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## Meet the Member, David Cox, KG4WEU

David Cox, KG4WEU, doesn't just like Amateur Radio, he likes the people involved in it.

"I've enjoyed the fellowship and the camaraderie and the guys. I felt a part of it even at the beginning," he said of his experiences since becoming licensed in November 2002.

Even before he got his license though, David knew a number of hams. In fact, it is those friendships that prompted him to pursue his interest in Amateur Radio. Mike Langley, KD4MTT, ultimately challenged him to get his license.

After taking a class organized by Murray Merner, K4MHM, David tested and got his Technician license. He's planning to test later this month for his General.



David Cox, KG4WEU

David spends much of his time on or listening to the radio while in his car driving. As minister of First Christian Church in Grifton, he often makes visits to the hospital in Greenville among other trips to visit people. Since 1991, David has also taught part-time at Lenoir Community College as an instructor in religion classes.

He has an Icom 706 standard in one car and an Icom 2720 in the other car and enjoys chatting with friends while on the road as well as participating in nightly nets. At home he uses an Icom 706 Mk II.

David also enjoys listening to HF and shortwave radio broadcasts.

"I guess the interest I have is hearing the folks and learning from them, not just in only making a contact and moving on," he said.

He's looking forward to doing some long-distance talking on HF himself soon.

He has enjoyed participating in Field Day with the club.

David's job at First Christian Church is what first brought him to Grifton in 1986. He previously worked at churches in Robersonville, Macclesfield and Hookerton.

Originally from Snow Hill, he graduated from Greene Central High School. He then got a degree in religion from Christian College in Wilson and later got his masters in divinity from Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

David has been married to his wife Judy for 36 years. He is the proud father of one daughter, Amanda, and the

## Next Meeting March 13

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, March 13 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. The program will feature Vern Wenger, from BatteriesPlus. His program 3 years ago was very informative. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*The next board meeting will be March 27 at 7:30 PM at Mark's Marine on NC33 East. All members invited.*

proud grandfather of twin 10-month-old boys.

In his free time he enjoys fishing, boating and golf.

He's thankful for everyone who has encouraged him along the way in Amateur Radio.

"It just seems like there's been some people that took an interest in me and encouraged me to do it. I'm just a sucker for most anything that is fun and I can share," he said. - Amanda Karr, KI4IWS

## RED DOT TIME!



If you have a red dot on your mailing label, this will be your last *Ham Chatter*. If you were not suppose to get the red dot, please notify the treasurer, K4CRD, and me. - W4YDY

## President's Corner – Dave Pulver, KG4CZV

I earned my amateur license eight years ago. During that time, the only hamfest I ever attended was the Down East Hamfest.

This year, I decided to expand my horizons a little bit and go to the Richmond Frost Fest. I was in search of only a few things that had been on my shopping list for a while.

Peter, KG4WEZ, was kind enough to drive a total of eight of us up to the event. Afterwards, I realized what the best part of the experience was – spending quality time with good people, sharing and learning from each other.

Although I didn't find all the things on my list, I am definitely looking forward to attending more hamfests in the future and spending more quality time with good people.

I noticed recently that forecasters are predicting an end to the El Nino that was blamed for the lower than predicted Atlantic hurricane season and an intensification of La Nina this year. In theory, this means that our area can expect to be a little

warmer and drier than normal. With La Nina also comes the possibility of increased tropical activity on the eastern seaboard.

What does this mean for us in North Carolina? Who knows? After the dire (and extremely inaccurate) predictions of last year, a little caution seems to be in order. Since we are still three months away from the official beginning of hurricane season, this is not news that we need to get excited about at this time. What we should do is put this information away to supplement what is talked about when the start of hurricane season comes around.

As we start to approach the busy time of the year for club events, think about what events you would like to participate in. Each of our events give our members an opportunity to run the club equipment, learn more about operating equipment we are not used to running, and expose the public to amateur radio and what we do.

The events that we are planning to participate in are the MS Walk (04/14), the International Festival (04/14), the Farmville Dogwood Festival (04/28-04/29) and Field Day (06/24-06/25).

If you are interested in participating in any of these events, please contact either the event coordinator or me at president@w4amc.com.

