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FCC proposes dropping Morse code requirement

The FCC has proposed dropping the 5 WPM Morse code element as a requirement to obtain an Amateur Radio license of any class. The Commission included the provision in a July 19 Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235, but it declined to go along with any other proposed changes to Amateur Service licensing rules or operating privileges. Dropping the Morse code requirement or any other changes to Part 97 would not become final until the Commission gathers additional public comments, formally adopts any new rules and concludes the proceeding with a Report and Order specifying the changes and an effective date. That's not likely to happen for several months.

"Based upon the petitions and comments, we propose to amend our amateur service rules to eliminate the requirement that individuals pass a telegraphy examination in order to qualify for any amateur radio operator license," the FCC said. The NPRM&O consolidated 18 petitions for rule making from the amateur community. Several petitioners simply asked the FCC to drop the Morse requirement, but some--including the ARRL--also proposed a wide range of additional changes to the amateur rules. The FCC said the various petitions had attracted 6200 comments from the amateur community, which soon will have the opportunity to comment again--this time on what the FCC calls "our tentative conclusions" in its NPRM&O.

The Commission said it believes dropping the 5 WPM Morse examination would encourage more people to become Amateur Radio operators and would

eliminate a requirement that's "now unnecessary" and may discourage current licensees from advancing their skills. It also said the change would "promote more efficient use" of amateur spectrum.

To support dropping the code requirement, the FCC cited changes in Article 25 of the international Radio Regulations adopted at World Radiocommunication Conference 2003. WRC-03 deleted the Morse testing requirement for amateur applicants seeking HF privileges and left it up to individual countries to determine whether or not they want to mandate Morse testing. Several countries already have dropped their Morse requirements for HF access.

ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, said he was not surprised to see the FCC propose scrapping the code altogether, although the League and others had called for retaining the 5 WPM requirement for Amateur Extra class applicants. Sumner also expressed dismay that the FCC turned away proposals from the League and other petitioners to create a new entry-level Amateur Radio license class.

"We're disappointed that the Commission prefers to deny an opportunity to give Amateur Radio the restructuring it needs for the 21st century," he said. "It appears that the Commission is taking the easy road, but the easy road is seldom the right road." Sumner said ARRL officials and the Board of Directors will closely study the 30-page NPRM&O and comment further once they've had an opportunity to consider the Commission's stated rationales for its proposals.

In 2004, the League called on the FCC to create a new entry-level license,

Next Meeting August 9

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on August 9 at 7:30 PM at the VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville.

The Election Nomination Committee is looking for candidates for 2006 BARC officers. Contact John McCoy, K4KBB. The program will be the 42nd Civil Support Team's UCS Display.

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

reduce the number of actual license classes to three and drop the Morse code testing requirement for all classes except for Amateur Extra. Among other recommendations, the League asked the FCC to automatically upgrade Technician licensees to General and Advanced licensees to Amateur Extra. In this week's NPRM&O, the FCC said it was not persuaded such automatic upgrades were in the public interest.

The FCC said it did not believe a new entry-level license class was warranted because current Novice and Tech Plus licensees will easily be able to upgrade to General once the code requirement goes away. The Commission also said it already addressed some other issues petitioners raised in its "Phone Band Expansion" (or "Omnibus") NPRM in WT Docket 04-140.

The NPRM&O is on the FCC

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President's Corner

Mike Langley, KD4MTT



The Nominating Committee has been working hard to find candidates for the club officer positions for next year. John McCoy, K4KBB, is heading up the group and he will have a list to present at the August meeting. There is still plenty of time to add your names to the list by contacting John. It would be great to have enough volunteers to require a runoff election instead of an acclamation. It doesn't require much time and it is a lot of fun. Let us hear from you.

The heat during the past few days has been almost unbearable. I think even Bernie would agree to that, and we know he hates the cold. I hope that everyone has been taking the necessary steps to remain

hydrated and as cool as possible. I am enjoying the short break in the temps, but I feel sure that they will visit again.

