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## Meet the Member, Amanda Karr, KI4IWS

## Next Meeting December 13



**Amanda Karr, KI4IWS,  
Operating at the 2005 BARC Field Day**

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club is very fortunate to have Amanda, KI4IWS, to help with Ham Chatter. She will be writing most of the Meet the Member columns that I have been slack on since Murray, K4MHM, decided to 'retire'. For those that have not been featured in Ham Chatter, Amanda just might be calling you for an interview and picture. Also, you may let her know if you are ready to be included in the Meet the Member column.. You don't have to wait for a call.

Amanda is originally from Charleston, SC. She moved to Greenville about two and a half years ago to take a job with The Daily Reflector. She graduated from the University of Maryland with degrees in journalism and criminal justice.

She had never heard of Amateur Radio before she met Eric, KF4OTN. She took the Technician exam February 18 to get an idea of what Eric was so excited about. She walked out of the exam ses-

sion with a CSCE in her possession and on February 22, the FCC issued the new call sign KI4IWS to her. She admits that she didn't even want to go to the Field Day in June but once she was there, she was hooked. She really helped the BARC score by getting so many contacts. She had to be one of the top in the number of stations contacted on SSB.

On a trip to California this summer she got the opportunity for a couple satellite contacts which she said was pretty neat. She got a certificate for that- AM-SAT Satellite Communicators Award. She would like to learn Morse Code, but she's finding it tougher than she expected. (Join the club Amanda!) But when she does get the code down, she will really be proud of that accomplishment.

She said she doesn't "even own a radio (although maybe Santa will change that)." Hint! Hint! She has borrowed Eric's Yaesu FT-51R to carry around for now. Amanda states, "I'm looking forward to helping out with Ham Chatter and whatever else I can do for the club. I've enjoyed getting to know the other folks involved in amateur radio."

The Brightleaf ARC is also very happy to have another new radio amateur operator who will get involved in club activities. This always helps in making the club stronger and more exciting for everyone. Welcome Amanda. - W4YDY

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its annual **Christmas Party** on December 12 at 7:00 PM at **VFW Post Home 7032 at 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville.** It will be a covered dish meal. Remember 7:00 PM!*

*The new 2006 officers will be presented. Awards will be awarded to **Ham of the Year, OM of the Year, YL of the Year, New Ham of the Year and Elmer of the Year.** Also, certificates will be awarded to others who have contributed to BARC activities. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*The next board meeting is set for December 27 at 7:30 PM at **Mark's Marine.** All members are invited.*

## BARC Ham Chatter and photos on CD

A CD is available with Ham Chatter from 1997 to 2005, Field Day photos, Amateur Radio software and more. See page 4 for details.

CU at the Christmas party at 7 PM. Come early for a little extra chatter!



**President's Corner - Mike Langley, KD4MTT**



keep Brightleaf as a cornerstone of ham radio fellowship, training, education and public service. From the bottom of my heart, thank you one and all.

The Brightleaf Christmas party is always a fun time to bring members, family and friends together. In addition to celebrating the holiday season we give thanks for this year and what it has meant to our amateur radio family and we introduce those that will steer the ship in the coming year.

I hope to see you all on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at the VFW on Mumford Road. Don't forget that we will start at 7 pm. Come early for some QSO time. If you know a member or past member who

has not been active, please contact them and ask them to attend with you. Bring a dish and bring a friend, or,

if I were Grouch Marx, bring a friend who's a dish!

Those of you that might be traveling to see family, friends, or their sweetie, please travel safe. We will keep you in our thoughts.

This column brings to a close my time in *The President's Corner*. During the past two years, I have been blessed with Board Members who were caring, giving and conscientious, making my role a very easy one. Club members who are willing to "step up" whenever the need arises complete a team effort that has been both fun and rewarding.

As I pass the gavel to Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, I do so secure in the knowledge that this great group will continue to

**"The Brightleaf Christmas party is always a fun time to bring members, family and friends together."**

**Next VE Session**

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **Dec. 16**. 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.