**Dave Pulver, KG4CZV**

## Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

**Gail**, wife of Mac Manning, KD4AFL  
**Charlie** Wells, K4SKI  
**Doug** Ferris, K4ROK  
**Tom** McLaughlin, KE4NQP

Please inform Dan Drake, W4ISO, w4iso@arrl.net of any changes.



## Next VE Session

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

## EXTRA BARC VE SESSION March 16

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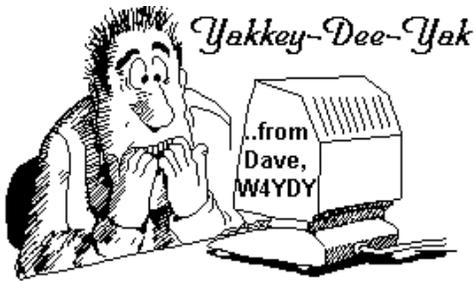
**Happy Birthday**

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

9	WB4RQG	Leland Tucker, Jr.
9	NW4S	Jeff Wainwright
14	KD4MTR	James Hoover
17	KG4CZV	Dave Pulver
20	K4JMHM	Murray Merner

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

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### More videos on BARC web site

Recently, I have been transferring my old home video tapes to DVD because you don't know how long the media will last. Something will probably replace DVD's so it will have to be transferred again to that media.

In transferring the videos, I came across a tape labeled "Ham Radio". I had taped several of the BARC field day

operations from 1997 to 2000. I edited them down to just a few minutes each and put them on the BARC web site. I also put a 2 ½ minute video of Brother Simon, KQ2V, receiving an Appreciation Award from BARC in 2000.

There still may be another video of 2001 but I have not come across it yet. I was making videos and capturing them to stills with the computer. In 2002, I had my digital still camera so did not make videos after that. May have to change that policy!

Due to the size of the video files, it will require a cable or DSL connection to see them. Dial-up would require a long time to download. I tried to make a smaller file for dial-up but the quality was very bad. Maybe a BARC DVD in the future with the full videos? - W4YDY

## BARC members operate in the NC QSO Party at old VOA site.

BARC members operating under the Pitt County ARES call sign, NC4PC participated in the 2007 North Carolina QSO Party from the old VOA Site C. Claimed score is 29, 696 points (2006 was 37, 061). There were 243 QSO's, 41 states and provinces, and 20 North Carolina counties contacted.

We all had a great time. Thanks to all who participated and helped with the work days. Special thanks to Paul, KS4YF for securing permission and entry into Site C. - *Dave LeMoine, KV4CN*

## Application Avalanche Under Way as New Codeless Testing Regime Ramps Up

NEWINGTON, CT, Feb 28, 2007 -- The avalanche of Amateur Radio license and license upgrade applications prompted by the FCC's elimination of Morse code as a licensing requirement is well under way with no end in sight. ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, reports that paperwork from upward of 450 Amateur Radio exam sessions held since the new rules went into effect February 23 has arrived so far this week. The ARRL VEC, which typically receives paperwork from about 70 sessions each day, has had to add personnel and schedule extended hours to keep up with the workload.

"We've been seeing some of the largest brand-new Technician sessions ever," Somma said. "These examination sessions are huge, and a ton of new Technician license applications has been coming in -- sometimes 60 or 70 at a clip." Somma says license upgrade traffic also has been brisk, and, with some 650 examination sessions already on the calendar for March and more arriving daily, it doesn't look like the pace will slacken anytime soon.

### New Rules Driving the Demand

New Amateur Radio rules are driving the demand for new licenses and upgrades. Effective February 23, the FCC no longer requires Amateur Radio applicants to pass a Morse code test to earn operating privileges below 30 MHz. As of the same date, Technician licensees

who never passed a Morse code test gained new CW privileges on 80, 40 and 15 meters and new CW, RTTY, data and SSB privileges on 10 meters. Since the Technician ticket has not required a Morse code test since 1991, most current Technician license holders will face a learning curve to take advantage of their new CW privileges. As of February 25, there were approximately 324,200 Technician licensees in the US -- more than any other license class.

Technicians may begin using their new privileges without having to apply for them. No other license class acquired new privileges as a result of the new rules that went into effect February 23, however. All license upgraders must first apply at an examination session, pay any application fee and either successfully pass the appropriate written test or present valid exam element credit.

