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## Jack Edwards, W4DXJ, Silent Key



Jack Edwards, W4DXJ, (SK)

Everyone that knew Jack was saddened to hear about his passing, April 8, 2007. He was featured in the September 1999 issue of *Ham Chatter* so I will not repeat much of that. It can be seen on the club web site at <http://www.w4amc.com/hc/pdf/hc9909.pdf>.

Jack received his call sign, W4DXJ, in 1954 and was very active on the air. He assisted in emergency communications during Hurricane Hazel in 1954 and his dad almost fired him from his job at his dad's store because he was "playing on the radio". He was on the radio so much that he said that his wife, Rachel, told him to go back fishing!

He attended Greenville City Schools, graduated from Greenville High School in 1942, served in the US Army during World War II and earned the rank of Second Lieutenant at the age of 20. After his service, he returned to North Carolina, enrolled at UNC, and married the love of his life, Rachel Fleming. Jack graduated in 1949 with a degree in journalism. He later received a Masters in

Business from East Carolina College.

Jack began his business career as manager of his family business, Edwards Auto Supply. In the late 1950's he joined the faculty in the Business Department of East Carolina and later served as Placement Director. In 1963, he and Rachel opened the Book Barn in downtown Greenville. In 1968, they established the University Book Exchange, which has grown to be one of the most successful privately owned college bookstores

in America.

Jack, who was an avid Rotarian for over 50 years, served as the 1980-1981 Governor of District 773. He was a founder of the Greenville Noon Rotary Club in 1981.

Perhaps the most enthusiastic fan in ECU history, Jack was a charter member of the Century Club, now Pirate Club, founded in 1963 and he was a life member. As a life-long swimmer, Jack won many state championships and held many state records in the North Carolina Senior Games. He was a charter member of the St. James United Methodist Church and was active for over fifty years.

Surviving are his wife of 59 years, Rachel Fleming Edwards; daughter, Nancy Edwards; son and daughter-in-law, Don and Judy Edwards; grandchildren, Jack, Meredith, and Claire Edwards; sister, Mabel E. Minges; and nieces, Terry Minges Bryant and Connie Minges Bond.

BARC sends it's condolences to his family and many friends. - W4YDY

## Next Meeting May 8

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Part of the program will be about Field Day preparations. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*The next board meeting will be May 29 at 7:30 PM at 631 Dickinson Avenue - entrance at back of the building. All members invited.*

## BARC Provides MS Walk Communications

On Saturday, April 14, hundreds of people came to Greenville to participate in the MS Walk on the ECU Campus. Amateur Radio provided communications for the 4 mile walking route.

BARC members participating were Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**; Doug Ferris, **K4ROK**; Dave LeMoine, **KV4CN**; John McCoy, **K4KBB**; Murray Merner, **K4MHM**, and Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**.

The event was run using handheld equipment, as well as tactical call signs. This served as an exercise for future emergency communications deployments.

Phoebe Coggins and Bethany Coggins of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society pass along their thanks to all who participated for their time and effort. They also indicated that they plan to have the same event again next year, and look forward to our continued participation. - **KG4CZV**

## President's Corner Dave Pulver, KG4CZV

Ed Griffin, KA4PBX, passed away in early April. He donated all of his amateur radio belongings to BARC.

I will be bringing all of these items out to Field Day in June. At that time, all of those who are at Field Day can take a look at all of it and determine what is useable and what is not. We may have a silent auction for items that are usable.

In looking at the items, there are many vacuum tubes and other older radio equipment. There is also quite a collection of QST magazines dating back to the early 1980's.

The final numbers are not in on the 2007 raffle yet. However, at the time the drawing took place on April 29, it appeared that the net amount that the club would recognize would be greater than last year. Thank you to all who took the time to sell tickets. And a special thank you to Harold Bailey, KD4NRB, who sold close to 100 tickets at the Dogwood Festival on Saturday, April 28.

As always, you can contact me with any questions or suggestions at [president@w4amc.com](mailto:president@w4amc.com).

