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Meet the Member, Hollis Thigpen, KC3X



Hollis Thigpen, KC3X

Hollis Thigpen, KC3X, is about 1/6 of the way to working all counties in the United States... for the seventh time!

Hollis, who lives in Snow Hill, first accomplished the feat in 1987. Since then, he has repeated his accomplishment in 1992, 1999, 2000, 2002 and most recently in 2004.

That's a lot of air time for a guy who at first wasn't impressed when a co-worker introduced him to Amateur Radio. A high-speed Morse code operator who spent 23 years working in communications for the Department of Defense, Hollis picked up on the hobby quickly though.

He was first licensed in Feb. 1979 while living in Bowie, Md. and was assigned the call KA3CGM. He switched to his current call sign around 1981.

Hollis particularly enjoys working HF and CW. His CW skills have been particularly popular at field days for every club he's belonged to.

At home, Hollis uses a Yaesu FT1000 and a 412 antenna on a 72-foot tower.

Hollis joined the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club in 2001 after moving back to North Carolina when he retired from the Department of Defense. He is originally from Pink Hill.

He graduated from East Duplin High School, got a BS in management from the University of Maryland and a masters in business from Central Michigan University. He also spent four years in the Army.

Hollis has also involved his family in Amateur Radio. His wife Sandy, K4SMT, and his son Todd, W4TET, are both operators.

"She fought it for years and finally she said 'I can't beat him, I'm going to join him'," he joked about his wife of nearly 36 years.

Hollis also has a 5-year-old granddaughter.

Now that he's retired Hollis particularly enjoys riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle and teaching riding classes. He also enjoys flying model airplanes. During tax season, he works for Jackson Hewitt to keep busy and earn a little extra income.

He's seen a lot during his time in Amateur Radio. "When I went into the Army, Morse code was all we had. I did all the way from Morse code to current, so I've seen a lot of change in my lifetime," he said.

As for that seventh all county award. "My wife told me after the sixth time I needed to take a break," he joked.

Amanda Karr, KI4IWS

Next Meeting October 10

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, October 10 at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, will discuss PSK. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be October 31 at 7:30 PM at 3219 Landmark St., Suite 8B. All members invited.

BARC members engaged



Amanda Karr, KI4IWS, and Eric Christensen, KF4OTN, announced their engagement in September.

Amanda is the *Ham Chatter* Associate Editor and writes the Meet the Member column.

She is featured in the December 2005 issue of *Ham Chatter* and Eric is featured in the February 2006 issue. Congratulations!

FCC launches new Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

The FCC has formally launched its new Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) <<http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/>>. The PSHSB will assume some functions that had been under the umbrella of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), where the Amateur Radio Service will remain. WTB Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division Chief Michael J. Wilhelm, WS6BR, has assumed a role within the new bureau, however.

"The events of September 11, 2001, and last year's hurricane season underscored America's dependence on an effective national telecommunications infrastructure," the Commission said. "The new bureau will build on the Commission's longstanding commitment to meet the needs of public safety by promoting robust, reliable and resilient communications services in times of emergency." Addressing interoperability issues will be a part of that process, Acting Bureau Chief Ken Moran told the Commission September 26.

The PSHSB is responsible for the

combined public safety-related functions previously spread among other bureaus and offices. It will include Policy, Public Communications Outreach and Operations and Communications Systems Analysis divisions. Wilhelm will serve as deputy chief of the PSHSB's Policy Division. The Public Communications Outreach and Operations Division will operate the FCC's Communications Center and the High Frequency Direction Finding Center.

Some observers had speculated that Amateur Radio would be shifted to the PSHSB, thus removing it from the WTB's market-based approach to regulation. Moving some of the WTB's current responsibilities to the new bureau could nonetheless speed up the process of moving Amateur Radio-related proceedings through the Commission.

The FCC Order setting up the new bureau is on the FCC Web site <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-35A1.pdf>. - via *ARRL Letter Online* 9/29/03

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.



Happy Birthday

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

- 10 KF4OTN Eric Christensen
- 15 KC4TOI Marcian Bouchard
- 28 K4BMH Byron Highland
- 31 K4ZYD Terry Monday

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

Reminder — Vanity fee now \$20.80: The regulatory fee to obtain or renew a post-1995 Amateur Radio vanity call sign is \$20.80 for applications received by the FCC on or after Wednesday, September 6. The new fee covers the 10-year license term. See <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2006/08/01/3/>> for more information. - via *ARRL Letter Online*

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

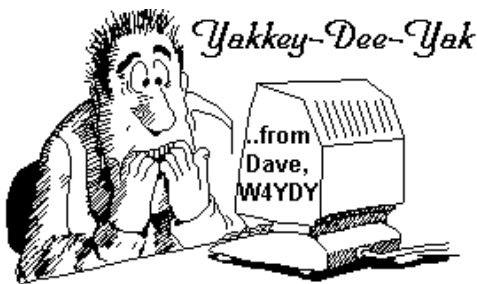


Gail Manning, wife of Mac, KD4AFL
David Cox, KG4WEU
Charlie Wells, K4SKI
Please inform Dan Drake, KG4ISO, of any changes.