**Happy Birthday**

73's and Happy Holidays

**Mike Langley, KD4MTT**

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

- 2 W2YBN John Mentha
- 2 W4ZRA Rick LaMonica
- 8 KG4ISP Kim-Hoa Drake
- 11 KG4CCX Tod LeMoine
- 13 KC4RBE June Highland
- 16 N8FF Ken Graf

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

**Well Wishes**

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

**Bernice Turnage, WA4SLD**  
**Gail Manning, wife of Mac Manning, KD4AFL**

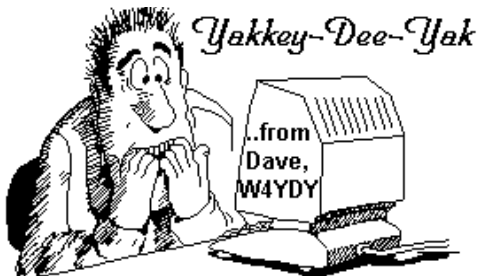
Please inform Byron Highland, K4BMH, of any changes.



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Thanks to Amanda Karr, **KI4IWS**, for volunteering to help out with *Ham Chatter*. She will be the Associate Editor and will be writing the *Meet the Member* (MTM) column and assisting with other articles. I have let the column slip for the past year, but we hope to keep it going. I think it has been one of the most popular parts of *Ham Chatter*. It's always nice to know a little about our fellow members. I'm sure with Amanda's help, *Ham Chatter* will be a better club newsletter.

If you have not been featured in the *Meet the Member* column, please volunteer by contacting Amanda or me. You can send or give Amanda a completed *Meet the Member* form. I will try to have a few at the club meetings. It can also be found at <http://www.qsl.net/w4amc/mtmform.html>. It's just a form to give you an idea of the type of information that is needed to write the article. You can paste it to a word processor and email it to Amanda at [ncmandync @ yahoo.com](mailto:ncmandync@yahoo.com). (Leave out the spaces.) Also, we will need a picture that Amanda can help with if you do not have one that can be used in *Ham Chatter*.

It has been another great year for the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, thanks to outstanding leadership of Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**. (NO, I'm **not** his daddy no matter what he tells you!!) A successful fund raiser, Field Day, public

service and other events have proven his leadership. Another go getter will be the new BARC president, Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**. We all know that the club will continue to go forward.

For a recent history of BARC, be sure to get one of the CD's that will be made available this month. See page 4 for more information. It will have all *Ham Chatter* newsletters starting in June 1997 to this issue. Also, lots of pictures, a couple of videos and Amateur Radio software are included. The free or shareware software can be downloaded from the Internet, but the 300+ megabyte CD will save you the trouble. A dialup connection would require over six hours to download some of the files. See Terry Monday, **KG4WEW**, BARC Treasurer, for a CD or email [w4amc @ qsl.net](mailto:w4amc@qsl.net).

Hope everyone has a Very Merry Christmas. - *W4YDY*

## Ham radio has role in five years of continuous ISS human habitation

Five years ago in November, the International Space Station Expedition 1 crew of US astronaut and Expedition 1 Commander William "Shep" Shepherd, **KD5GSL**, and Russian cosmonauts Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev, **U5MIR**, became the first humans to inhabit the ISS on a long-term basis. Bill McArthur, **KC5ACR**, who commands Expedition 12, the current ISS crew increment, took note of the occasion when he spoke with reporters this week.

"We've done things that were just inconceivable 50 years ago," McArthur said. "I think that we have demonstrated that human beings can live and work in space, and, given the will, we can return to the moon not just to visit but to stay there permanently and in not-too-distant future, send people to Mars."

Bill Gerstenmaier, NASA's associate administrator for space operations, called the five-year milestone the first leg of a much longer journey "The experiences we're having on station with crews on long-duration missions are teaching us what it will take to send astronauts on longer missions to the moon and into the solar system," he said.

It was on October 31, 2000, that

a Russian Soyuz transporter carrying the ISS space pioneers blasted off from Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan and docked with the ISS November 2. At the time, Shepherd was only the second US astronaut to go into space aboard a Russian launch vehicle. Krikalev went on to serve as commander of the ISS Expedition 11 crew.

