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Meet the Member, Walt Honea, W4HM



Walter Honea, W4HM

When Walter Honea, W4HM, got his Amateur Radio license in Sept. 1936 fewer than half of all American households had a telephone.

Since that made dialing up his friends an impossibility, he wondered if there was a way to talk by radio. When he was in high school, Walter found an Amateur Radio handbook tucked away in the reference section of his hometown library in Kansas. Shortly thereafter in Sept. 1936 he became a licensed operator.

His new license came in handy less than two years later when a snowstorm hit his hometown, cutting off communications. He operated for nearly 24 hours, passing on mostly welfare messages for Western Union and even transcribing the news stories of the day for his local paper.

Walter also found his future career in the communications field and got a job for Braniff Airways in San Antonio working in communications. It was there he met his future wife, Letha. They later married and have since celebrated 64 years together.

After the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941, the Army Air Corp expanded its San Antonio ground school and began looking for qualified people to teach the cadets communications and navigation. Walter took the job, which he held for the balance of the war.

Walter's next stop was Louisiana where he worked for the Federal Aviation Administration. He later moved to Texas where he worked in navigation communications. At that time, only large airports had radar, but that changed in 1956 when two airplanes collided over the Grand Canyon. The crash prompted the FAA purchase many more radar systems and Walter's job became traveling around the country installing them. He eventually landed in Fort Worth, Texas as a radar engineer and then later moved to Washington, D.C. where he lived for 12 years and worked in research and development. He spent his last six working years working out of Norfolk International Airport as a sector manager.

When one of his daughters moved to Washington, N.C., Walter and his wife decided to follow, building a house near hers and moving in Sept. 2004. Unfortunately, Walter fell in the garage last year and spent much of the year at the hospital recovering from injuries. In December, he and his wife moved into Cypress Glen in Greenville.

Walter is still working to get his station set up in his new home, but thanks to the help of club members, has gotten a 40 meter antenna put up and

Next Meeting March 14

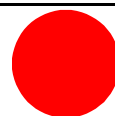
The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, March 14 at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. For latest info on program, go to www.qsl.net/w4amc.

The next board meeting will be March 28 at 7:30 PM at 3219 Landmark St., Suite 8B.

hopes to get on the air soon. He has a Tentec Orion and a Yaseau 757 as backup. He enjoys contents, particularly sweepstakes where he operates mostly CW. He especially enjoys DX.

Walter will celebrate his 88th birthday on April 12. He has two daughters, two grandsons, two granddaughters and one great-grandson who is 15 months old.

He has had a number of call signs over the years, including W9YRS when he was in Kansas, W5MCT after the end of the war, W4YGY when he was in Washington, D.C. and finally W4HM when he got his extra class license in the early 1960s. - Amanda, KI4IWS



WATCH OUT FOR THE RED DOT! SEE PAGE 5

February VE Session results

The VE's were ready but nobody came! Ready to serve were Tom Parsons, W4TEP, VE Liaison, Murray Merner, K4MHM, Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, Richard Cox, K4CRD, Bob Moore, N4USB, and Dave Langley, W4YDY.

President's Corner - Dave Pulver, KG4CZV



KG4CZV

After a busy and successful February, March promises to be a bit slower. However, we do have an event near the end of March that is the second part of an event from February.

That event is weather spotter training. The Basic Spotter training took place February 18 in the Global Classroom on the first floor of the Science and Technology Building at East Carolina University. 13 BARC members and 2 non-ham's showed up for the training.

The training was conducted by John Cole of the National Weather Service in Newport. His presentation included many short videos, which greatly enhanced his training.

The role of amateur radio was stressed several times during the training. As it has been demonstrated many times in the past, amateur radio has the ability to pass information more quickly than other forms of communication.

The National Weather Service also knows that amateur radio operators are less likely to exaggerate what they may be observing. They also recognized our dedication to emergency services.

I hope that those of you who made it to the Basic Spotter Training will make it out to the Advanced Spotter Training. For those who missed it, you are more than welcome to come to the Advanced Spotter Training. I found it worthwhile going to the training, even though I had been through it before. John Cole has a different program than the previous trainer did, which made it more interesting.

Even if you never use the training to call in any observations to the National Weather Service, having knowledge about how the weather works can help you protect yourself and your family when severe weather is threatening.

I would like to thank Eric Christensen, KF4OTN, for his efforts in bring this training to our area. He has also made arrangements to have the training taped and accessible to anyone on the Skywarn page of the Newport NWS website.

For those who have questions or comments, you can call me at (252) 353-7161, or e-mail me at <kg4czv@earthlink.net>.