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Fall is upon us again and it's time for getting those antenna projects finished before the cold weather sets in. There is plenty of opportunity to use them with many good contests coming up and other operating events. Good antennas will be very helpful for DX because the sunspot cycle is at its lowest for the next few months. Hopefully, it will start

a fast climb next year and it should hit its peak around 2012. Some predictions have the next cycle as one of the best ever. The last cycle wasn't bad when 20 meters was open worldwide 24 hours a day and the bands above 20 meters were open most of the time. In 2000 and 2001, I contacted 100 countries during each of the CQ Worldwide DX contests using the 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands. That was with only about 500 to 600 contacts over the 48 hour weekend contest. The big contesters usually get over 200 countries. That was when the sunspot cycle was in the high part of the cycle.

Even though the cycle is low now, the 80 and 40 meter bands are good for DX although you will have more luck at night on 40 using CW or digital be-

cause the phone band is full of overseas broadcast stations. The great thing about Amateur Radio are the many activities for operating, improving your station and the fellowship with others in clubs and special events.

The reason we have the good valuable frequencies is the fact we help others with emergency communications and assist with communications for public special events. The public needs to know that Amateur Radio is "the only fail-safe system of communications" as K4ZDH observed. - W4YDY



ARRL pledges to pursue BPL interference complaints, mulls appeal

The League has vowed to maintain pressure on the FCC to act on complaints of broadband over power line (BPL) interference to Amateur Radio. The FCC's unanimous adoption August 3 of a Memorandum Opinion and Order (MO&O) in response to 15 petitions for reconsideration of the Commission's BPL rules triggered the ARRL response. The MO&O went into effect September 22.

"We will aggressively pursue enforcement in BPL interference cases," promised ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. "Those deploying BPL systems that cause harmful interference to Amateur Radio will regret it." An ARRL delegation met with FCC Enforcement Bureau and Office of Engineering and Technology (OET) staffers August 16 to discuss the Commission's response to BPL interference complaints.

The MO&O denied most requests that the FCC reconsider portions of its October 2004 Order adopting rules to govern BPL systems. Several petitions -- including one from ARRL <http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/et04-37/recon_petition/BPL_RECON_PETITION_FINAL.pdf> -- called on the Commission to strengthen rules aimed at protecting licensed radio systems from BPL interference. Instead, in a new rule revealed when the FCC made the MO&O public, the FCC drew a line in the sand regarding how much interference protection mobile operators deserve from BPL

systems.

§15.611(c)(1)(iii) provides that BPL operators do not have to reduce emission levels below established FCC permissible limits by any more than 20 dB below 30 MHz and 10 dB above 30 MHz to resolve harmful interference complaints. The FCC called these levels "modestly above the noise level."

ARRL Laboratory Manager Ed Hare, W1RFI, points out these levels would be some 25 dB higher than the median values for man-made noise in residential areas and up to 40 dB higher than the minimum values hams use for reliable communication. The new rule does not apply to fixed stations.

"Egregious" was the word Sumner used to describe the action in his "It Seems to Us" editorial appearing in October QST.

"Simply stated, this new rule is intolerable, and we do not accept it," Sumner wrote. "It is contrary to the FCC's obligations under the international Radio Regulations as well as the Communications Act, to protect radio communication services from harmful interference."

The FCC "has no authority to define away these obligations," Sumner stressed in his editorial. "Harmful interference is harmful interference."

The MO&O also turned down a League request that the Commission reconsider tightening the 40 dB per decade

extrapolation factor employed for taking emission measurements. The League argued that the 40 dB per decade extrapolation factor, which has been in Part 15 for some time, may apply to single-source emissions, but it underestimates actual field strength from power lines.

Supported by Aeronautical Radio Inc (ARINC), the ARRL had wanted the FCC to apply a 20 dB per decade extrapolation factor to measurements taken at 30 MHz and lower. The Order also turned down requests by licensed users, including Amateur Radio operators, to exclude the use certain frequencies for BPL operations.