Each of the 12 crews that have lived on the ISS to conduct assembly and research activities has included at least one US radio amateur. McArthur just this week completed the 200th successful Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) school group contact. Crews also have gone on the air to participate in such events as ARRL Field Day and scouting's Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) as well as to make casual QSOs. The Expedition 12 crew of McArthur and Russian cosmonaut Valery Tokarev will remain on the ISS until next April.

The initial ARISS gear already was aboard the space station by the time the first crew arrived. The Expedition 1 team installed and activated the VHF gear on FM voice and packet under the US call sign **NA1SS** and the Russian call sign **RS0ISS**.

In late 2003, the ARISS program attained another milestone with the installation and checkout of the Phase 2 Amateur Radio gear. A Kenwood TM-D700E transceiver is at the heart of the Phase 2 station, located in the ISS Zvezda Service Module--the crew's living quarters. Crew members now routinely use the Phase 2 station to conduct ARISS school group contacts. ARISS is looking forward to activation of a Yaesu FT-100 HF/VHF/UHF transceiver and a slow-scan television (SSTV) system in the near future.

NASA has been marking the fifth anniversary of continuous ISS human occupancy with special activities and has set up a special Web site <[http://www.nasa.gov/mission\\_pages/station/main/5\\_year\\_anniversary.html](http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/main/5_year_anniversary.html)>.

The largest and most complex spacecraft ever built, the ISS is the result of a 16-nation partnership led by the US. More ISS information and photos are on NASA's Space Station page.

ARISS is an international educational outreach with US participation by ARRL, AMSAT and NASA.--some information from NASA - via *ARRL Letter Online 11/4/05*



## Ham Chatter and BARC photos on CD

A CD will be available by December 10th with all 103 issues of Ham Chatter edited by Dave Langley, W4YDY. They will be from June 1997 to December 2005. They are in the PDF format and the latest Adobe Reader is included on the CD for those that do not have it installed. The menu is similar to the one on the club web page.

Also, ten years of photos and commentary for BARC Field Day operations from 1996 to 2005 is on the CD along with several special event station operations. The menus and photo pages are in the HTML format and it will use your browser.

Other features of the CD are some Amateur Radio software for CW training,

PSK, RTTY, SSTV and logging. The 2005 ARRL video with Walter Cronkite narrating is also included.

Cost will be \$5.00. It will be used for a small fund raiser for BARC. Anyone who may be interested may email [w4amc at qsl.net](mailto:w4amc@qsl.net). (Replace the "at" with "@"). Also you may contact Terry Monday, **KG4WEW** at the BARC address..

## Meaningful entry-level license privileges are top priority, ARRL says



The ARRL again has urged the FCC to provide meaningful operating privileges to entry-level Amateur Radio licensees, including access to HF, even if the Commission doesn't want to create a new license class. Commenting in response to the FCC's July 9 Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) in WT Docket 05-235, the League also stood by its stance that the Commission retain the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for Amateur Extra applicants, but do away with it for General applicants.

"Retaining Morse telegraphy as a requirement for only the Amateur Extra class license, in ARRL's view, places Morse telegraphy in a proper, balanced perspective," the League told the Commission October 31, the deadline to comment in the proceeding. Reply comments are due November 14.

The FCC's NPRM&O proposed eliminating the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for all Amateur Radio license classes but denied requests to create a new entry-level license class with limited HF privileges. The League said the FCC needs to finish the job of license restructuring it began in 1998 by reviewing operating privileges for all classes--especially at the first rung of the licensing ladder.

"The elimination of Morse telegraphy, absent a more thorough review of operating privileges in the Amateur Service, will not address the ascertained flaws in the only entry-level license class," the ARRL asserted, referring to the Technician license. "That license class is not attracting or keeping newcomers in its present con-

figuration, and it needs fixing right now."