I am also enjoying this lull in the tropical activity. Although the African coast is producing much disturbed weather, storm formation has been slowed. The seven storms that we already have in the books must be some kind of record for this early in the season. Please make sure you and your family are ready when the time comes.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Club meeting on August 9th at the VFW on Mumford road. I hear that we may have an interesting surprise guest in the parking lot.

73's,
Mike, KD4MTT

FCC dropping Morse Code?

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Web site <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-05-143A1.pdf> A 60-day period for the public to comment on the NPRM&O in WT 05-235 will begin once the notice appears in the Federal Register. Reply comments will be due within 75 days. - Via ARRL Letter Online 7/22/05

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.

Final BARC Field Day score

John Johnson, KE4TZN, reported that the final BARC Field Day score was 7106 points.

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Happy Birthday

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

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| 14 | n/c | David Wright |
| 14 | KG4PZQ | Scott LeMoine |
| 17 | W4WTM | Taylor Millar |
| 19 | KS4YF | Paul Fletcher |
| 20 | W8QR | Craig Hummel |
| 20 | KV4CN | Dave LeMoine |
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| 30 | KE4LQQ | Chester Robins |

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

Well Wishes

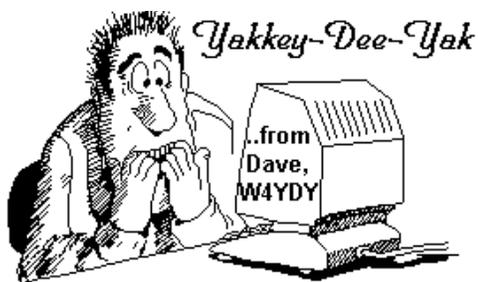
Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

- Jeff Hardee, K4RJF**
- Bernice Turnage, WA4SLD**
- Gerry Clayton, K4IDD**
- Hollis Thigpen, KC3X**



Please inform Bryon Highland, K4BMH, of any changes.

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In October, I will have been licensed as an Amateur Radio operator for 52 years and was assigned WN4YDY and W4YDY. I have had many great experiences with Amateur Radio mostly in meeting a lot of great people from all walks of life. For the top three accomplishments, they were in order, first passing the 5 wpm Morse code test in Norfolk, VA and getting the Novice and Technician license. Second was going back several months later and passing 13 wpm code test and receiving the General Class license. The third time was passing the 20 wpm Morse code test in Tampa, FL in 1968 and receiving the Amateur Extra Class license. Getting the licenses were great, but knowing that I had passed the code exams really was a good feeling. Why you may ask. The Morse code was really hard for me as it is for many. That is why I felt so good when I passed the 3 exams. The written exams were the easy parts.

Now that the FCC is going to do away with Morse code exams for an Amateur Radio license, none will have the feeling of accomplishments that I had in getting by those exams. If you haven't experienced it, then you really can't

know the feeling. I'm sure that I would have been thrilled if the FCC had dropped the code when I was getting my license, but I would have missed the accomplishments. I'm glad that I had to take the exams. I didn't pass them with flying colors by any means. In fact, I had to go back 6 weeks later to get the 13 wpm. When one failed an exam, the FCC required a 30 day wait before the exam could be taken again. And I'll never forget the examiner in Tampa telling me after he graded my 20 wpm exam, "Mr. Langley, you juuuuusssst did pass!"

At that time, there were no 10 question exams. One had to get one minute of solid copy. Also, just passing the receiving code test did not mean the end of the code exam. You also had to pass



the sending test. The FCC allowed the use of a bug but you had to bring your own. I did as most and used the FCC hand key.

Many have heard the downward spiral of Amateur Radio on some of the phone bands, mostly on 75 and 40 meters. There is a lot of profanity and disrespect of others. For the first 20 to 30 years I was on the Amateur Radio bands, one never heard the mess that is on the bands today. That is one reason that the FCC started enforcement of the bands several years ago. Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, has done an outstanding job in

that respect.