### Details, Details

ARRL VEC personnel must go through "every single piece of paper" that arrives from an examination session, Somma explained. Before keying application data directly to the FCC's licensee database, the staff must make sure that session paperwork is in order, each application is filled out correctly and signed and any element credit is attached. If an applicant took an exam element, ARRL VEC must ensure that the test questions came from the correct question pool and

that the applicant indeed passed. She said it typically takes up to 90 seconds for staff members to key in an application for a new licensee, but only about 30 seconds in the case of a license upgrade.

Among the growing stack of incoming paperwork February 28 was a package from a session held in the Bahamas for 56 US citizens -- more than likely retirees and members of the cruising and sailing communities in the Caribbean. Somma said it included applications for 12 new Technician licensees. The rest were upgrades.

### Handling the Rush

Normally with a staff complement of six, ARRL VEC now has as many as eight full-timers plus three part-timers to handle the rush. Somma says her team by and large has been able to review each application and transmit license and upgrade application data to the FCC within three or four days of receipt. She also had words of praise for the Volunteer Examiner (VE) teams.

"I want to thank the VEs," Somma said. "Most of the paperwork is neat and orderly, and this makes it easy for us to just key it to the FCC." She did caution VEs to make sure they include any proof of prior element credit -- usually a Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination or CSCE -- when submitting applications. - *via www.arrl.org*

## ARRL marks transition to new Amateur Radio service rules

A new Amateur Radio Service regime now is in place. The requirement to demonstrate Morse code proficiency to gain HF privileges officially disappeared from the FCC's Part 97 rules February 23 at one minute past midnight Eastern Time. At the same time, some 200,000 Technician licensees without Morse code exam credit acquired HF privileges equivalent to those available to Novice licensees. The League is marking the occasion with a WIAW special event aimed at welcoming newcomers to the HF bands. The "WIAW HF Open House" has included exam sessions under both old and new rules. ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, points to the still-growing number of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (ARRL VEC) test sessions now on the schedule across the US as evidence that the rule changes will provide a shot in the arm to Amateur Radio.

"ARRL VEC has been extremely busy scheduling new exam sessions," Kramer said. "We normally coordinate about 5500 sessions per year, but we've already scheduled close to 5000 sessions and it's only the end of February."

ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, reports some 175 ARRL VEC test sessions are on the schedule through the February 23-25 period, "and these are just the ones that have registered with us," she added. Two dozen applicants showed up at League Headquarters, either to sit for an exam or apply for license upgrades.

"I was surprised at the number of people who wanted to take the test at 12:01 AM," Somma remarked. All but two test applicants took their exams under the new rules. "After people took their exams, some went over to WIAW to use their new privileges," she added.

First out of the gate at the League's 12:01 AM test session was Joshua Rozovsky, N3YAR, of Bloomfield, Connecticut. He upgraded from Tech to Amateur Extra.

Despite snowy New England weather, a few applicants traveled some distance to take their exams. "A nice young couple that drove in from Rhode Island joined ARRL while here," said ARRL Membership Manager Katie Breen,

W1KRB. "They thought this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to take their upgrades here at HQ."

Breen, who upgraded to General at the February 23 exam session, has been tracking WIAW Open House events in near-real time on an ARRL Web site blog <<http://www.arrl.org/blog/WIAW%20HF%20Open%20House>>. She's also posted some videos to YouTube.com.

Somma says her department now is bracing for an anticipated application avalanche as paperwork from initial sessions shows up. She and Kramer predict test demand will surge even further in the days and weeks ahead. Not only has the number of test sessions increased dramatically, Kramer pointed out, the number of applicants at each session is up as well. To keep up with demand, ARRL VEC has hired additional help. Staffers from other HQ departments also have been lending a hand.

March QST includes an eight-page "tearout" section "Now, New Opportunities for Every Ham!" between pages 48 and 49. <<http://www.arrl.org/HFWelcome/Welcome.pdf>>. It focuses on various topics of interest to those gaining new HF privileges through upgrading or owing to the new rules as well as to veteran licensees. Among other things, it covers mentoring -- or Elmering -- newcomers, "The Top 10 Reasons to Try Morse Code," earning ham radio operating awards by using Logbook of the World (LoTW) and a "Welcome to the fascinating world of high frequency (HF) radio!" by ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ.