*Dave Pulver, KG4CZV*



# Happy Birthday

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

14 W4TEP Tom Parsons  
16 KI4BNO Eryc Cooper  
19 KB3KR J. Lawry Bennetts

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

# 10 years

This is the 120th issue of *Ham Chatter* that I have edited. None of it would have been possible if it had not been for the many contributors for the content.

Murray Merner, K4MHM and Amanda Karr, KI4IWS, have helped very much with the Meet the Member columns. I think that is one of the best ways to know about your fellow club members and get to know each other better. Everyone has a unique story.

Also, the regular columns by the club president, the minutes of meetings, ham ads, suggestions and other contributions, including pictures, have helped with getting the word out to members on club activities.

Thanks to all that have helped with *Ham Chatter*. - W4YDY

## Ham Chatter via email

Most BARC members are now getting Ham Chatter via email. Of the 81 members at this time, about 30 get Ham Chatter via snail mail. It usually arrives at their home about 3 to 5 days after it can be seen online. It goes online when it is emailed to the printer. At present, 65 members receive a notice via email when it is posted on the BARC web site. If you don't receive the notice, please send an email to [barc@w4amc.com](mailto:barc@w4amc.com). - W4YDY

## Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

**Gail**, wife of Mac Manning, KD4AFL  
**Charlie Wells**, K4SKI  
Paul Copeland, K4KCS

Please inform Dan

Drake, W4ISO, [w4iso@arrl.net](mailto:w4iso@arrl.net) of any changes.



## Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **June 15**. 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](mailto: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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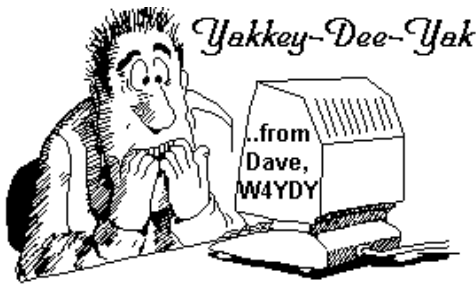
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**Jack Edwards, W4DXJ, SK**

I first got to know Jack when I worked in Greenville in 1954/55 at WNCT-TV. We talked on the radio on 75 meter AM quite often (no 2 meter FM back then) and I visited Jack and Rachel when they lived on Shady Lane in Greenville. I remember sitting on the front steps with him talking about ham radio while their children, Nancy and Don, played in the front yard.

He would tease Rachel about a popular song at the time titled, "The Naughty Lady of Shady Lane". He would just forget about the last line of the song, "And she's only NINE DAYS OLD!!!"

Jack would help anyone if he

saw the chance. In 1980, I had bought a VW in Vanceboro that needed some work before I could drive it back to my home in Conover, NC. I bought it over to Greenville for repairs. I called Jack from the dealer and told him I was in town waiting for my car. He asked if he could come over to pick me up and spend some time together. Of course I said yes. He had a little 2 seat sports car and I road around town with him while he was doing some business. Then he had to teach a class at college so he told me to drop him off at ECU and I could keep the car for the rest of the day. I called his son, Don, later that afternoon and he came over to pick up the car. The VW was not ready so I had to get a ride back to Vanceboro and back the next day to get the VW. Jack said I should have kept his car overnight!

Back in July 1975, Jack invited a lot of his Amateur Radio friends down to his cabin on the Pamlico River near Bayview and it was like a small hamfest. He furnished the BBQ, other fixings and beverages for a great meal. I don't remember how many were there but it

seemed to be around 40 to 50. He just wanted to entertain his ham buddies and have a good time meeting face to face.

I took some slides of the gathering and a dozen are now posted on the club web site. Some of you might recognize some of the old timers, although several are not with us now. Some in the pictures are present BARC members including Honorary members, Heber Adams, W4GDF and Charlie Wells, K4SKI.

Jack's son, Don, talked about how he liked to joke around. He went swimming several times a week and once when he was talking to several friends at another location, a lady that also swam at the pool the same time as Jack, came up to the group. He ignored her a few moments for everyone to gather around and then Jack said to the lady, "I'm sorry. I didn't recognize you with your clothes on!"

Jack once told me that the three R's were most important in his life. They were in order, Rachel, Rotary and Radio.