The League is weighing the possibility of a judicial appeal of the FCC's action to adopt the MO&O.

The Commission denied a BPL industry request to extend the effective date to meet equipment certification requirements, but it did give BPL systems another year to continue installing or replacing equipment that otherwise meets the Part 15 rules in present coverage areas.

The MO&O also denied the BPL industry's request to drop the 30-day advance notification requirement for the public BPL database. The advance notification rule is aimed at alerting licensed spectrum to new BPL deployments in their areas before operations begin. - via *ARRL Letter Online* 9/22/06

Red Cross requiring background checks

The Red Cross said their national policy requires everyone that works in a Red Cross Shelter to have a background check on file. This includes persons that are signed up at the last minute. The Red Cross has a contract with an on-line company that performs background checks. There is a fee for each background check and the Red Cross is currently picking up the cost. The results are only sent to one local Red Cross office. The Web site is <<http://www.mybackgroundcheck.com/arcvts>> and you must select the state map and then the local chapter.

After requests for clarification on this policy from ARRL HQ, Red Cross supplied this statement:

Background checks for American Red Cross volunteers and employees

In the aftermath of a huge visible disaster such as Hurricane Katrina there are several post-evaluations that occur looking at systems, procedures, protocols and overall response to determine what systems could be more efficient. Recently, the American Red Cross established a policy mandating that all volunteers undergo a criminal background check, just as their employees have done in the past. The intent of this policy is to safeguard the clients, volunteers and employees. The organization has contracted with a private company to perform these background checks and has provided a means for their volunteers to apply for the background checks without disclosing any confidential information to a Red Cross volunteer or employee. Prospective volunteers can go to a secure online website and only need to submit their full name and social security number to the contracted company. No additional information is needed.

The overall results of the background check are not shared with the Red Cross. The only information provided is that a person has successfully completed the background check with no adverse information or that a person has potentially adverse information and that additional research is required. When additional research is required the contracted company will notify the prospective volunteer and will address the issue with no Red Cross intervention.

Several people have indicated the desire to go to their local law enforcement agency rather than use the private contracted company. Because the American Red Cross is not a governmental agency, as required by their guidance of impartiality, it is unlawful for a law enforcement agency to share this information with the Red Cross. This requires them to use the private, contracted firm. Also, many have expressed concern about the use of their security number, however this is required to be assured that the background check is being performed on the right person. The Red Cross has gone to great lengths to make sure the prospective volunteer is not giving out their social security number to anyone other than the contracted company and then only through a secure, encrypted website.

Unfortunately, in this day and age it is critical that the American Red Cross and other agencies, employers and organizations perform due diligence in researching the people who will represent them. We hope volunteers, who have provided blood, sweat and tears in helping fulfill the mission of the American Red Cross will understand the importance of performing this due diligence.

Any questions regarding this program can be directed to backgroundchecks@usa.redcross.org or 1(800)507-3960.

This may significantly impact Amateur Radio operators in the future. ARES membership will not allow you access to a Red Cross shelter unless you have a background check. In Orlando, Orange County, Florida, the ARES/RACES group is sponsored by the county and background checks were done through the sheriff's department. Upon completion the members were issued county ID cards. The city and county EOCs and communication centers would not permit anyone inside the centers that did not have the county ID card. With the additional emphasis on security, this is going to be a bigger problem in the future. Homeland Security is pushing for a single national ID for government first responders. -- Jerry Reimer, KK5CA, South Texas SEC - via ARES E-Letter and ARRL 9/23/06

Maine's Governor is now KB1NXP

Maine Gov John E. Baldacci may now be the only sitting state chief executive holding an Amateur Radio license. Following up on an effort begun a few years ago, Baldacci took and passed his Technician license test September 6, and the FCC issued his new call sign, KB1NXP, the following day. Bill Crowley, K1NIT, is the liaison for the ARRL VEC volunteer examiner team that administered Baldacci's Amateur Radio license examination.

"We heard that he was interested in getting his license," Crowley told ARRL. "So I talked to a couple of other people in the Augusta Amateur Radio Association and said, 'You know, we're the guys who could do this. We're right here, right in his backyard, and I think we ought to help him get a license.'"

Crowley said Baldacci expressed initial interest in becoming licensed after learning of the Amateur Radio response following the 1998 ice storm that devastated a wide area of the Northeast. At the time, Baldacci was representing Maine's Second District in the US House. He renewed his interest in 2003, shortly after becoming Maine's governor, promising to add the goal of getting his ticket to his to-do list and seeking the encouragement and help of Maine's hams to achieve it.