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **April 21**. 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.

New ARRL NC SM starts April 1

Tim Slay, N4IB, of Mooresville, will be the new ARRL NC Section Manager effective April 1. John Covington, W4CC, decided not to run for another term after serving for six years. Thanks to John for a job well done.

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Happy Birthday

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

9	NW4S	Jeff Wainwright
14	KD4MTR	James Hoover
17	KG4CZV	Dave Pulver
20	K4MHM	Murray Merner

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

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

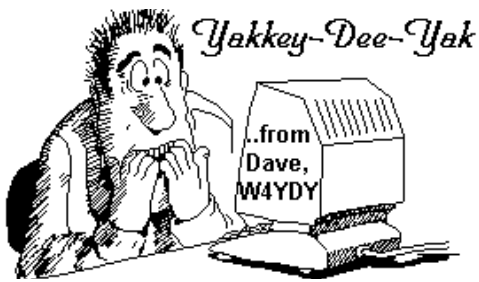
Gail Manning, wife of Mac, KD4AFL

June Highland, KC4RBE

Please inform Dan Drake, KG4ISO, of any changes.



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This month's Meet the Member is Walt, W4HM. He mentions a plane crash that caused the government to decide to install radars to cover the United States. It was the midair collision of a TWA Super Constellation and United Airline Douglas DC-7 over the Grand Canyon. There were 128 fatalities. As Walt states, it was the crash that caused Congress to appropriate funds for the CAA to start installation of approximately 100 Enroute Radars to cover the US. I ended up maintaining Air Route Surveillance Radar (ARSR) and associated equipment near Benson and Hickory,

NC for 29 years of my career. Congress also made the CAA an independent agency, the FAA. For those with Internet service, check out <http://www.doney.net/aroundaz/grandcanyoncrash.htm> for complete details of the crash and causes.

Another midair occurred on December 16, 1960 also between another TWA Super Constellation and a United Airlines aircraft, a Douglas DC-8 jetliner in a blinding snowstorm over Staten Island, New York. The TWA plane crashed on Staten Island and the DC-8 crashed in Brooklyn. There were 134 fatalities including 6 on the ground. This crash resulted in the installation of the ARTS-3 radar computer systems in large airports for traffic control. These systems are at the Raleigh-Durham and Charlotte airports. More about the New York crash is at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1960_New_York_air_disaster.

On July 19, 1967, a Piedmont Boeing 727 collided with a private Cessna 310 near Hendersonville, NC

about 8 miles South of the Asheville airport. There were 82 fatalities. This crash resulted in the installations of the ARTS-2 radar computer systems at small airports. These systems are now at four airports in North Carolina. I was involved with the ARTS-2 system in helping with development and teaching the course in 1976 and 1977 while at the FAA Academy in Oklahoma City.

Checking my radio log on the computer recently, I came up with some interesting contacts I made over the years in the Washington, DC area. First there was K3CG in 1958, the US Coast Guard Headquarters. The call has since been reissued. In 1993, it was the Capital Hill ARC, W3USS, and the Pentagon ARC, K4AF. In 2000, it was the National Press Club, W3AO, and the World Bank ARC, 4U1WB. Too bad Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, lost to LBJ in 1964. He said he would install a Mosley TA-33 on the White House. He sure would have had some pileups!- W4YDY

Ham Radio operators "True heroes," Rep Mike Ross, WD4DVR, says in "Salute"



US Rep Mike Ross, WD5DVR (D-AR), this week offered "A Salute to Ham Radio Operators" on the floor of the US House. Ross,

one of two Amateur Radio licensees in the House of Representatives (the other is Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI, R-OR), addressed his colleagues February 8 to recognize the contributions of the Amateur Radio community in the wake of last year's devastating hurricane season.

"Citizens throughout America

dedicated to this hobby--a hobby that some people consider old fashioned or obsolete--were true heroes in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina as they were often the only line of communication available into the storm ravaged areas," Ross said.

He noted that while ham radio is often overlooked "in favor of flashier means of communication," Gulf Coast communities learned after the 2005 hurricanes that technology can be "highly vulnerable" to storm damage. "Ham radios, entirely self-contained transmitters, require no cell towers or satellites, simply a battery and a strip of wire as an antenna,"

Ross explained.

Because of the "critical intervention" of radio amateurs across the US, Ross said, many lives were saved following Hurricane Katrina.