"The FCC's decision to eliminate the Morse code examination as a licensing requirement opens the door to HF for all amateur licensees," Sumner points out in his remarks. Sumner also addresses the topic in his "It Seems to Us" editorial in March QST (page 9).

"As these new HF operators join us on our favorite bands, we old timers need to set a good example and to be patient, welcoming and positive," he writes. "Let's all remember how little we knew when we got started, and honor those who helped us along the way by doing the same for others."

The March QST special section

includes a new ARRL band chart <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bands.html>>.

The new rules seem to be driving greater enthusiasm for ham radio in general. There's been an uptick in ARRL publication sales, particularly in licensing manuals and licensing guides, and enrollment in the online ARRL Ham Radio License Course (EC-010) <<http://www.arrl.org/cce/Tech.html>> is at an all-time high. Additionally, Kramer notes, DXCC applications are up by 350 from last year, while LoTW has exceeded 121 million QSO records.

"WIAW HF Open House" operation continues through the February 24-25 weekend, with primary activity from 10 AM until 5 PM Eastern Time (1500 until 2200 UTC) or later, depending on interest, propagation and participation. ARRL Publications Manager Steve Ford, WB8IMY, will compete in the North American RTTY QSO Party from WIAW.

Primary operation will be on both SSB and CW. WIAW will concentrate activity on the Technician and General class HF subbands, using its normal frequencies on most bands.

On SSB: 1.855, 3.990, 7.290, 14.290, 18.160, 21.390 and 28.480 MHz.

On CW: 1.8175, 3.5815, 7.0475, 14.0475, 18.0975, 21.0675 and 28.0675 MHz.

On RTTY: 3597.5, 7.095, 14.095, 21.095 and 28.095 MHz.

- via ARRL Letter Online 2/23/07

### Amanda, KI4IWS, wins award

Amanda Karr, KI4IWS, *Ham Chatter* Associate Editor, received an award from the North Carolina Press Association's 2006 news, editorial and photo-journalism contest. The award was for feature writing for *The Daily Reflector*, Greenville, NC. She is a reporter for *The Daily Reflector*. Her story was about a Bethel resident and Vietnam veteran Fred Whitehurst and his 35-year quest to return the diary of a North Vietnamese doctor he found on the battlefield.

**Congratulations Amanda!**

**2007 BARC Raffle Tickets Available**

The drawing for the 2007 BARC Raffle will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2007 at the Farmville Dogwood Festival.

This year's grand prize will be a full size BBQ Pro Stainless Steel Grill, Model BQ4023. At the March club meeting, there will be a drawing for a smaller prize. As an added bonus, there will be a special surprise prize for the person who sold winning ticket. Thanks to Mike, KD4MTT, for that prize.



If you haven't picked up your tickets from me yet, you can either get them from me at the next club meeting, or contact me by e-mail ([kg4czv@earthlink.net](mailto:kg4czv@earthlink.net)) or phone (353-7161).

**2007 Dues**

Membership dues for BARC are due January 1, 2007. The 2007 membership roster will be published in the April 2007 Ham Chatter if possible. Those who have not paid their dues will not be listed on the roster and will be removed from the Ham Chatter mailing list. Membership dues are the same as they were in 2006, 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 send the application form in so that we can have your correct information on file. The form can be downloaded from <http://www.w4amc.com/application.html>. If anyone has any questions concerning their membership status or their dues, please call Richard Cox, **K4CRD**, BARC Treasurer, at (252) 524-4089 or e-mail [k4crd@earthlink.net](mailto:k4crd@earthlink.net). Thank you for your support and participation in BARC.

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## BARC Meeting Minutes - February 2007

### BARC Membership Meeting VFW Hall, February 13, 2007

#### Minutes

**Call to Order:** President Dave, KG4CZV, called the meeting to order at 1930 hours.

**Introductions:** Members and guests introduced themselves. There were 25 in attendance and are listed in the roll book. Dave welcomed all in attendance plus guests Anna Muhaluk and Phillip Williams.

