	Ham Chatter Deadline	June 7.....	Regular Meeting
Apr 12.....	Regular Meeting	June 25-26.....	ARRL Field Day
Apr 17.....	RARS Fest, Raleigh		
Apr 22-24.....	Dogwood Festival, Farmville		

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

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