"The dedication displayed by ham radio operators in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina sets a tremendous example for us all," Ross concluded, noting that "now more than ever" he's proud to be an Amateur Radio operator. "The people whose lives were rescued as a result of the tireless dedication of ham radio operators will forever be grateful to these selfless public servants." - via *ARRL Letter Online* 2/10/06

Utility steps back from North Idaho BPL test deployment



Avista Utilities announced recently that it's re-evaluating its plans to deploy a broadband over power line (BPL) project in North Idaho. The company, which serves some 330,000 electrical power customers in three western states, said it and a BPL vendor had "mutually agreed" to end contract negotiations for a test deployment in

Post Falls. "We want to step back and look at how the industry is evolving in terms of technology and the business model," Avista Market Solutions Manager Dave Heyamoto said in a company news release February 9. While Avista did not name the BPL vendor, a February 3 article in Spokane, Washington's, *Spokesman-Review* newspaper identified the company as Communication Technologies (COMTek) of Chantilly, Vir-

ginia. COMTek operates the Manassas, Virginia, BPL rollout that's been the subject of Amateur Radio interference complaints. In mid-January, the ARRL again called on the FCC to order the Manassas BPL system shut down until it resolves the interference complaints. Avista says it has not set a timeline for any future BPL projects, which reportedly could involve power-grid monitoring. - via *ARRL Letter Online* 2/17/06

2006 North Carolina QSO Party Results



You can tell Murray Merner, K4MHM, was liking the scores! Also operating was Glenn Swiderski, W7GS, racking up the CW contacts. *KV4CN photo*

BARC was on the air from the VOA Site C for the North Carolina QSO Party. Using the Pitt County ARES call sign, NC4PC, BARC/Pitt County ARES competed again this year in the "Club In-State" category. Claimed score exceeded last year's score. Total points were 37,061

compared to the 2005 score of 35,141 points. The team contacted 36 North Carolina Counties, 37 states/provinces/DX for a total QSO count of 198 stations. The team also racked up calories with some awesome chili and sweets.

The QSO Party was preceded by a work day at Site C which involved running new ladder line from the rhombic feed line to the operating shack.

It was a great time and good to exercise the antennas at Site C. Many thanks to Doug, K4ROK, Murray, K4MHM, Peter, KG4WEZ, Richard, KG4SNE, Paul, K4KCS, Mike, KD4MTT, and Glenn, W7GS. Come and join us next year. - *Dave, KV4CN*

BARC Internet site address changing

BARC will be changing to another web site host. The new URL and the changeover will be announced when completed.

Ham Chatter and BARC photos on CD

A CD is available with 103 issues of *Ham Chatter* edited by Dave Langley, W4YDY. They are 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 is \$5.00. Anyone who may be interested may email [w4amc at qsl.net](mailto:w4amc@qsl.net). Also you may contact Terry Monday, **KG4WEW**, at the BARC address.

FCC noncommittal on "Morse Code" proceeding action

Just when the FCC will act on the "Morse code" proceeding, WT Docket 05-235, remains hazy. The Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making and Order (NPRM&O) last July proposing to eliminate the Element 1 (5 WPM) Morse code requirement for all license classes. The Amateur Radio community has filed more than 3800 comments on the proceeding, and additional comments continue to show up, even though the formal comment deadline was last October 31 (with reply comments by November 14). The next--and most-anticipated--step for the Commission is to formally adopt any revisions to its rules and conclude the proceeding with a Report and Order (R&O) that spells out the changes and specifies their effective date.

"There really is no news," an FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau staffer told ARRL this week on background. "We certainly hope to release WT Docket 05-235 sometime this year, but we're not making any predictions at this time. We certainly are not saving up any big announcements for Dayton Hamvention."

Beyond eliminating the Morse

requirement, the FCC declined proposing any other suggested changes to the Amateur Service.

The proceeding began with 18 petitions for rule making--many just calling for the elimination of the Morse requirement but some asking for more far-reaching changes in the Amateur Service rules. The various petitions attracted a total of some 6200 comments. The FCC subsequently consolidated the petitions--including one from the ARRL asking the FCC to establish a new entry-level license class and to retain the Morse requirement only for Amateur Extra class applicants--into a single proceeding designated WT 05-235.

The FCC has not proposed extending HF privileges to current Technician licensees who have not passed a Morse code examination. In its NPRM&O the FCC suggested that in a no-Morse requirement regime, "codeless Techs" could gain HF access by taking the Element 3 General class written examination.

Any FCC decision to eliminate the 5 WPM Morse code requirement for HF access would have *no* impact on either the current HF CW-only subbands or

on the CW privileges of Amateur Radio licensees.

Before it releases an R&O on the Morse code proceeding, however, the WTB wants to wrap up action in another Amateur Radio-related docket--the "Phone Band Expansion" (or "Omnibus") NPRM in WT Docket 04-140, released April 15, 2004. A dozen petitions for rulemaking, some dating back to 2001, were consolidated in the Omnibus proceeding.

