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## ARRL Field Day by BARC

## Next Meeting July 12



Photo by Richard Cox, KI4CRD

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on July 12 at 7:30 PM at the VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville.*

*The program will be by Mike Langley, KD4MTT. He will discuss emergency planning. We are now in hurricane season again and Mike has all the answers to take care of emergencies. He is well prepared! All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*The next board meeting is set for July 26 at 7:30 PM. The meeting is open to all members.*

## New email address for BARC

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The 2005 BARC Field Day was a great success in several ways. Not only did the operators improve on the scores over the past couple of years, nine young people (see above picture) under 18 came out to operate and some had their first experience talking on Amateur Radio.

Bob Scout Troop 30 from Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church had several scouts to experience Amateur Radio. Hopefully, the young operators will soon be studying for their Amateur Radio license. Many thanks go to BARC Field Day Co-chairman Richard Campbell, KG4SNE, and John Johnson, KE4TZN, for the many hours they volunteered. Also thanks go to all participants that helped set up, tear down, bring out food and operate during the contest.

BARC QSO contacts for the last two years	TOTALS
2005: QSO's - CW 973—SSB 818—Digital 7—GOTA Station 118	1916
2004: QSO's - CW 734—SSB 393—Digital 0—GOTA Station 43	1170

## President Bush sent greetings to FD 2005 participants

President George W. Bush sent greetings from the White House to everyone participating in ARRL Field Day 2005.

"I send greetings to those celebrating the annual Field Day for Amateur Radio, hosted by the American Radio Relay League. Across our country, radio plays a vital role in relaying important information to the public and emergency service personnel in times of need," the president said.

"By providing emergency communications at the federal, state, and local level, licensed Amateur Radio operators help first responders and law enforcement officials save lives and make our country safer. Your efforts help ensure the right assistance gets to the right people at the right time. I appreciate all ham operators who give their time and energy to help make our citizens more secure. Your good work reflects the spirit of America and contributes to a culture of responsibility and citizenship that strengthens our nation. Laura and I send our best wishes." - Via ARRL Letter Online 6/24/05

## President's Corner

### Mike Langley, KD4MTT



An event to be proud of! That's the only way I know to describe this year's Field Day. I had a great time, and from the faces of the others there I wasn't alone. Club members and non-members, young and old, pitched in and the results were above expectation.

Dave Langley has pictures of the event posted on the web site. Take a few minutes to look at them to see if you are one of the famous (or infamous as the case might be:) I saw so many flashes that I thought it was lightning.

This year's participants ranged in age from about 5 years old to, well, a lot older than that. It was really fun to see the smiles on faces, both young and old, when

contacts were made. One was still smiling when he had to quit on Sunday, after almost 24 hours in the operators chair. It was amazing to see the "pileups" happen when a feminine voice said "Whiskey Four Alpha Mike Charlie - Field Day".

This year we tried several new pieces of equipment. From a new ARES antenna trailer to a talking wattmeter they all worked well. One of the highlights for me was when Peter, KG4WEZ, did an ATV, Amateur Television, fly over with his remote control "foamie" airplane.

Field Day, for BARC at least, has always been a time for trying new things to see what will work for us in an emergency. It is a time for operators to experience fast-paced action under less than perfect band conditions. It is a time for some to experience operating the HF bands, with hopes it is a FUN experience that they want to continue.

Volunteers do what we do for very personal reasons. What ever your personal reasons were, I want to give my heart felt thanks to all who gave of their time and energy to make this event a success. In Team Training we are told that while individual effort is important, overall success relies on the ability of the par-

## Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **Aug 19**. 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.

Participants to work together. BARC members and visitors proved this weekend that when you share a common goal, anything is possible.

Already looking forward to Field Day '06. Site selection options were being discussed on Sunday after we "packed up." I look forward to seeing you there!

