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Meet the Member, John Grant, AF4MY



John Grant, AF4MY

The club's annual Field Day is what drew John Grant, **AF4MY**, to the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club from his home in Kinston

John first became a licensed Amateur Radio operator in 1994 with the call sign of N9YGQ. Later, he used the call KG9EM, both while he was living in Illinois.

About nine years ago John moved to Kinston from Illinois to be close to his father, who is originally from the area. In looking for a group active in Field Day, John found our radio club.

BARC Officer Nominees Selected

The nominating committee has received commitments from the following people to serve as officers in 2007 for the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club.

- President – Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**
- 1st Vice President – Dan Drake, **W4ISO**
- 2nd Vice President – Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**

Although the drive from Kinston keeps him from attending monthly meetings, he's active in Field Day, and this year, he made both phone and CW contacts at the event.

John particularly enjoys CW. He's a member of FISTS, the international Morse Code preservation society.

John says he first learned code using the Gordon West CDs and a hand key with a sounder on it. He also listened to a lot of random Morse Code as practice.

In May 2004 it paid off and he got his Extra class license.

John mostly works HF and is looking forward to the band cycle opening back up.

He has an Icom 738, an Icom 706 MKIIG for mobile and a Tentec Scout. For antennas he uses a GAP Vertical, MA5B minibeam on a 50-foot tower and a sloper dipole.

John has held a variety of jobs and currently works for the City of Kinston in the wastewater treatment plant. - *Amanda Karr, KI4IWS*

- Treasurer – Richard Cox, **K4CRD**
- Secretary – Murray Merner, **K4MHM**
- 1 Year Trustee – Joel Muhaluk, **KI4LMY**
- 2 Year Trustee – Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**

Although these individuals have graciously volunteered their time and efforts for 2007, this does not mean that others cannot campaign for an office.

If you are interested in running for an office, your nomination must be

Next Meeting September 12

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, September 12 at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Bernie Nobles, will discuss antennas. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be September 26 at 7:30 PM at 3219 Landmark St., Suite 8B. All members invited.

August VE Session results

The BARC August VE Session on August 18 had three successful candidates. Michael Martin, **KE4UUT**, Greenville, passed the code test and earned a General Class license. He had passed Element 3 at an earlier BARC VE Session. Michael also joined BARC. Jessica Johnson, Greenville, **KI4QVW**, and Richard Schiller, **KI4QVV**, Grimesland, passed Element 2 and received their new call signs on August 22 for their new Technician Class license. Jessica is the XYL of John, **KE4TZN**. Congratulations to all.

The VE's were Acting VE Liaison Murray Merner, **K4MHM**, Richard Cox, **K4CRD**, Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD**, and Dave Langley, **W4YDY**.

made by the close of the September club meeting on September 12, 2006.

The election of club officers will take place at the November meeting on November 14, 2006. - *Dave Pulver, KG4CZV*

President's Corner, Dave Pulver KG4CVZ

Throughout this year you have been hearing about the new requirements for first responders to participate in an activation. These requirements affect amateur radio operators who operate at the EOC, shelters, or for other first response agencies.

Earlier this year, the requirements that were set forth for amateur radio operators in Pitt County was the completion of the courses titled IS-100, IS-200 and IS-700. The decision was recently made to add IS-800 to this list of required courses.

These courses must be completed by September 30, 2006. After this date, without documentation that you have successfully completed these courses, you will likely be turned away from volunteering in the capacity of amateur radio operator at an incident.

These courses can be completed on the internet. There are several ways to get to the course work. The direct web site is <http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/crslist.asp>. This can also be accessed from the club web page at www.w4amc.com.

The link is near the bottom of the home page.

Under the new rules that will go into effect October 1, 2006, only 16 amateur radio operators in Pitt County would be eligible to participate at the first responder level. The current ARES roster has approximately 60 individuals on it.

If we were to encounter a storm requiring activation after October 1, 2006, we might not have the number of people with the proper credentials to respond.