In that NPRM, the Commission proposed to go along with the ARRL's Novice refarming plan aimed at reallocating the current Novice/Tech Plus subbands and expanding portions of the 80, 40 and 15 meter phone bands. The FCC also agreed with an ARRL proposal to extend privileges in the current General CW-only HF subbands to present Novice and Tech Plus licensees (or Technicians with Element 1 credit). WT 04-140 further proposed to essentially do away with FCC rules prohibiting the manufacture and marketing to Amateur Radio operators of amplifiers capable of operation on 12 and 10 meters. - *Via ARRL Letter Online 2/17/06*

2006 Membership Dues - This is your last issue if not paid!

LOOK OUT FOR THE RED DOT. It's that time of the year once again. Membership dues for BARC were due January 1, 2006. The 2006 membership roster will be published in the April or May Ham Chatter. **Those who have not paid their dues have a red dot on the mailing label,** 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 2005, 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 (1st year) \$5.00
 New Hams: 19 and older (1st 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 complete the application form so that we can have your correct information on file. The form on page 4 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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BARC Meeting Minutes - February 2006

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

VFW Hall, Mumford Rd.

February 15, 2006

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, 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. The minutes from last month was approved.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: John, K4KBB, gave the Treasurers report, for Terry, KG4WEW. He reported H&R Block will donate \$20 to club for each new client we recommend.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Byron, K4BMH, reported Paul, K4KCS, prostate infection

EQUIPMENT: Mike, KB4MTT, reported only outstanding item is ladder racks for the trailer and money is in the budget for maintenance on the trailer, also the need for shelves..

PUBLICITY: Pat, KG4NSC, reported club is signed up for Food Lion Share program and reminded all to register their MVP cards.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Feb. 26 NC QSO Party at VOA site C

February 25 Workday at VOA site C

April 29 Boy Scout Spring jamboree at Camp Bonner, Dave KV4CN, has the call N4S for it.

April 28-30, Dogwood Festival, Doug

K4ROK, reported Cliff Kendall of Farmville will have us set up on the opposite side of the street from the Fire Department and we will not be responsible for the rain gauge.

ARES: Bernie, WA4MOK, reported Area 1 & 2 meeting in Columbia last week. The program was about the Baptist Men's response to the hurricanes in the south. The state wide ARES meeting is scheduled for April 22 and invited all to attend in Raleigh.

Doug, K4ROK, reported work on trailer proceeding and is almost complete. The cabinets need to be stained and polyurethane and ask for help this weekend. He also reported on the NIMs Compliance Training. Courses will be held at Pitt Community College and also available on the Internet. See Doug, K4ROK, for info and to sign up for the courses at Pitt.

HAM CHATTER: Dave, W4YDY, Nothing to report.

VE SESSION: Tom, W4TEP, reported the next VE session is February 17th at ST. Peters

OLD BUSINESS: Dave, KG4CZV, reported the Call sign W4UHS was approved January 14.

A new web site was discussed since QSL.NET is getting overloaded and is very slow. A motion was made and seconded to go with using Godaddy.com for the host. The cost will be \$51.67 per year. The motion was carried.

Peter, KG4WEZ gave an update on the Oakwood project. They have organized a

club (Oakmont Amateur Radio Society (OARS) with 5 teens interested in becoming hams along with their Science Instructor. A meeting will be held March 1 at the school. Elmer's are needed so if you would like to get involved email Peter, KG4WEZ at kg4wez @ earthlink.net. A motion was made and seconded that the raffle item be the Solair Grill with carrying case. The cost will be approximately \$190.00. The motion was carried and Bryon, K4BMH, will purchase.

A motion was made and seconded for the purchase the raffle tickets. The motion was carried and Dave, KG4CZV, will order.

NEW BUSINESS: Doug, K4ROK, reported that Bernice Turnage, WA4SLD donated a lot of ham equipment to the club and ARES. A motion was made and seconded that a letter be given Bernice, WA4SLD, thanking him for his donation of \$3500.00 for his equipment. The motion was carried.

With no further business the club celebrated the clubs birthday with cake and drinks.

PROGRAM The program was presented by Bernie, WA4MOK, on the State ARES, which was very informative and interesting.

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

Respectfully submitted

Richard Cox, K4CRD

BARC Board Minutes - February 2006

BARC BOARD MEETING

February 28, 2006

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, called the meeting to order at 1930 EST. Attendees were: Dave Langley, W4YDY, John McCoy, K4KBB, Terry Monday, WG4WEW, Taylor Millar, W4WTM, Mike Langley, KD4MTT, and Richard Cox, K4CRD.