73's

*Mike, KD4MTT*

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## Happy Birthday

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

12	KG4CZW	Bonnie Pulver
13	K4SKI	Charlie Wells
24	WA4MOK	Bernie Nobles
29	KI4JUD	Jedediah Stancill
29	W4YDY	Dave Langley
31	AF4MY	John Grant

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

## Well Wishes

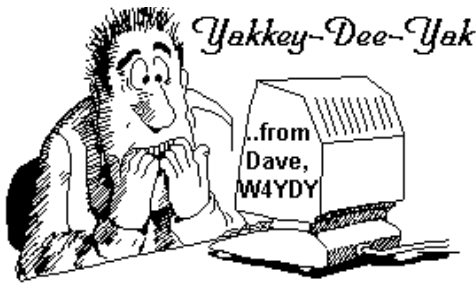
Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

**Jeff Hardee, K4RJF**  
**Bernice Turnage, WA4SLD**  
**Gerry Clayton, K4IDD**



Please inform Bryon Highland, K4BMH, of any changes.

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June was a very active and successful month for the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club. After the club meeting earlier in the month, a VE session followed a few days later with both applicants getting their General Class license, including BARC Life member Lucy Adams, WA4BVH. Congratulations Lucy.

The biggest event of the year for BARC is the two day Field Day operation

that takes a lot of volunteers to make it happen. Co-chairman Richard Campbell, KG4SNE, and John Johnson, KE4TZN, did an outstanding job coordinating the event. The weather held up and it was cloudy much of the time and it did not get too hot. A few sprinkles on Sunday morning did not curtail the operation and the sun came out when it was time to tear down the facility Sunday afternoon.

It was good to see a lot of young people out and do some operating and hopefully will be interested enough to get their Amateur Radio license. Boy Scout leader Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, invited Troop 30 to come out and a few did to add to the total of young people under 18 to operate in the FD contest. Maybe next year, more will come after they hear the fun that was had. Rick Cannon, Troop 30 Leader, also came to the FD site.

Preliminary results looks like the operators did an excellent job contacting a record number of stations for the BARC club. Dave, KV4CN, reports that 2004 was better than 2003 and 2005 was much better than 2004. The club also got a lot of bonus points to be added to the final score. The sunspot cycle may be nearing the low with very little activity on 10 and 15 meters but the lower bands were doing just fine. As usual, the food was outstanding at the Saturday evening meal.

WITN-TV, Channel 7, came to the site Saturday morning while members were in the process of getting set up. A 57 second video clip was run on the Saturday 6 and 11 PM news shows and it was run several times on Sunday morning that I heard about. - W4YDY

## US Senate version of Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2005 introduced

A US Senate version of the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2005 has been introduced in the 109th Congress with bipartisan support. Sen. Michael Crapo of Idaho sponsored the measure, S 1236, on June 14. The wording of the bill is identical to the House version, HR 691, introduced earlier this year by Rep Michael Bilirakis of Florida. Joining Crapo as cosponsors of the Senate bill were Senators Christopher Bond of Missouri, Max Baucus and Conrad Burns of Montana, and Daniel Akaka of Hawaii. The bill has been referred to the US Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee of which Burns is a member. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, said the League is pleased that Crapo has agreed to once again sponsor this legislation at ARRL's urging.

"We are grateful for Sen. Crapo's demonstration of support by introducing the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2005," Sumner said. "His sponsorship of this bill shows his appreciation for the value and utility of Amateur Radio to the US public, especially in times of emergency."

Like previous versions of the proposal, the House and Senate measures

would require the FCC to provide "equivalent replacement spectrum" to the Amateur Radio and Amateur-Satellite services in the event of reallocation to other services of primary amateur spectrum or the diminution of secondary amateur spectrum. The bill also would cover additional allocations within Amateur Radio bands that "would substantially reduce" their utility to Amateur Service licensees.

In a letter this week, ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, also thanked Crapo for his continued support of the Spectrum Protection Act. "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," Haynie said, adding that the League also appreciates the work of Crapo's staff in getting the bill into play in the new Congress. "The ARRL looks forward to working with you on successfully passing this legislation during the 109th Congress," he said.