If you are currently on the ARES roster, and have not completed all of the required courses, please do so as soon as possible. If you have completed all of the courses but IS-800, I would urge you to get that completed as soon as possible as well.

When you have received your certificate, I will need to have a copy of it for the ARES compliance records. If you have the ability to scan the certificate, please do so and e-mail it to me at kg4czv@earthlink.net. If you do not have scanning ability, please contact me either by e-mail or phone at 353-7161 to make arrangements to get a copy of the certificate in my hands.

Your volunteer services are important to this community. Please take whatever steps are necessary to make sure that you will be in a position to help the next time you are called upon.

Thank you for your continued time and efforts.

Dave, KG4CVZ

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Gail Manning, wife of Mac, KD4AFL

Please inform Dan Drake, KG4ISO, of any changes.



Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **October 20**. Exams will be held at St. Peter's School on 5th Street and will start promptly at 6:30 PM. Tom Parsons, **W4TEP**, 355-2815. w4tep@arrl.net. Please bring the following:

- ◆ Photo ID (drivers license)
- ◆ Original Amateur Radio License
- ◆ Copy of Amateur Radio License
- ◆ Original CSCE's
- ◆ Copy of CSCE
- ◆ Test fee is \$14.00
- ◆ Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.

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



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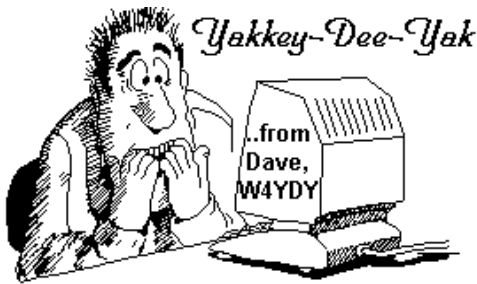
Happy Birthday

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

1	KG4NSC	Pat Williams
1	KC4ROR	Rose Wainwright
2	N4USB	Robert Moore
5	KQ2V	Bro. Simon Jaworski
6	KD4MTT	Mike Langley
7	KG4ZVM	Brad Brechtelsbauer
8	KD4NRB	Harold Bailey
15	KI4IWS	Amanda Karr
20	W4FA	John Schultz
24	W4OZV	Hassell Bailey
29	KC3X	Hollis Thigpen
29	KI4DUK	Joey Stith

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

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BARC Members at 50th Shelby Hamfest

Several members of BARC were seen at the Shelby Hamfest over Labor Day weekend. I'm sure I missed some but did see John McCoy, **K4KBB**, and Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, living it up at John's camper. Also saw Bill Finch, **W4EHF**, and Bill, Jr., **KG4SZA**. The weather was very nice, around 80 degrees for the high. It was comfortable walking around the flea market. Sure beats the one a few years ago when it hit 100 degrees. Was ready to leave by 12 noon before it hit the high.

It was the official 50th anniversary of the Shelby club putting on the

hamfest. They were selling 50th anniversary caps for \$5 and I did pick up one. Had a good excuse. I left my cap home and I need something to keep the sun out of my eyes, so I ended up with a practical souvenir!

The first official hamfest was in 1957. But I attended one in 1954 in Shelby. At the time, I was going to school at the Gaston Technical Institute in Gastonia. As I remember, it was just a bunch of hams getting together in a big parking lot on Highway US74 selling out the trunk of their cars and having a good ragchew. There were about 50 to 75 hams there and we had a good time. I don't know who organized it but it was fun.

We had a good time going to the small hamfests when running my mobile rig and talking to others on 3865 Kc., the Tarheel Net frequency. Was using a Morrow converter for receiving and a Harvey Well TBS-50D in the trunk of my 'sharp' 49 Plymouth. It was first installed in the '47 Plymouth shown in the picture. The transmitter was crystal controlled like most of the mobiles back



then. The antenna was a homemade coil about a foot above the mount and a 10 meter size whip above it. That 3865 frequency stayed busy but there seemed to be a lot of mobiles operating there also.