I have never heard any of those type problems on CW. You will find an entirely different situation there. Now the FCC wants to do away with CW exams. If the future hams drop CW completely, then it looks as the future of Amateur Radio would not be good if the bands end up being like CB'ers with a ham license. I've had the advantage of having a great time on Amateur Radio, but I don't see it for the distance future. Some say, this is the 21st Century and CW is 20th Century. Well, it just might be that when the 22nd Century rolls around, Amateur Radio will only be in the history books! At least I won't be around to worry about it.

On the Internet, QRZ.COM has a forum that covers a lot of Amateur Radio subjects. Normally when a thread is started, there are usually a few comments and seldom have over 100 comments. Many have less the 20 or so very seldom are there more than 10 pages of comments. But when a thread was started about the announcement that the FCC was dropping the CW exams, there were over 2200 comments and 227 pages the first 7 days and it's still growing! As I write this 12 days after the thread was started, there are 2851 comments and 286 pages at this moment. More comments are added about every 15 minutes. There is every opinion you can imagine, some not too nice.

I don't know what or how Amateur Radio will fair but I hope it doesn't get so bad that the future hams will not have the good experiences that many have had in the past. - W4YDY

Spectrum Protection Bill sponsor's article promotes Amateur Radio's value

Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2005 sponsor Sen Michael Crapo (R-ID) this week promoted the value of Amateur Radio and his bill's efforts to preserve ham radio spectrum in a July 13 article in The Hill--a magazine for and about Congress. Crapo introduced the US Senate version of the Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act of 2005, S 1236, in June with bipartisan support in the 109th Congress. It's identical to the House version, HR 691, intro-

duced earlier in the session by Rep Michael Bilirakis of Florida. In his article, "Amateur Radio: a voice in the storm," Crapo says that in an era of increasing demand for spectrum, Amateur Radio's allocations must be preserved.

"Today, Amateur Radio still serves a vital purpose, especially in our post-Sept. 11 world," he wrote. "Acting as volunteers, Amateur Radio operators provide assistance in numerous disaster-relief efforts, from the terror attacks in New

York and Washington to floods in Texas, hurricanes in Florida, earthquakes in Seattle and California and fires in the West and in my home state of Idaho."

"Amateur Radio: a voice in the storm" appears on The Hill Web site <http://www.thehill.com/thehill/export/TheHill/News/Frontpage/071305/ss_crapo.html>. The Hill circulates to all members of Congress and their staff members as well as to much of "official Washington." - Excerpts via ARRL Letter Online 7/15/05

ARRL cites "Additional authorities" to buttress BPL Reconsideration Petition

The ARRL has cited the conclusions of a UK study and of the FCC itself to further support its call for the Commission to "reconsider, rescind and re-study" the broadband over power line (BPL) rules it adopted last October. In its Petition for Reconsideration last February in the BPL proceeding, ET Docket 04-37, the League argued that in permitting unlicensed Part 15 devices such as BPL, the Commission's main obligation is to establish a radiated emission level low enough so that the devices "will predictably not interfere" with licensed services.

"Unless this conclusion can be fairly reached, the Commission has no statutory authority to permit the facilities to operate on an unlicensed basis," the League maintains in a Citation of Additional Authority (Citation) filed July 8. Furthermore, the League says, the FCC itself affirmed the ARRL's argument in another proceeding.

The League cited a Commission conclusion in last December's Second Report and Order and Second Memorandum Opinion and Order in the Ultra-Wideband (UWB) proceeding, ET Docket 98-153. The FCC held in its UWB Order that a reasonable reading of Section 301 of the Communications Act would limit licensing to "any apparatus which transmits enough energy to have a significant po-

tential for causing harmful interference." The FCC, the League asserts in its Citation, cannot authorize BPL--although it's an unintentional radiator--due to "acknowledged (and field-proven) substantial interference potential to licensed services." The solution, the ARRL said, is to establish radiated emission limits at a level that would make the chances of interference negligible.

Accompanying the Citation are studies of BPL systems in Scotland conducted by Ofcom, the UK's telecommunications regulator. Ofcom says concern over signal leakage is one reason for BPL's small UK market share compared with DSL and cable. "Although efficient for their primary purpose, electricity supply cables are not designed, screened or balanced for high frequency use, and in this application they produce significant leakage emissions," the Ofcom study said, adding that the emissions potentially can interfere with radio communication services "including short wave broadcasts."