The legislation references Amateur Radio's role in providing "voluntary, noncommercial radio service, particularly emergency communications," and it points out that hams have "consistently and relia-

bly" 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.

Efforts will continue--now in both chambers of Congress--to attract additional cosponsors for S 1236 and HR 691. The League encourages its members to urge their congressional representatives and senators to sign aboard. A sample letter for HR 691 <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/hr-691-sample-letter.html>> and a sample letter for S 1236 <<http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/s-1236/>>--are available on the ARRL Web site for members to use as guides in writing their members of Congress to seek their support.

To expedite delivery, send all correspondence bound for Members of Congress--preferably as an attachment--to [research.assistant@chwatco.com](mailto:research.assistant@chwatco.com) or fax it to 703-684-7594. The ARRL will bundle correspondence addressed to each Member of Congress for hand delivery. - *Via ARRL Letter Online 6/17/05*



## BARC Field Day features young operators



Hydraulics raising the tower on EG ARES trailer.



Richard, **KI4CRD**, and Dave, **KV4CN**, assisting young ladies at the mikes.



Dave, **KV4CN**, assisting a Boy Scout visitor, Chris, get some contest points. Nine under 18 operated.



Dave, **KV4CN**, assists as Boy Scout David Landry, 13, makes several contacts as his brothers Will, 9, and Andrew, 5, look on. Will and Andrew also operated. They are the grandsons of **W4YDY**.



It's time to enjoy the good food!



Nighttime operators keep the 3A stations and GOTO busy.



### Riley Hollingsworth: "Get involved in the good things in Amateur Radio!"

FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth told the Dayton Hamvention FCC Forum May 21 "all you need to know to enhance your radio service--in one simple lesson." Drawing upon his nearly seven years experience as the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement point man, Hollingsworth told his audience "what I personally think you need to do to make the Amateur Radio Service thrive and to enjoy the incredible opportunity" to have fun and engage in public service activities.

"Overall, amateur compliance, I think, is very, very good--I'm really happy with it," although, he said, "we still have a good distance to go" in certain areas. Complaints also have continued to decline steadily over the past year. "I think that's a good sign," he said, predicting the trend

would continue. He advised hams to avoid ugly on-the-air situations and confrontations. "Just use the VFO and go somewhere else," he said.

On the other hand, enthusiasm and happiness on ham radio are contagious, Hollingsworth asserted, and amateur licensees themselves are responsible for creating and maintaining a hospitable operating environment. Among the good things going on in ham radio, Hollingsworth elicited a round of applause by singling out Pennsylvania teacher Sean Barnes, N3JQ, whose classes have helped 60 youngsters to obtain Amateur Radio licensees over the past three years.

The most high-profile recent enforcement case--involving former amateur licensee Jack Gerritsen in the Los Angeles--"is not technically an amateur case,"

Hollingsworth explained. He pointed out, however, that the FCC is looking to determine who supplied Gerritsen with Amateur Radio equipment and "encouraged him."

His final admonishment: Good amateur practice means "not operating so that whoever hears you becomes sorry they ever got interested in Amateur Radio in the first place." He urged hams to look to the future and "get involved in the good things in Amateur Radio" and spread the word among to acquaint the public and even legislators, lawmakers and government officials.

"It's not about enforcement. It's about your obligation," he said. Enforcement can't cure all Amateur Radio's ills. "It's all about you and what you're doing with [Amateur Radio]," he concluded. "Look beyond enforcement." - Via ARRL Letter Online 6/17/05


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## BARC Meeting Minutes - June 2005



*Richard Cox, KI4CRD*  
BARC Secretary

### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES VFW HALL, MUMFORD RD. June 14, 2005

Mike Langley, KD4MTT, Club President called the meeting to order at 1930 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. Visitors were asked to tell a little about themselves. The minutes from last month was approved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Richard, KI4CRD, gave the Secretaries report

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Terry, KG4WEW, gave the Treasurers report.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE:** No report

**PUBLICITY:** Pat, KG4NSC, reported all elected officials have been notified about Field Day, as well as advertised in Pitt County Tax Book, also will be contacting the TV stations. He also re-

mind everyone of the "HT To Work Day" set for June 24.

**EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS:** Bernie, WA4MOK, reported the Hurricane watch net was up for tropical storm Arlene. There is now a three-repeater link to get into the Newport weather office, Kinston 442.00 (88.5) and Newport and New Bern. Congratulations to Doug Hoyle who will become the Director of Emergency Management on July 1.

Doug, K4ROK, reported the trailer would be available for field day. The tower will have a hydraulic lift to raise the tower vertical. A 15KW diesel generator is mounted on the front and runs about .6 gal per hour, outriggers are on all corners and are operational. He also reported the relocation of the radio room at the hospital is nearly complete. Jim Riggs and company want to have an open house when completed and will get information to the club when available. We need a good turnout for this. Net Control operators are need for local nets.

**HAM CHATTER:** Dave, W4YDY, reported the new email address for W4AMC. ([brightleaf-arc@cox.net](mailto:brightleaf-arc@cox.net))

The newsletter is now sent to the printer in pdf format, which makes sit a lot easier, and looks better.

**VE SESSIONS:** Dave, W4YDY, reported next VE session on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS/EQUIPMENT:** Mike, KD4MTT, read a list of equipment needed with prices. (AT180 tuner, LDG

tuner, Talking watt meter, Step ladder, tent, roof racks. and an atomic clock) A motion was made and seconded to purchase the equipment and try to have for field day. The motion was amended and seconded to include a Vibroplex paddle. The motions were carried. Dave, KV4CN, has purchased the logging software and will be installing on laptops provided by Doug, K4ROK, and ARES

**NEW BUSINESS:** A discussion was held concerning setting up new Fall ham class.. A site is needed that has access to a TV/VCR. Terry, W4RCN, said he had a DVD that he would donate to the club. All members were urged to talk up and advertise the ham class. A date will be set later. The ARRL and United States Power Squadrons have signed a memorandum of understanding. The MoU spells out areas where the two organizations can work together in educational activities of overlapping of mutual interest.

Paul, KS4YF, brought up that Macon has brought up we should schedule a tour of the VOA site.

**PROGRAM:** Tonight's program is on Field Day preparation with Richard, KG4SNE, and John, KE4TZN.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business the meeting adjourned about 9:30PM

Respectfully submitted by  
*Richard Cox, KI4CRD*

## BARC Board Minutes - June 2005

### BARC BOARD MEETING June 27, 2005

Mike Langley, KD4MTT, called the meeting to order at 1930 EST. Attendees were: Mike Langley, KD4MTT, John McCoy, K4KBB, Dave Langley, W4YDY, Terry Monday, WG4WEW, and Richard Cox, KI4CRD.

**Secretary's Report:** Richard, KI4CRD, nothing to report

**Treasury's Report:** Terry, WG4WEW, made the Treasurers report.

**Health & Welfare:** No report.

**Equipment:** A discussion was held on the new equipment that was purchased prior to Field Day and the consensus was

that everything worked very well and was a pretty good evaluation. The trailer worked very well also. Mike, KD4MTT, reported when the trailer is officially turned over to ARES more will be needed and the money must come from somewhere to finish it. If donations are solicited for grants or fundraisers for things of this nature, then the monies need to go to a non-profit organization and then passed to ARES. A system was discussed where monies could be held in a separate club account, like an escrow, and then transferred to ARES as appropriate. It is understood that Emergency Management has two Viper repeaters, which would

link all the various emergency organizations communications together and one could eventually wind up on the trailer.