**Program:** Phillip Williams, Chief Meteorologist of WNCT-TV, gave a presentation on weather. Phillip grew up in Rocky Mount. NC can get some very adverse weather: thunder storms, hurricanes, even blizzards. He noted that NC is number 3 in the nation for lightning strikes and they can be as hot as 30,000 degrees. NC averages 15 tornadoes per year with winds up to 150 mph. He described sophisticated technology of weather forecasting.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the January 9, 2007 BARC membership meeting were accepted as published in the February 2007 Ham Chatter.

**Secretary's Report:** There was a flyer from the RARS Hamfest on April 1.

**Treasurer's Report:** The financial report was given by Richard Cox, K4CRD. Further information is available to members upon request. Richard proposed the 2007 budget which was accepted by a vote of the membership.

**Health and Welfare:** Doug Ferris, K4ROK, was to get out of the hospital today. It was noted that Walt Verdick, KA4WFS, is not feeling well.

**Ham Chatter:** Editor, Dave Langley, W4YDY, asked if there was anyone who

had not been featured in Meet the Member and if anyone knew of someone to let him know. March edition of the HC will have a red dot for those who have not paid their dues (he can even do it on the one that is e-mailed).

**Volunteer Examiners:** Tom Parsons, W4TEP, announced that the next examination date is February 16 at St Peter's School. A special VE session will be March 16 those help those wanting to upgrade under the new FCC regulations. The one in April will be as scheduled.

**Equipment:** Mike Langley, KD4MTT, noted that use of the Club equipment is encouraged so people will know how to use it. A work day for the trailer will be planned soon to get ready for Special Events and Field Day.

**State ARES:** Bernie, WA4MOK, State/Eastern Branch ARES, reported that Areas 1 and 2 met Sat. February 10 in Columbia, NC. The annual state ARES meeting in Raleigh will take place March 31 at the newly renovated state EOC at 116 W. Jones Street, Raleigh. On Thursday, May 3, at Elizabeth City there will be a National Weather System presentation and they are inviting Amateur Radio displays and demonstrations. Two stations will be set up – one manned by Bernie and Bill Dawson, WA4SLC. The new director of the Hurricane Center will be there too. Every one is invited.

**Pitt County ARES:** Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, had some more information on the ECU Centennial Celebration (an Art Walk will also take place). There will be many events and we will have to choose those we want to be involved with. There has been no change in status of the digital operation.

**Old Business:** Dave, KG4CZV, announced that raffle tickets are available to be picked up at this meeting. We were reminded that there will be a drawing in February and March for a prize for the ticket sellers. Mike, WD4MTT, has a special gift for the seller of the winning ticket – a set of tools - he is financing that himself. All sellers are reminded to put their call sign or name on the ticket stubs they turn in. There was a "sellers" drawing of all the tickets that had been turned in so far and Joel Muhaluk, K14LMY, won.

#### Announcements:

Bernie noted that Norwood Whitehurst, WA4SKV, had donated a Kenwood TS 520 and a Kenwood 2 meter radio and power supply. It was decided to keep the equipment for new hams to use especially in light of Technicians now having the same privileges a Technician Plus and being able to be on HF. John Prokop, N8MPX, will try and find a PL board for the 2 meter rig.

Terry Monday, K4ZYD, and Murray Merner, K4MHM, will co-chair Field Day this year. Please help them as much as you can.

Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, announce that the NC QSL Party will be Sunday, February 25 starting at noon local time and ending around 7:00 p.m. Location will be VOA Site C. Call sign will likely be NC4PC. Come out and enjoy. Call Dave for more details.

**Adjournment:** Dave, KG4CZV, adjourned the meeting at 2105 hours.

Respectfully submitted

*Murray Merner, K4MHM*

## BARC Board Minutes - February 2007

### Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club

#### Board Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2007

President Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, called the meeting to order at 1930 hours.

Other attendees were: Pat Williams, KG4NSC, Taylor Miller,

W4WTN, Murray Merner, K4MHM, Mike Langley, KD4MTT, John McCoy, K4KBB, Dan Drake, W4ISO, and Richard Cox, K4CRD.

**Treasure's Report:** Richard gave financial report.

**Health and Welfare:** Doug Ferris, K4ROK, is out of the hospital. Tom McLaughlin, KE4NQP, was in the hospital.

**Programs:** March meeting will be the

Vern Wegner from Batteries Plus. April may be Tar Heel Antennas. May may be the Pitt County Sheriff's Dept. Field Day will have announcements starting in March with part of the program in May and the program in June.