In its Citation, the ARRL again argues that the FCC "incorrectly rejected" the League's recommendation for a 20 dB extrapolation factor in measuring BPL signal decay on HF based on distance from the signal's source. Instead, the FCC opted to apply the existing--and less strin-

gent--40 dB/decade factor in Part 15.

"The existing Part 15 standard is clearly inapplicable and underestimates the BPL field strength by up to 11.5 dB," the ARRL said, pointing to the Ofcom studies to support its assertion. The League called the FCC's adopted 40 dB/decade factor "inappropriate." The ARRL also said the Ofcom studies clearly show that notching is ineffective to mitigate interference and that certain BPL systems cannot even meet the FCC's "overly liberal" Part 15 field strength.

The League further noted that the FCC already applies a 20 dB/decade standard to measure signal decay of Part 18 Industrial, Scientific and Medical devices that can operate below 30 MHz.

In last October's BPL Order, the League pointed out, the FCC stated that if new information became available auguring in favor of alternative emission limit/distance standards or extrapolation factors, it would revisit the issue.

"There is no time like the present," the ARRL urged.

A copy of the ARRL's Citation is on the League's Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/HTML/plc/filings/BPL-Reconsideration-Citation-of-Additional-Authority.pdf>>. - *Via ARRL Letter Online 7/15/05*

Vanity call sign application fee to rise

The regulatory fee to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will go up slightly later this year, an FCC Order indicates. A Report and Order and Order On Reconsideration (R&O) in the assessment and collection of regulatory fees for fiscal years 2004 and 2005 released July 7 increases the fee for FY 2005 to \$21.90 for the 10-year license term. The FCC said it had adjusted FY 2004 "payment units" for each service to better reflect expected FY 2005 payment liabilities.

"We tied to obtain verification for these estimates from multiple sources and, in all cases, we compared FY 2005 estimates with actual FY 2004 payment units to ensure that our revised estimates were reasonable," the FCC said in the

R&O. "Where appropriate, we adjusted and/or rounded our final estimates to take into consideration the fact that certain variables that impact on the number of payment units cannot be estimated exactly."

In a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the proceeding last February, the Commission had proposed keeping the vanity call sign fee at its current \$20.80. The fee rose from \$16.30 to \$20.80 last August. A reevaluation in the number of anticipated vanity call sign applications--or "payment units"--accounts for the latest fee hike.

In its February 2005 NPRM, the Commission had estimated it would receive 8000 vanity applications during FY

2005. This month's R&O reflects a downward recalculation to an anticipated 7600 vanity applications--up only slightly from a year earlier--so the fee had to be raised to meet FY 2005 revenue requirements.

While the R&O does not specify the effective date of the change, this generally occurs 30 days after the R&O's publication in The Federal Register, which hasn't happened yet. In past years, the effective date has been in August or September.

More information on vanity call signs is available on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vanity.html>>. - *Via ARRL Letter Online 7/15/05*

Canada drops Morse requirement as sole additional requirement for HF access

Industry Canada (IC) has adopted elements of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) "Proposal on Morse Code and Related Matters" and has essentially removed the requirement for Amateur Radio applicants in that country to obtain a "Morse Qualification" for access to bands below 30 MHz.

"Morse code will no longer be the sole additional requirement by which Canadian radio amateurs will gain access to the HF bands, but it will remain as one valid criterion," Industry Canada said in its Notice announcing the regulatory change. Industry Canada said it will continue to include Morse code as a consideration in granting access to the HF bands. "However, this is only one criterion and the measure of HF operator abilities should not be limited to this one facet of operator

skills," IC added.

Effective immediately, amateurs certified with the Basic Qualification prior to April 2, 2002, and amateurs certified with both Basic and Advanced Qualifications may operate on the HF amateur bands. Licensees holding only the Basic Qualification who were certified after April 1, 2002, and who achieved a passing grade of at least 80 percent also are allowed to operate on HF.