Over the years, I guess I have been to over half of the hamfests in Shelby. It was first at Cedar Park and starting in 1979, it moved to the Cleveland Fairgrounds. Before 2 meter FM and repeaters came along, the talk-in frequency was 3865, the Tar Heel Net frequency. When I lived in Western NC for 15 years, I rarely missed the hamfest an hour away. That was nice. Went Saturday and Sunday most times. - *W4YDY*

Vanity call sign fee to drop September 6

The regulatory fee to obtain or renew an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will drop slightly starting with applications received by the FCC on or after Wednesday, September 6, the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) said this week. The new fee will be \$20.80 for the 10-year license term. This year promises to be a big one for vanity call sign renewals, since the initial round of vanity grants under the current system occurred in 1996. Licensees who want to retain vanity call signs issued under the current (post-1995) system must pay the regulatory fee when renewing.

"Consistent with our established practice, we plan to collect these regulatory fees in the August-September 2006 time frame in order to collect the required amount by the end of the fiscal year," the FCC explained in a July 17 Report and Order (R&O), "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2006," in MD Docket 06-68. The FY 2006 vanity fee is a bit higher than the \$20.10 for the license term that the Commission had proposed in a Notice of Pro-

posed Rule Making last March. The current vanity call sign fee of \$21.90 remains in effect for applications received by the FCC before September 6.

Amateur Radio licensees may file renewal applications no sooner than 90 days of their license expiration date. While the regulatory fee payment is required from licensees wishing to keep their current vanity call signs after renewal, vanity holders can opt to get a sequential call sign and avoid paying any fee when they renew.

ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, says the FCC has been handling vanity call sign license renewals from June without any delay or problems. "I'm sure Gate 2 will go just as smoothly if you use one of the automated methods of filing, such as via the ARRL or using the Universal Licensing System (ULS)," she predicted. "Paper filings to the FCC can be confusing and difficult." The FCC renewed nearly 3000 vanity call sign licenses during June and July.

Amateur Radio licensees holding vanity call signs granted prior to 1996

do not have to pay a regulatory fee when renewing. This is because Congress did not begin requiring the FCC to annually recover its regulatory costs until 1993. Additionally, such licensees are not specifically tagged as vanity call sign holders in the ULS.

The ARRL VEC will process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. Routine, non-vanity renewals continue to be free for ARRL members. Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC.

Somma says the ARRL's new license renewal/modification Web pages <<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/memberlicenseinstructions.html>> contain complete information on license-filing procedures, including step-by-step instructions on how to renew or update a license using the ULS <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>>. - via ARRL Letter Online 8/4/06

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

KD4MTT (Mike Langley) did an excellent job presenting the program at last months meeting on Hurricane Preparedness. He brought forward a lot of great ideas for our emergency kits that we should have on hand. He also gave us great tips about what to do in certain situations.

Emergency Preparedness is a topic that we can talk about for months. I'd like to add a few more tips. We are never too prepared for the unexpected.

W4TEP (Tom Parsons) has explained to me that for decades, US Armed Forces survival schools have trained US soldiers with the rule of threes. It prioritizes necessities, is easy to remember and forms a great framework for survival instruction. Three minutes without air refers how long it takes to succumb to a lack of any of the ABCs of first aid: Airway, Breathing or Cardiovascular System. Three hours is about how long it takes to succumb to exposure to the elements. It takes about three days to die of thirst and around three weeks to die of starvation. Of course a critical lack of any of the above will likely render a person ineffective in a survival situation. W4TEP is a retired Lt. Colonel from the 82nd Airborne and has been to many survival schools in his career.

If you do need to evacuate during an emergency, please remember the following:

- Take your disaster supplies kit.
- Have a place to go – home of a family member or friend, motel or shelter.
- Notify family or friends of your plans, when you are leaving and where you are going.
- Fill your car with gas.
- Bring extra cash. Banks may be closed and ATMs may not work.
- Enact your pet plan.
- Bring important family documents in a waterproof container.
- Secure your home.
- Bring toys, books and games for entertainment.
- Bring pillow and blanket. Also bring rain gear and sturdy shoes.
- Be familiar with your area's evacuation routes.