Jack will be missed by many. He was always the sunshine wherever he was but he made others feel that they were the sunshine. - W4YDY



**ARRL Update on Red Cross Background Investigations**

NEW -  
INGTON, CT,  
Apr 16, 2007 --

In March, the ARRL posted its position statement regarding the American Red Cross background check policy for volunteers. This updates information the League has obtained about that program.

ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, and Chief Technology Officer Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, met March 20 at American Red Cross offices in Washington, DC, with two attorneys from the Red Cross General Counsel's office and two management-level staff members from Red Cross Disaster Services.

ARRL asked the Red Cross staff if ARRL ARES volunteers would be subject to the American Red Cross background check if they are providing communications for more than seven days. The position of the Red Cross is that ARES volunteers would not be permitted to provide communications at a disaster site for more than seven days without

submitting to the Red Cross background check procedure.

Discussion was then held regarding the Red Cross announcement that credit checks and mode-of-living checks would not be conducted. ARRL's stated concern was that the ARC background investigation consent form states that a consumer report and/or an investigative consumer report -- which includes certain credit checks and includes mode of living checks -- will be obtained on the volunteer signing the form.

The ARRL team asked if the Red Cross would be willing to modify the consent form so that it limits the authority granted by the person signing the form to criminal background checks only. The Red Cross representatives did not indicate a willingness to modify the consent form.

The ARRL team also suggested alternatives to the Red Cross investigation firm, MyBackgroundCheck.com. ARRL was given an indication that the Red Cross is also unwilling to accept

background checks conducted by other entities, because the Red Cross would be required to compare the methodologies of its selected entity with those of the alternative background-check provider.

ARRL reiterates its recommendation that members carefully review any consent document permitting a private organization to conduct a background investigation on that person. The current Red Cross background check consent form does include permission, without further consent from the volunteer, to conduct a consumer report and/or an investigative consumer report. The Federal Trade Commission and Federal statutes define investigative consumer reports as including a mode-of-living check as well as certain credit checks.

ARRL will not suggest what organizations or agencies should or should not be supported by volunteer Amateur Radio communications. ARRL does wish to facilitate the provision of volunteer services, however. - via ARRL.ORG

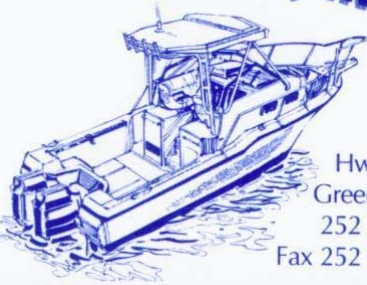
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## April VE Session Results

There were two candidates at the BARC VE Session on April 20. Frank Silverthorne, **KI4URY**, Washington, NC and Bunny M. Rose, **KI4VAL**, LaGrange, NC passed Element 3 to earn their General Class license. BARC congratulations Frank and Bunny for their accomplishment.

Frank passed the Technician Element 2 at the March BARC VE Session and joined the Brightleaf ARC at the April session.

The VE's were VE Liaison Murray Merner, K4MHM, Richard Cox, K4CRD, Michael Martin, KE4UUT, and Dave Langley, W4YDY. Murray filled in for Tom Parsons, W4TEP.

## 2007 BARC Raffle Winners

The drawing for the 2007 BARC Raffle was held on Sunday, April 29, 2007 at the Farmville Dogwood Festival. This year's grand prize was a BBQ Pro Stainless Steel Grill, Model BQ4023. The winner was **Mark's Marine** in Grimesland.

The second prize was a Craftsman socket set won by **Bill Dawson, WA4SLC**.

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## Application surge continues under new Amateur rules

It's been just a little more than two months since the FCC dropped the requirement that Amateur Radio applicants pass a Morse code test to earn operating privileges below 30 MHz. While the initial avalanche of applications immediately following February 23, when the no-Morse testing regime went into effect, has abated somewhat, business remains brisk for the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator staff.

"It's slowing down a little bit, but it's still substantially above what we usually see," observed ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. She estimated that new Amateur Radio applications were up by 35 percent, while upgrade applications were up by 150 percent over last year's volume.