Amateurs certified with the Basic Qualification after April 1, 2002, who did not achieve a score of at least an 80 on the examination will either have to attain the Morse Qualification, write the Advanced test or rewrite the Basic examination and obtain at least an 80 percent grade to obtain HF privileges.

This last requirement is related to

a decision to increase the passing grade for the Basic examination to ensure that candidates have been tested in all areas of the syllabus. Details of the Industry Canada decision are in the Canada Gazette Notice <<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/epic/internet/insmt-gst.nsf/en/sf08435e.html>> and on the Latest News page of the RAC Web site <<http://www.rac.ca>>.

FCC Amateur Service rules in §97.107(b) grant Canadian control operators "the operating terms and conditions of the amateur service license issued by the Government of Canada" but, in any case, not to exceed the control operator privileges of an FCC-licensed Amateur Extra class operator. §97.107 does not apply to US citizens who may hold Canadian amateur licenses, however. - *Via ARRL Letter Online 7/29/05*

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BARC Meeting Minutes - July 2005



Richard Cox, KI4CRD
BARC Secretary

BARC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

VFW HALL, MUMFORD RD.
July 12, 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: Byron, K4BMH, Nothing to report

EQUIPMENT: Mike, KB4MTT, reported all new equipment that was ordered and utilized for Field Day worked very good. The only item still outstanding are the ladder racks for the trailer.

PUBLICITY: Pat, KG4NSC, reported after inviting all elected officials, none showed for Field Day, but we had good TV coverage from channel 7. Bernie,

WA4MOK, got a call from John, KE4TZN, that channel 9 wanted an interview about "Ham Radio and hurricanes". Bernie, WA4MOK called Carla Wagner and set up an interview at his "shack". Major preparedness and ARES got good publicity and promotion. The hurricane net was up during the interview and they were able to hear the net in operation. The coverage was shown all weekend. "Good job Bernie"

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS: Bernie, WA4MOK, several counties in the western part of the state as well as most of southeastern states was activated for the hurricane. There will be a major terrorist drill in August mainly in the Onslow, Cumberland counties. Eastern branch will be activated for two 12 hours periods on August 16, 17. Help will be needed for this.

Doug, K4ROK, reported information for this is on the Pitt County ARES reflector. Walt KA4WFS will be manning the hospital and others will be at EOC. We want to thank Joel Muhaluk who was instrumental in getting the Hospital Radio Room ready. His hard work is greatly appreciated. He will be taking his test for his license at the next VE session. The cabinets are being built for the trailer and should be ready for the next event. A dual wheel tongue jack has been added, as well as the plate the winch is on has been beefed up. The outriggers will be drilled and pinned to allow for some adjusting. The generator was fired up about 11:00AM on Saturday and shut down about 3:00PM Sunday and used approximately 14 gal of diesel fuel. The Air Conditioner in the trailer was run for the entire time, which did not hurt the fuel used. Doug, K4ROK needs input on running the antenna leads in/out of the

trailer. Net Control operators are need for local nets.

HAM CHATTER: Dave, W4YDY, nothing to report

VE SESSIONS: Dave, W4YDY, reported next VE session on August 19. Two upgraded to General in the June testing, Lucy Adams, WA4BVH, grandfathered, and Peter Watson, KI4IFY, passed his code test and had previously passed the written so he was advanced to General. Congratulations to both.

OLD BUSINESS: Mike, KD4MTT, reported Field Day was a great event, the heat was OK, rain did not hamper. There was real good participation from all. Youth groups made contacts, experimental items all turned out good. It was a good learning and successful event

NEW BUSINESS: Mike, KD4MTT, reported we should be thinking about the high school seniors and their projects that will be coming up very shortly. We need to be ready to talk to the counselors about Ham Radio. Dave, KV4CN, has been in contact with D.H. Conley last spring. Bob, N4USB, is the contact for review or classes on ham radio.

We need a nominating committee and John, K4KBB, has agreed to head this up again and will need others to assist. Please consider serving your club if you are contacted.

Be prepared Emily is on the way to somewhere.