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

Treasury's Report: Terry, KG4WEW,

gave the Treasurers report.

Health & Welfare: June Highland, KC4RBE, and Mac Manning's Wife.

Ham Chatter: Dave, W4YDY reminded March would be last Ham Chatter if dues not paid. If you have a red dot on your label it means your dues have not been paid.

Publicity: No Report

Programs: Taylor, W4WTM, reported the program for March will be announced later.

VE Session: The next VE session will be April 21st at St. Peter's School. There

were not any candidates for the February exam.

Equipment: Mike, KD4MTT, reported the only thing outstanding was the roof racks traffic cones for the trailer. He mentioned the need to redo the inside of the trailer by taking out the cabinets and replacing with heavy-duty shelving and the plastic containers for storage. Mike, KD4MTT, checked on signage for special events and announced that a 3X10 for \$65 and 2X3 for \$45. The board will decide on lettering and present to the club.

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Injured miner, Randy McCloy, KC8VKZ, talking, joking

Randy McCloy, KC8VKZ--the lone survivor of the January 2 Sago Mine disaster in Upshur County, West Virginia--is continuing to recover. Speaking on The Early Show on CBS TV March 2, McCloy's wife Anna told co-anchor Hannah Storm that her husband is talking again and even telling jokes.

"He'll listen to jokes and understand," Anna McCloy told Storm. "He'll talk to me and the kids--just regular conversation."

She also said McCloy has told her he remembers "bits and pieces" of the mining disaster that left 12 of his co-workers dead of carbon monoxide poisoning. McCloy, 26, who's been in a rehabilitation facility since January 26, also answers questions appropriately, recognizes his family and can "move quite well," Anna McCloy said. She has remained at her husband's side since his rescue. *More at <http://www2.arrl.org/arrlletter/06/0303/>.*

Revised, corrected Element 2 question pool released

The Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) has announced the release of a revised and corrected Element 2 (Technician) question pool. The new Element 2 question pool becomes effective for all Technician-class Amateur Radio examinations administered on or after July 1, 2006. Changes from the initial Element 2 question pool include elimination of some questions (T5D06, T6B09 and T7A08) and rewording of others to increase clarity. "We thank those users who reported the errors and made other suggestions for ways to improve the product," the committee said. "The QPC reviewed all submissions and incorporated the changes that were appropriate." The QPC warned that only the Element 2 question pool dated February 6, 2006, is valid. The new Element 2 database is available for download from the NCVEC Web site as a PDF, MS-Word, Rich Text Format (RTF) or ASCII text file <http://www.ncvec.org/ama_news_article.php?id=82>. The QPC says subsequent changes will be handled by deletion of the affected question. The QPC invites additional input via e-mail <qpcinput@ncvec.org>.

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Events: The NC QSO event was very good this year we beat our score from last year by about 2000 points. We wound up with a score of 37061

March 25th Advance Spotter training at ECU

April 2nd Downeast Hamfest at the Kinston Fairgrounds. Terry, WG4WEW, will send a check for a table for the raffle.

April 22nd ARES state wide meeting at the Highway Patrol Training Center

April 23rd RARS Hamfest Jim Graham Building Raleigh Fairgrounds

Old Business: ARES did not participate in the Multi Agency meeting due to a malfunction in the hydraulic system of the trailer. It appears to be a design flaw and is being repaired by the manufacturer.

Dave, KG4CZV, will setup the Go-Daddy web site. He is also ordering the raffle tickets, which will be canary yellow with black letters in packets of 20 each.

New Business: None.

With no further business Dave, KG4CZV closed the meeting at 8:40PM

Respectfully submitted by

Richard Cox, K4CRD

Ham Ads

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- ◆ 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
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 14.	Regular Meeting	Apr 29	Ham Chatter Deadline
Mar 25.	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest	May 9.	Regular Meeting
March 28.	Board Meeting	May 27/28	CQ WW CW WPX Contest
Apr 1	Ham Chatter Deadline	May 30.	Board Meeting
Apr 2	Downeast Hamfest, Kinston	June 3	Ham Chatter Deadline
Apr 11	Regular Meeting	June 13	Regular Meeting
Apr 21	BARC VE Session	June 24/25.	ARRL Field Day
Apr 23	RARSFest, Raleigh	June 27	Board Meeting
Apr 25	Board Meeting	July 1.	Ham Chatter Deadline
Apr 28/30.	<i>Farmville Dogwood Festival</i>		

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

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