- Don't drive on flooded roads.

If you stay home, these are the following precautions that you need to remember:

- Have your disaster supplies kit ready.
- Enact your pet plan.
- Stock extra supplies, including batteries, water and canned food.
- You need to store at least a three day supply of water for each person in your household. Stored water should be changed every six months.
- Secure your home. Board up windows and secure lawn furniture, mowers, hanging plants, trash cans and other loose items in the yard.
- Fill your car with gas.
- Check on your neighbors, particularly the elderly or disabled.
- Watch the emergency news on the television and in case of power outage, use your NOAA weather radio to stay alert to weather advisories.

During emergencies, those living in mobile homes are encouraged to evacuate. Many of them have pets. They do need an emergency kit for each pet including carrying cage or case, food, medicines, leashes, rabies tags or certificate, specific care instructions and most important a picture of the pet (preferably with you in the photo). The cage or case should be clearly marked with the pets name, sex, and owner's information. At present, the animal shelter would be the receiving point with optional overflow into the Farmer's Market building.

There has been a considerable amount of wild fires in North Carolina this year. Even though it has not affected Pitt County, it is something that may occur in the future. In addition to the other preparedness rules that KD4MTT has discussed, the additional rules for fire are the following:

- Place vehicles in the garage or close to the house, having them pointing out, and roll up windows.
- Place valuable papers and momentos in the car.

- Place outside combustible patio furniture in the house or garage.
- Shut off propane at the tank or natural gas at the meter.
- Prop a ladder against the house so firefighters have easy access to the roof.
- Make sure that all garden hoses are connected to faucets and attached to a nozzle.
- Close all exterior and interior doors and windows.
- Keep wood shake or shingle roofs moist by spraying water but do not waste water. Remember that water pressure needs to be strong for the fire fighters.
- Continually check the roof and attic for embers, smoke or fire.

Most importantly, in any type of emergency, **STAY CALM!!!!**

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW

Tropical Storm Ernesto Activation

The Eastern Branch EOC office in Kinston activated for Tropical Storm Ernesto. Although not much activity occurred in regards to amateur radio communications, there was one particular transmission that showed the importance of amateur radio.

A swift water rescue team from Asheville was deployed to Edenton in advance of the storm. They brought with them an amateur radio operator, Shawn Haynes, KG4YVS. At one point, the EOC lost communications with the team. The cell phones were not working and the land line phones were not working. A representative from FEMA came over to the amateur radio room to see if we could reach the team. A successful communication was made almost immediately.

This communication alone made the activation worth while. It demonstrated the importance of amateur radio when all other methods of communication fail.

Amateur radio operators serving at the Eastern Branch for Ernesto were Mike Langley, KD4MTT, Ron Knapp, W9EF, Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK and Dave Pulver, KG4CZV. - *KG4CZV*

"Backward sunspots" may herald start of Solar Cycle 24



The recent appearance of the sun of two so-called "backward sunspots" may mean solar Cycle 23 is drawing to a close and Cycle 24 now is under way or soon will be. At least that's the thinking of some scientists. "We've been waiting for this," said Solar Physicist David Hathaway of the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, after the first backward spot showed up. "A backward sunspot is a sign that the next solar cycle is beginning." The term "backward" refers to the sunspots' magnetic polarity. One such sunspot appeared briefly July 31, then disappeared, but its significance was that its magnetic polarity was just the opposite of current Cycle 23 spots. Another more ro-

bust spot, Sunspot 905, appeared earlier this month -- although it subsequently began to dissipate -- and some sun gazers are saying Cycle 24 already has begun. ARRL propagation guru Tad Cook, K7RA, has been a bit more cautious. "As time goes on, there will be more Cycle 24 spots and fewer Cycle 23 spots," he said in a recent "Solar Update." In any event, radio conditions will not improve any time soon but over a period of several years of the course of the 11-year cycle, perhaps peaking around 2010. - ARRL Web (Aug 30, 2006)

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BARC Meeting Minutes - August 2006

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
VFW HALL, MUMFORD RD.
August 8, 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: Terry, K4ZYD, gave the Treasurers report.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Dan, W4ISO, Reported David Cox, KG4WEU, in Pitt Memorial with Heart Attack. Card passed around for members to sign

HAM CHATTER: Dave, W4YDY, noted he needs addresses and let him know if you want on the list for e-mail copy of the Ham Chatter.