The ARRL argued that if the FCC will not create a new Novice class license as the League had suggested in its earlier Petition for Rule Making (RM-10867) in the proceeding, it should modify Technician operating privileges instead. The present licensing regime limits Technicians to VHF bands and above, "leaving newcomers to the Amateur Service isolated from their peers holding higher class licenses," the ARRL said. "The Technician class is, for too many, a 'dead end' to what might otherwise be an active, progressive interest in Amateur Radio, technical self-training and incentive-based educational progress in the many facets of the avocation."

The ARRL reminded the FCC that its restructuring plan enjoyed the support of the two Amateur Radio licensees in Congress--Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR) and Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR).

Eliminating the Morse requirement for General class applicants "creates an anomaly with respect to the Technician class license," the ARRL noted. "If the telegraphy requirement for the General class license is eliminated, the distinction between the Technician class licensee and the Technician Plus class licensee will have disappeared completely." Therefore, the League contends, there is a logical basis for affording Technician licensees entry-level HF privileges.

Under the ARRL plan, Technicians would have telegraphy and data privileges on 3.55-3.7 MHz, 7.05-7.125 MHz and 21.05-21.20 MHz at 100 W output and on 28.05-28.3 MHz at 50 W output. The League wants the FCC to provide HF phone and image privileges to Technicians on 3.9-4.0 MHz, 7.2-7.3 MHz and

21.35-21.45 MHz at 100 W output, and on 28.3-28.5 MHz at 50 W.

These recommended privileges take into account the FCC's proposal to adopt the ARRL's so-called "Novice re-farming" plan in WT Docket 04-140. The ARRL had earlier proposed the same privileges for a reconstituted Novice license.

The time is right to take a look at the operating privileges of Amateur Radio license classes, the ARRL said in its filing, "because the entry-level license class is demonstrably neither attractive to newcomers nor encouraging in terms of retaining the interest of license holders."

To back up its assertions, the League pointed to surveys it conducted in 1992 and 2003. Nearly half of the licensees responding in the latter poll indicated that they were not currently active in Amateur Radio--up 30 percent from the earlier survey. "The number of inactive Technician class licensees is 46 percent," the ARRL noted, adding that more than a quarter of Technicians responding in 2003 said they'd never even been on the air.

the League pointed out that the FCC's proposed across-the-board elimination of the Morse requirement eliminates a simple mechanism for current Technician licensees to obtain HF operating privileges--passing the 5 WPM code exam.

If the FCC does nothing other than eliminate the Morse requirement for the General license, the ARRL commented, it would make no sense to continue to deprive Technician licensees the HF operating privileges that Tech Plus licensees now enjoy.

"To do otherwise is to draw a distinction that is entirely arbitrary," the League concluded. - *via ARRL Letter Online 11/04/05*

# ISS Commander cheers for Army in contact with Naval Academy's W3ADO

During a brief 2-meter contact November 26 between the US Naval Academy's W3ADO and NA1SS, ISS Expedition 12 Commander Bill McArthur, KC5ACR, cheered for an Army win in the traditional Army-Navy football game December 3.

"Thanks very much for the contact, but I can't resist," said McArthur, a US Army officer and veteran. "Go, Army. Beat Navy!"

At W3ADO Bob Bruninga, WB4APR, said he and some midshipmen were getting ready for a pass of the Academy's PCSat2, which is attached to the ISS. The Academy planned to use PCSat2 to track the Army-Navy game football run

from Annapolis to Philadelphia December 2. Bruninga took advantage of the quick contact to thank the ISS crew for installing and maintaining PCSat2 and the MISSE5 experiment. McArthur responded, "Gosh, sure appreciate working with you guys. Good luck. Hope it's a great game on Saturday."

"Bill caught us by surprise, as it is very rare for them to find time to get on the radio," Bruninga said afterward. And at the very last possible minute too--just as the ISS was passing east over the Atlantic, he added.

Just before contacting W3ADO, he worked the Experimenters' Group Amateur Radio Club's N4ISS, operated by

ARRISS aficionado Al Lark, KD4SFF, in South Carolina.