**PUBLICITY:** Pat, KG4NSC, nothing to report.

**HAM CHATTER:** Dave, W4YDY, reported he is working on pictures that were taken at Field day.

**VE Session:** Two were upgraded to General at the last VE session. Lucy Adams, WA4BVH, was grand fathered to General and Peter Watson, KI4IFY, passed his code test and was advanced to General. He had passed his exam previously. The next VE session will be Au-

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## BARC Board Minutes - May 2005

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gust 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** Mike, KD4MTT, nothing to report.

**New Business:** Terry, KG4WEW, reported the time is nearly here when the seniors will be picking their senior projects and the need to get the word out to them. Mike, KD4MTT said he would remind Dave, KV4CN, since he has already been in contact with a counselor at D.H. Conley. A ham class is planned for the fall and we need to advertise it and get people involved.

Aug 20<sup>th</sup> -21st, is the Lighthouse and Lightship weekend, this would be a good special event if we could get a couple of teams to go to the lighthouses on the coast

and operate. The Crime stoppers Telethon is coming up on Sept 24 and we had discussed getting a group together to man the phones. It is time to get the nominating committee and needs to be in place by August. John, K4KBB, said he would work on getting the committee together.

**Programs:** Our program this month will be Preparedness.

Mike, KD4MTT, with no further business closed the meeting at 2030 EST

Respectfully submitted by

*Richard Cox, KI4CRD*

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### VHF

- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- ◆ Pitt County Emergency Communications Net, Mondays, 2100 on 147.09 MHz. (131.8 Hz Tone)
- ◆ Kinston Amateur Radio Society Net, 1,3,4 Tuesdays, 2000 hrs. on 145.47 MHz., W4OIX repeater in Kinston.
- ◆ Eastern North Carolina Traffic Net, Every night, 2030 on 146.685 MHz.
- ◆ 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.

### 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/>

## President names Scott Redd, K0DQ, to head counter-terrorism center

President George W. Bush has again called on retired Vice Admiral John "Scott" Redd, K0DQ, to take on an important assignment. Bush announced June 10 that he was tapping Redd, a well-known DXer and contester, to direct the new National Counter-Terrorism Center.

A former commander of US naval forces in the Middle East and a 36-year Navy veteran, Redd, 60, was executive director of the Silberman-Robb presidential commission on US intelligence failures in Iraq. Redd previously served as deputy administrator and chief operating officer of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad, for which he received the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service.

Pending Senate confirmation, Redd will report to National Intelligence Director John Negroponte. He'd replace interim director John Brennan. The National Counter-Terrorism Center is to be the central organization for analyzing and integrating all foreign and domestic intelligence on terrorism and will carry out "strategic operational planning" for domestic and foreign counterterrorism operations. - *Via ARRL Letter Online 6/17/05*

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## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

July 9 . . . . .	IARU HF World Championship	Oct 11 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
July 12 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Oct 25 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>
July 16 . . . . .	Cary Hamfest	Oct 29 . . . . .	<b>Ham Chatter Deadline</b>
July 26 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Oct 29-30 . . . . .	CQ WW SSB DX Contest
July 30 . . . . .	<b>Ham Chatter Deadline</b>	Nov 5-6 . . . . .	ARRL CW Sweepstakes
Aug 9 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Nov 8 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Aug 19 . . . . .	BARC VE Session	Nov 19-20 . . . . .	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
Aug 30 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Nov 20 . . . . .	Benson Hamfest
Sep 3 . . . . .	<b>Ham Chatter Deadline</b>	Nov 26-27 . . . . .	CQ WW CW DX Contest
Sep 3-4 . . . . .	Shelby Hamfest	Nov 29 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Sep 13 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Dec 3 . . . . .	<b>Ham Chatter Deadline</b>
Sep 24 . . . . .	CQ WW RTTY Contest	Dec 13 . . . . .	<b>Christmas Party</b>
Sep 27 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>		
Oct 1 . . . . .	<b>Ham Chatter Deadline</b>		

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

BARC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone  
PCEC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 9:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone  
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