**Equipment:** There's a need to have a work day for the trailer in preparation for its future use. It was decided to have it Saturday April 7 at 12:30 due to events it

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will be needed for.

John McCoy noted that he purchased "cheat sheets" on the FT 897 at the FrostFest in Richmond. Copies were given to Mike to put with the radios

### Discussion:

Possible events BARC may participate in are: MS Walk, April 14, 1000 hrs to 1130 hrs.; ECU/International Festival, same date, 1000 hrs to 1700 hrs and the Dogwood Festival, weekend of April 28.

There was a brief discussion about the financial needs of the Pitt County Repeater Association. It was thought that maybe there could be a program on the repeaters.

Dave noted the raffle tickets that have been picked up at a fairly good rate. We do still need more to be picked up and sold. It was emphasized that it is important that the raffle ticket stubs be turned in no later than the Dogwood Festival.

Dave will be out of town at the date of the March Board meeting so Dan will run it - it will be located at Mike's business location. Starting with the April meeting, the Board will meet at another location because Dave's office will be moving. The new location has not been determined yet.

Mike reserved a table at the April 1 Raleigh Hamfest for BARC. There's the possibility we won't sell raffle tickets there, but it will be a good place for BARC members to hang out. The need to have a table at the March 25 Downeast Hamfest was discussed.

John has volunteered, with some help, to cook hamburgers and hotdogs for the Field Day. Of course, we will still have the pot luck too.

Murray noted he was thinking of having the theme for Field Day such as: "Involve, train, fellowship, fun, compete". There is a need to have every BARC member participate and try to involve non-BARC members too.

Meeting was adjourned at 21:00 hours

Respectfully submitted by

*Murray Merner, K4M7M*

March 2007

## MS Walk - SAT 04/14 Commercial Ad Rates

The Greenville MS Walk will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2007. The event will start in the parking lot on the north side of Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium. The five mile route runs a loop through campus and back to the stadium.

A total of 6 operators will be needed for this event. Operators will be needed from 9 am until noon. The event actually starts at 10 am. Doughnuts and coffee will be available before the event and lunch will be served after the event.

Anyone who is interested in participating in this event can contact me at 353-7161 or kg4czv @earthlink.net. - *Dave, KG4CZV*

## Trailer clean up day

BARC will be participating in the Farmville Dogwood Festival on April 28 and 29, and possible the international festival on April 14. In preparation for these events, there will be a trailer clean up day at 12:30 pm on **Saturday, April 7, 2007** at Mark's Marine. For those of you who have not been to Mark's Marine before, it is located between Greenville and Grimesland at the intersection of NC-33 and Avon Road.

We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the company as we make sure that all the equipment necessary for these upcoming events is accounted for. It is also a good learning opportunity for those who have not handled the club equipment before.

We look forward to seeing you there.

# Ham Ads

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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

- ◆ 3.571 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/>

# ***BARC***

## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

Mar 13 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Apr 24 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Mar 16 . . . . .	BARC <b>Extra</b> VE Session	Apr 28 . . . . .	<i>Ham Chatter</i> <b>Deadline</b>
Mar 24/25 . . . . .	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest	Apr 28/29 . . . . .	Dogwood Festival, Farmville
Mar 25 . . . . .	<b>Downeast Hamfest - Kinston</b>	May 8 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Mar 27 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>	May 26 . . . . .	CQ WW CW WPX Contest
Mar 31 . . . . .	<i>Ham Chatter</i> <b>Deadline</b>	May 29 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Apr 1 . . . . .	RARSFest Raleigh	Jun 2 . . . . .	<i>Ham Chatter</i> <b>Deadline</b>
Apr 7 . . . . .	Trailer clean up day - See page 7	Jun 12 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Apr 10 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Jun 15 . . . . .	BARC VE Session
Apr 13 . . . . .	BARC VE Session	Jun 23/24 . . . . .	<b>ARRL FIELD DAY</b>
Apr 14 . . . . .	MS Walk	Jun 26 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Apr 14 . . . . .	ECU/International Festival	Jun 30 . . . . .	<i>Ham Chatter</i> <b>Deadline</b>

**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  
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***Next Meeting***  
***March 13***

**March 2007**

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