"After exchanging signal reports, I asked him what he ate for Thanksgiving," Lark recounted. McArthur replied: "Al, we had a good Thanksgiving, gosh . . . turkey, corn, mashed potatoes, cranapple for desert. We ate almost a full day of rations in one meal."

McArthur reportedly made some three dozen casual contacts during Thanksgiving week, most over North America with a few over Europe and New Zealand. The NA1SS worldwide downlink frequency is 145.800 MHz. There's more information on the ARISS Web page <<http://www.rac.ca/ariss>>. - via ARRL Letter Online 12/02/05


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# BARC Meeting Minutes - November 2005



**Richard Cox, KI4CRD**  
BARC Secretary

## BARC MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

**St. Peter's School Library**  
**November 8, 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 were approved.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Richard, K4CRD, gave the Secretaries report

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** John, K4KBB, gave the Treasurers report, for Terry, KG4WEW.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE:** Byron, K4BMH, Nothing to report

**EQUIPMENT:** Mike, KB4MTT, reported we have nothing at this time.

**PUBLICITY:** Pat, KG4NSC, reported need for welcome packet for visitors/new members.

**ARES:** Bernie, WA4MOK, reported Area 1 & 2 meeting in Columbia at the Masonic Lodge this Saturday starting at 10:30. The topic will be Winlink 2000. CQ magazine has a good article concern-

ing the hurricanes and that the levy break was first reported by Hams.

Doug, K4ROK, invited Dave, KG4CZV for SET results, who reported 10 check-ins with 18 pieces of traffic. Check-ins were down, but traffic handling was up from last year. Doug, K4ROK, reported the cabinet work is progressing on the trailer and the permanent tag has been installed. This Thursday, Pitt county will be having an all agency SET concerning Hazmat and request all to monitor .09 and if here a call for check-ins, please check-in. A large a group as possible is needed, if required.

**HAM CHATTER:** Dave, W4YDY, reported postage is supposed to go up the first of the year. Dave also announced he is in the process of putting all Ham Chatters and photos on a CD covering 6/97 thru 12/05. He will notify all when they will be ready for purchase to cover the expense. The CD will include Adobe Reader for those needing it.

**VE SESSION:** Tom, W4TEP, reported the next VE session is December 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Peters

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mike, KD4MTT, reported next years officers were elected by acclamation at the last meeting.

President: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV

1st VP: Dan Drake, W4ISO

2<sup>nd</sup> VP: Taylor Millar, W4WTM

Secretary: Richard Cox, K4CRD

Treasurer: Terry Monday, KG4WEW

1 yr Board: Mike Langley, KD4MTT

2 yr Board: John McCoy, K4KBB

Tom, W4TEP, reported the call for UHS (KI4MIY) had been received and the vanity call, W4UHS, is on hold.

The VOA site visit will be held sometime in the spring and a Raleigh club expressed an interest in going also.

Dan, W4ISO and Bob, N4USB gave a presentation to the Tar River Power Squadron and reported there is a lot of opportunity available to enlist new amateurs.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mike, KD4MTT, reported next months meeting would be the annual Christmas party. Bonnie, KG4CZW, will coordinate. The club will supply paper goods and drinks and members are requested to bring a covered dish meal

Ballots were passed out for peer awards, which will be presented at the next meeting. The awards are:

New Ham of the year

OM of the year.

YL of the year

Elmer of the year

Ham of the year.

W4AMC, was NC runner up in the Field Day in the 3A category

Benson Hamfest November 20, 2005

Kinston Hamfest April 2, 2006

Eric, KF4OTN, reported on the second and third of December, Skywarn Appreciation at the Newport Weather Station with a 24 hour event to contact as many as possible and a cookout on December 3.

**PROGRAM:** Tonight's program was their flight to the Dayton Hamfest, by Brad, KG4ZVM, Bob, N4USB, and Dan, W4ISO, which was informative and interesting.