PROGRAM: Tonight's program is on Preparedness by Mike, KD4MTT, which was interesting and informative.

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

Respectfully submitted by
Richard Cox, KI4CRD

BARC Board Minutes - July 2005

BARC BOARD MEETING
July 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,

Taylor Millar, W4WTM, and Richard Cox, KI4CRD.

Secretary's Report: Richard, KI4CRD, gave the Secretary's report

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

Health & Welfare: Hollis, KC3X, is scheduled for surgery.

Equipment: Only thing outstanding are

the roof racks for the trailer but do not need till later in the year. Mike, KD4MTT, mentioned we need 2 or 3 more of the Saratoga Power Panel boxes. **PUBLICITY:** Pat, KG4NSC, would like to have a few minutes at the next meeting for a short presentation about the Food Lion program.

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HAM CHATTER: Dave, W4YDY, nothing to report.

VE Session: The next VE session will be August 19th.

Old Business: A discussion was held about getting the word out for the upcoming ham class,

The Nominating Committee is working on the nominations for officers for the coming year. The slate is presented in September and voted in October.

August 9 our regular meeting.

August 13, - The Area 1&2 meeting will be in Colombia starting at 10:00.

August 20-21 - The Lighthouse, Lightship QSO party.

New Business: Dave, W4YDY, reported

the Goldsboro club had contacted him and they would like to tour the VOA site the next time we arrange a visit. A Saturday would be good for them as they normally meet on Saturdays for breakfast somewhere. This would be a good time to meet and fellowship with their members.

Programs: A Homeland Military Security Group will have their communication vehicle on display at the next meeting as well as our regular program.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Richard Cox, KI4CRD

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- ◆ 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/>

Food Lion signup

If you have a Food Lion MVP card, you can sign up on the Internet for a nonprofit group for Food Lion contributions. The Brightleaf ARC is on the list. When you use your MVP card, if you have signed up for BARC, Food Lion makes contributions to the club according to how much is spent.

- 1 - Go to foodlion.com
- 2 - Click on register MVP Cards
- 3 - Click on Select Organization, scroll down to Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, then click on add MVP Cards
- 4 - Enter all digits from the back of card
- 5 - Fill out requested information
- 6 - Click on Submit and you're done

The program is good at any Food Lion in the country. Get your relatives to sign up for BARC.

Elections for 2006

The Elections Nomination Committee will present a list of candidates for 2006 BARC officers. Anyone interested in serving the club, please contact John McCoy, K4KBB. Nominations will be accepted at the September meeting and will then be closed. The election will be held in October and the new officers will be installed at the end of the meeting at the Christmas party in December.

Ham Ads

Ham Ads will be run, free of charge in Ham Chatter for three months for each renewal. Ads must be received by the last week of the month to be included in the following issue. Send ads to: **Ham Chatter, PO Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835, ATTN: Dave Langley** or email to: brightleaf-arc@cox.net

For Sale: MFJ-1272B TNC/MIC Interface switch. 8 pin microphone connector. Use with Kenwood, Alinco, Icom, Ranger radios. \$40.00. **SOLD** New cost \$40. **Never used.** Only \$20.

Your free ad could go here and put money in your pocket!

NUMBER 99!

BARC

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 9	Regular Meeting	Oct 29	Ham Chatter Deadline
Aug 19	BARC VE Session	Oct 29-30	CQ WW SSB DX Contest
Aug 30	Board Meeting	Nov 5-6	ARRL CW Sweepstakes
Sep 3	Ham Chatter Deadline	Nov 8	Regular Meeting
Sep 3-4	Shelby Hamfest	Nov 19-20	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
Sep 13	Regular Meeting	Nov 20	Benson Hamfest
Sep 24	CQ WW RTTY Contest	Nov 26-27	CQ WW CW DX Contest
Sep 27	Board Meeting	Nov 29	Board Meeting
Oct 1	Ham Chatter Deadline	Dec 3	Ham Chatter Deadline
Oct 11	Regular Meeting	Dec 13	Christmas Party
Oct 25	Board Meeting		

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
BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATIONS

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