Former Maine State Treasurer Rod Scribner, KA1RFD -- a longtime radio amateur and instructor -- was recruited to help make it happen. "Rod went up there once a week, very early in the morning, and tutored him -- went through all the material," Crowley recounted. But the pressures of office compelled Baldacci to put the project on a back burner.

Baldacci got a taste of Amateur Radio in 2003, when he checked into the 75-meter Maine Sea Gull Net during a visit with members of the Ellsworth Amateur Wireless Association and other amateurs. On that occasion, the governor assured the gathering that the Maine Emergency Management Agency depends on Amateur Radio to support the statewide communications system and said Maine would rely on Amateur Radio volunteers if primary telecommunication systems go down. - For more info, see the ARRL Letter Online 9/8/06

BARC Officer absentee ballots deadline.



The nominating committee slate of Officers were presented to the club at the September meeting. There were no nominations from the floor so the slate was accepted and nominations were closed. Anyone can still campaign for a write-in position. The candidates are as follows with the dates (month-year) are the issues of Ham Chatter that they were

featured in Meet the Member. Back issues can be found at <http://www.w4amc.com/hamchatter.html>.

- President – Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV (2-01)**
- 1st Vice President – Dan Drake, **W4ISO (1-04)**
- 2nd Vice President – Taylor Millar, **W4WTM (12-02)**
- Treasurer – Richard Cox, **K4CRD (11-04)**

- Secretary – Murray Merner, **K4MHM (3-98)**
- 1 Year Trustee – Joel Muhaluk, **KI4LMY (5-06)**
- 2 Year Trustee – Terry Monday, **K4ZYD (12-04)**

Anyone not able to make the November meeting, may request an absentee ballot and it must be received by the club by the November meeting. The election of club officers will take place at the November meeting on November 14, 2006.

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BARC Meeting Minutes - September 2006

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
VFW HALL, MUMFORD RD.
September 12, 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 Charlie Wells, **K4SKI**, Walt Honea and wife, **W4HM**, and Gail Manning wife of Mac, **KD4AFL**, were not well.

HAM CHATTER: Dave, **W4YDY**, Nothing to report

PUBLICITY: Pat, **KG4NSC**, reported the Pitt County Fair was October 2-7 and he volunteered to put up the BARC pamphlet rack and stock it with Ham Radio brochures and pamphlets.

VE SESSION: Tom, **W4TEP**, thanked

Murray, **K4MHM**, for filling in for him on the exam session, and there were three upgrades. The next VE session will be October 20.

EQUIPMENT: Mike, **KB4MTT**, reported the expenditures mentioned in the Treasurers report for equipment were for the tent bags that he had picked up.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS: Bernie, **WA4MOK**, reported the Eastern Brach Office was activated for Ernesto and Mike, **KD4MTT**, worked the all night shift and was relieved by Bernie, **WA4MOK**, Dave, **KG4CZV**, and Ron, **W9EF**, relieved him the next morning. There was a Swift Water Rescue team in the area that did not have communications and one of the members was a Ham who got in touch with EC and communications was provided. Luckily the team did not have any rescues.

Also there will be a State Emergency Training Drill on October 28 from 8:00am till Noon. Contact Dan, **W4ISO** if you would like to volunteer. Also anyone interested in Winlink 2000 see Dan, **W4ISO**.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave, **KG4CZV**, reported he received QSL card from,

W9MAT, in Urbana, IL. If you worked him on PSK and would like to QSL see Dave, **KG4CZV**

NEW BUSINESS: Dave, **KG4CZV**, gave the slate of nominees for 2007:

Dave Pulver, KG4CVZ	President
Dan Drake, W4ISO	1 st Vice Pres.
Taylor Millar, W4WTM	2 nd Vice Pres.
Richard Cox, K4CRD	Treasurer
Murray Merner, K4MHM	Secretary
Joel Muhaluk, KI4LMY	1 year Trustee
Terry Monday, K4ZYD	2 year Trustee

The floor was opened for other nominations of which there was none. The nominations were then closed.

PROGRAM: Tonight's program was on Emergency Antennas by Bernie, **WA4MOK**, which was interesting and informative.

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

Respectfully submitted

Richard Cox, **K4CRD**

BARC Board Minutes - September 2006

BARC BOARD MEETING
September 26, 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**, 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: Mike, **KD4MTT**, reported that David Cox, **KG4WEU** was improving at home, he has been walking some and the Doctor has given permission to drive again. He is working on his NIMS courses. Charlie Wells, **K4SKI**, fell and broke his toe and ribs.

Programs: Taylor, **W4WTM**, reported the program for October will be by Dave, **KV4CN**, on PSK31, which should be interesting.