PUBLICITY: Pat, KG4NSC, reported

ad was in paper for meeting.

VE SESSION: Tom, W4TEP, reported next VE Session would be August 18. Since he will be out of town Murray, K4MHM, will coordinate the session at St. Peters at 6:30PM

EQUIPMENT: Mike, KB4MTT, reported he found the missing mike for FT-897D. The bags for the tent storage are ready and he will pickup.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS: Bernie, WA4MOK, reported some counties in the Western Branch had changed areas. There was discussion on some in the Eastern Branch being changed but think it was a mistake. The quarterly meeting of area 1 and 2 will be held in Columbia this Saturday starting at 10:30am. Also there will be a State Emergency Training Drill hopefully in October. There also has been a downgrade on the number of storms this year. Doug, K4ROK, reminded everyone that NIMS courses must be completed by the end of September 2006. Courses 100, 200 and 700 are required. Doug, K4ROK reported he needed ap-

proximately \$12-15 for PVC pipe to support the ladder line at VOA and also roughly \$50.00 for software concerning Winlink 2000. A motion was made and seconded for this not to exceed \$75.00. The motion was passed. Robin Eller will be working with Scouts working on their Radio Badges the 3rd week in October over the repeaters. If you hear them give a QSO.

OLD BUSINESS: Doug, K4ROK, gave an update on the ARES trailer. It will be repaired but may need a heavier frame. The insurance adjuster has seen it. There may be a problem with a private vehicle towing a county trailer. This will have to be worked out.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

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

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

Respectfully submitted

Richard Cox, K4CRD

BARC Board Minutes - August 2006

BARC BOARD MEETING
August 29, 2006

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, called the meeting to order at 1930 EST. Attendees were: Mike Langley, KD4MTT, John McCoy, K4KBB, Dave Langley, W4YDY, Terry Monday, K4ZYD, Taylor Millar, W4WTM, Dan Drake, W4ISO, Pat Williams, KG4NSC and Richard Cox, K4CRD.

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

Treasury's Report: Terry, K4ZYD, gave the Treasurers report.

Health & Welfare: Dan, W4ISO, ask for any known sickness, David Cox, KG4WEU is home and is improving, Charlie Wells, K4SKI, isn't doing well and Walt Honea, W4HM, wife isn't doing too well.

Programs: Taylor, W4WTM, reported Bernie, WA4MOK, would be giving a program on antennas at the September meeting. Ideas for future programs were discussed.

Publicity: Pat, KG4NSC, had noting to report.

Equipment: Mike, KD4MTT, reported that the tent bags have been picked up and one has been packed with a tent. He is also looking for cases like the ones we have for the rest of the radios to be stored. A discussion was held on the upcoming raffle, and more will be coming in the next month or so.

HAM CHATTER: Dave, W4YDY, reported that some clubs have started utilizing only e-mails for distribution of their newsletters, to reduce cost.

Old Business: Dave, KG4CZV, gave the

slate of officers for the coming year to be presented to the club. He also mentioned that the NIMS courses are to be completed by the end of September and urged all to complete them if they have not done so.

John, K4KBB, reported he and Terry, K4ZYD, have been getting together on 10 meters for slow code practice and if anyone is interested see him about starting a regular net each week.

New Business: None

Dave, KG4CZV, with no further business closed the meeting at 2030 EST.

Respectfully submitted by

Richard Cox, K4CRD

Vice Director election set in Roanoke Division

The only contest in the current election cycle for ARRL Director and Vice Director seats is in the Roanoke Division. Former South Carolina Section Manager Patricia Hensley, N4ROS, and the incumbent, the Rev Leslie Shattuck, K4NK, have filed petitions for the vice director seat. The ARRL Ethics and Elections Committee has declared Hensley and Shattuck eligible to run.