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

Respectfully submitted by

**Richard Cox, KI4CRD**

# BARC Board Minutes - November 2005

## BARC BOARD MEETING

**November 29, 2005**

Mike Langley, KD4MTT, called the meeting to order at 1930 EST. Attendees were: John McCoy, K4KBB, Dave Langley, W4YDY, Terry Monday, WG4WEW, Taylor Millar, W4WTM, Pat Williams, KG4NSC, Dave Pulver,

KG4CZV, and Richard Cox, K4CRD.

**Secretary's Report:** Richard, K4CRD, gave the Secretary's report.

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

**Health & Welfare:** No report.

**Equipment:** Mike, KD4MTT men-

tioned nothing pressing at this time.

**Publicity:** Pat, KG4NSC, mentioned the need to sign up for the Food-Lion MVP rewards again in January.

**ARES:** Taylor, W4WTM, reported the Area meeting went well and was informative with the Winlink 2000 demonstra-

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tion. He reported a good turn out also.

**Ham Chatter:** Dave, W4YDY, is working on the CD he is preparing. In addition to the Ham Chatters and photos, he will be adding various HAM programs to the CD also. Dave, W4YDY also reported that Amanda Karr, KI4IWS, has agreed to become the associate editor of Ham Chatter, and will be doing the Meet the Member column as well as others.

**VE Session:** The next VE session will be December 16th at St. Peter's School.

**Old Business:** The call sign (KI4IMY) for the hospital has been received and an application for the vanity call W4UHS is being applied for. The VOA site visit has been postponed until the spring to allow

more daylight for viewing the antenna fields.

**New Business:** The Christmas party will be held at our next scheduled meeting. Bonnie, KG4CZW, is coordinating. (Thanks Bonnie) The club will supply the paper goods, soft drinks and coffee. The party will start at 7:00PM so come early, visit and get to know everyone. Please invite others, especially Ham's you know. It is a covered dish meal, so bring enough for you and one or two others.

With no further business, Mike, KD4MTT closed the meeting at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted by

*Richard Cox, K4CRD*

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## NETS

### 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/>

*Here's hoping everyone has a lot of new radio gear under the Christmas tree!*



# 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: [w4amc@qsl.net](mailto:w4amc@qsl.net) (no spaces)

**For Sale:** MQ-26SR Two Element, Six Band Hybrid Quad Antenna List \$649.95. For 6,10,12,15,17,20 Meters. More info at <http://www3.sympatico.ca/tgmc/mq-26sr.html>. Sell for \$300. Also, HAM V Rotator. \$700. Walter Honea, W4HM, 940-1828 or Richard Cox, K4CRD, 524-4089 [k4crd@earthlink.net](mailto:k4crd@earthlink.net)

**For Sale:** 2 Lifeline AGM 8D batteries that are used and 1 year old in excellent condition. These are 255 AH batteries and weigh 162 lbs. each. The physical dimensions in inches are 20.76L x 8.7W x 9.76H. The MSRP is \$618.17 and our price on these used ones is \$149.99 each. **REDUCED!** Contact Vern at Batteries Plus, 353-8143.

# ***BARC***

## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

Dec 10-11..... ARRL 10 Meter Contest  
 Dec 13..... ***Christmas Party***  
 Dec 16..... *BARC VE Session*  
 Dec 27..... **Board Meeting**  
 Dec 31..... **Ham Chatter Deadline**  
 Jan 1..... ARRL Straight Key Night  
 Jan 7-9..... ARRL RTTY Roundup  
 Jan 10..... **Regular Meeting**  
 Jan 25..... Board Meeting  
 Jan 29..... **Ham Chatter Deadline**  
 Jan 29-30..... CQ WW CW 160 Contest

Jan 29-30..... ARRL VHF Sweepstakes  
 Feb 11-12..... CQ WPX RTTY Contest  
 Feb 14..... **Regular Meeting**  
 Feb 17..... *BARC VE Session*  
 Feb 18-19..... ARRL CW DX Contest  
 Feb 25-26..... CQ WW SSB 160 Contest  
 Apr 2..... Downeast Hamfest, Kinston  
 Apr 23..... RARSFest, Raleigh

**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

### **W 4 A M C - W 1 V O A**

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***Next Meeting  
December 13***

**December 2005**

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