Publicity: Pat, **KG4NSC**, reported that our meeting is listed in the Pitt County Daily Living paper and he has received new literature from ARRL for advertising. Dave, **W4YDY**, mentioned it may be good to carry some to the VE sessions so new Technicians will have information to work with from ARRL for advertising

Equipment: Mike, **KD4MTT**, reported he has been in contact with local utility companies about equipment and or gear they may be disposing of and letting him know of anything we could use.

Ham Chatter: Dave, **W4YDY**, reported that the Red Cross might start investigating individuals who volunteer to work in their relief operations. More information will be gathered on this.

Old Business: Mike, **KD4MTT**, reported on a gas grill we can purchase for the raffle. Ideas were discussed for monthly drawing for a minor prize to encourage people to buy tickets early. A \$25 prize was discussed. The main prize, the grill, will be drawn for at the Dogwood Festival. This will be presented to the members at the next club meeting.

The Boy Scouts from Edgecombe County, JOTA will be October 20-22 utilizing the Farmville repeater. Anyone hearing the Scouts please give them a QSO. They will be working on their Radio Badge.

New Business: None

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

Respectfully submitted by

Richard Cox, **K4CRD**

FCC cites alleged unlicensed ham band users

The FCC has notified several entities -- including two trucking companies and a balloon festival sponsor -- regarding the alleged use of Amateur Radio frequencies by unlicensed individuals. Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth advised all of the parties that unlicensed use of radio equipment not only can interfere with licensed users but violates federal law and could lead to fines of up to \$10,000.

"Information before the Commission indicates that at the 2005 International Balloon Fiesta held in Albuquerque, there were numerous balloonists using Amateur Radio Service and General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) radio transmitting equipment without licenses," Hollingsworth wrote Paul Smith, the event's executive director on August 23. "Both services require a license from the Commission."

The Commission also contacted two trucking firms regarding alleged unlicensed transmissions from tractor-trailer rigs on 10 meters earlier this year. Hollingsworth sent a Warning Notice to Cardinal Express of Concord, North Carolina, on August 28, and Melton Truck Lines of Tulsa, Oklahoma, on August 30. The FCC cited information indicating that a Cardinal Express rig on Interstate 85 in North Carolina was the source of radio transmissions on 28.085 MHz on August 2. Hollingsworth told Melton Truck Lines that the FCC had information that one of its rigs, also on Interstate 85 in North Carolina, transmitted on 28.085 MHz on 6/11.

On August 18, the FCC wrote Neva Poovey of Newton, North Carolina, citing information indicating that she or someone in her residence had been operat-

ing radio equipment that caused interference on 10 and 12 meters. Hollingsworth noted that FCC records did not indicate a license authorizing transmissions on those bands had been granted to anyone at Poovey's address. Poovey's husband Michael responded to tell Hollingsworth he was testing "a huge mobile linear" with another individual in his driveway. A nearby radio amateur complained to the Commission after hearing the transmissions on the two amateur bands.

A Technician class licensee in Puerto Rico -- Joaquin Diaz Fontanel, WP3BH, of Humaco -- was the target of a Warning Notice sent August 28 regarding alleged operation on 7.080 MHz, a frequency not available to Technician class operators.

"Such operation may reflect adversely on your qualifications to retain and Amateur Radio license," Hollingsworth warned. - *For more info, see the ARRL Letter Online 9/22/06*

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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.

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- ◆ 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

Ham Chatter & photos

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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.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 8	Maysville Hamfest	Dec 9/10	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Oct 10	Regular Meeting	Dec 12	Christmas Party
Oct 20	BARC VE Session	Dec 15	BARC VE Session
Oct 28/29	CQ WW SSB DX Contest	Dec 26	Board Meeting
Oct 31	Board Meeting	Dec 30	Ham Chatter Deadline
Nov 4	Ham Chatter Deadline	Jan 1	ARRL Straight Key Night
Nov 4/5	ARRL CW Sweepstakes	Jan 6/7	ARRL RTTY Roundup
Nov 14	Regular Meeting - ELECTIONS	Jan 9	Regular Meeting
Nov 18/19	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes	Jan 20/21	ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes
Nov 19	Benson JARS Hamfest	Jan 27/28	CQ WW CW 160M Contest
Nov 25/26	CQ WW CW DX Contest	Jan 30	Ham Chatter Deadline
Nov 28	Board Meeting		
Dec 2	Ham Chatter Deadline		Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
Dec 2/3	ARRL 160 Meter Contest		Board Meeting - Last Tuesday @ 7:30 PM

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