No challengers stepped forward to face Roanoke Division Director Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, or incumbent directors or vice directors in four other ARRL divisions. Ballots will go out by October 1 to all full ARRL Roanoke Division members in good standing as of September 10. Votes will be tallied at ARRL Headquarters and the winner announced on November 17.

In 2000 Hensley topped a field of three candidates to become South Carolina SM. She lost her bid for a second term to Jim Boehner, N2ZZ.

Shattuck, who chairs the ARRL Board of Directors' Historical Committee, was tapped to fill the Vice Director's seat in 2000 after then-Roanoke Division Director John Kanode, N4MM, was elected as a vice president and Bodson moved into the director's seat. Shattuck, who also served as South Carolina Section Manager (1997-2000), was elected Roanoke Division Vice Director in his own right later that year.

Successful candidates for the 2007-2009 term take office January 1. - via *ARRL Letter Online 8/25/06*

Ham Chatter & photos

A CD is available with 103 issues of *Ham Chatter* edited by Dave Langley, W4YDY. They are from June 1997 to December 2005.

Also, ten years of photos of BARC Field Day operations from 1996 to 2005. Other features are some Amateur Radio software and an ARRL video.

Cost is \$5.00. Anyone who may be interested may email w4amc@qsl.net or you may contact Terry Monday, KG4WEW, at the BARC address.

Amateur Radio Awareness Day is September 16

September is US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) National Preparedness Month, and Saturday, September 16, is Amateur Radio Awareness Day. For the third straight year, the ARRL and Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) groups across the US will join a coalition of more than 200 national, regional, state and local organizations taking part in Preparedness Month activities. ARES is a partner with DHS through the Citizen Corps program. ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, says local ARES groups and clubs will be making presentations to civic organizations, at schools and at regional fairs to showcase Amateur Radio.

"More than 4000 ARRL 'Hello' campaign <http://www.hello-radio.org/> brochures have gone out in the past few weeks alone to prepare for the month-long initiative," he said. - via *ARRL Letter Online 9/1/06*

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For Sale: Alpha Delta DX-DD 80-40 shortened dipole for 80-40 meters (82 ft). Good condition. No kinks and coils are in good shape. Clear outer insulation is coming off (thanks Mr. Sun), but inner insulation is OK. Flat on 40. 80 was quirky, but may have been my installation. No longer need it. \$50.00 Dave. KV4CN, Ph: 353-8523.

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NETS

VHF

- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
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- ◆ Kinston Amateur Radio Society Net, 1,3,4 Tuesdays, 2000 hrs. on 145.47 MHz., W4OIX repeater in Kinston.
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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.
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- ◆ 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/>

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 12.	Regular Meeting - Nominations	Dec 2/3	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
Sep 23/24	CQ WW RTTY Contest	Dec 9/10	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Sep 26.	Board Meeting	Dec 12.	Christmas Party
Sep 30.	Ham Chatter Deadline	Dec 15.	BARC VE Session
Oct 10	Regular Meeting	Dec 26.	Board Meeting
Oct 20	BARC VE Session	Dec 30.	Ham Chatter Deadline
Oct 28/29.	CQ WW SSB DX Contest	Jan 1	ARRL Straight Key Night
Oct 31?	Board Meeting	Jan 6/7.	ARRL RTTY Roundup
Nov 4.	Ham Chatter Deadline	Jan 9	Regular Meeting
Nov 4/5	ARRL CW Sweepstakes	Jan 20/21.	ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes
Nov 14.	Regular Meeting - ELECTIONS	Jan 27/28.	CQ WW CW 160M Contest
Nov 18/19	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes	Jan 30	Ham Chatter Deadline
Nov 25/26	CQ WW CW DX Contest		
Nov 28.	Board Meeting		
Dec 2.	Ham Chatter Deadline		

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
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BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATIONS

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