In a typical pre-February 23 week, Somma said, ARRL VEC would receive paperwork from approximately 115 test sessions. "It's on the order of 150 to 200 sessions per week now!" she exclaimed. Somma and ARRL VEC staffers concurred that applications were roughly evenly split between newcomers and upgraders. She said she's also seen a spike in the number of applications from General and higher class radio amateurs to serve as volunteer examiners.

To satisfy his own curiosity, ARRL member Tommy Gober, N5DUX, compiled some FCC statistics on the number of new Technician, General and Extra licensees before and after the Morse code requirement was deleted. His numbers show the FCC issued nearly 700 more Amateur Extra, 3625 more General and 454 more Technician licenses in March 2007 than in the same month last

year.

Figures from ARRL member and ham radio statistician Joe Speroni, AH0A, indicate the total number of Amateur Extra licensees is up 1649 from March 2006 to March 2007, while the General population grew by 2668. The total number of Technician licensees dropped by 1632 during the same period, however -- and it continues to drop going into April.

Speroni's figures also show that the grand total of Amateur Radio station licenses has declined by more than 12,800 over the past two years -- to 655,048 at the end of March.

The still-heavy volume has stretched the amount of time it takes for an application to proceed from examination session to license grant. "I think we're looking at eight to ten days from the test date," Somma allowed. By and large, those on the waiting end have been patient and understanding, she added.

A staff of seven full-time and three part-time employees handle the "incoming" from Amateur Radio exam sessions across the US and from other sites where US Amateur Radio examinations are administered through ARRL VEC.

There's no light at the end of the tunnel just yet. Somma and her staff are looking ahead to 450 examination sessions registered for May, another 400 in June and 320 apiece during July and August. And summer is "the slow season," she remarked. Another 900 test sessions already are on the calendar for the rest of 2007. - *via ARRL Letter Online 4/27/07*

## Rough seas slowing Scarborough Reef (BS7H) DXpedition team

The Scarborough Reef (BS7H) DXpedition team <<http://www.scarboroughreef.com/>> will not be hitting the airwaves quite as quickly as expected. Extremely rough seas were slowing the progress of their vessel and now estimates it will arrive on Scarborough Reef Sunday morning local time (UTC = local time minus 8 hours). At 0240 UTC on April 27, the team was located some 240 nautical miles northwest of Scarborough Reef and making less-than-expected progress. The sea has been rough since departure, and there has been no maritime mobile operation. The multinational team from the US, Europe and Asia says on its Web site that it's "poised and prepared to ensure that every DXer gets a chance to make a QSO with this rare entity." Headed by ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio, W6RGG, the crew left Hong Kong April 25. Under normal conditions, the voyage takes approximately two and a half days. Upon their arrival team members will immediately assemble gear, erect antennas and announce on the Web site when operations commence. The team plans to follow propagation forecasts as closely as possible and concentrate on the bands that should provide the highest productivity to the Americas and to Western Europe. Logs <<http://www.scarboroughreef.com/srlog.html>> will be available only after the DXpedition concludes and should be uploaded to Logbook of the World <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw>> as well. . - *via ARRL Letter Online 4/27/07*

## FCC poised to cut vanity call sign fee by more than 40 percent

The FCC has proposed reducing the regulatory fee to obtain or retain an Amateur Radio vanity call sign by more than 40 percent starting later this year. In a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM), "Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2007" in MD Docket 07-81 released April 18, the Commission is proposing to cut the fee from its current \$20.80 to \$11.70. If ultimately adopted,

that would mark the lowest fee in the history of the current vanity call sign program.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 11 years of the current vanity call sign program -- from a low of \$12 to a high of \$50. The FCC says it anticipates some 14,700 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" or applications during the next fiscal year.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign but upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal last year. Those holding vanity call signs issued prior to 1996 are exempt. - *via ARRL Letter Online 4/20/07*

## BARC Meeting Minutes - April 2007

### Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club Membership Meeting Minutes VFW Hall, April 10, 2007

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

There were 29 in attendance and are listed in the roll book. Amanda Muhaluk and Tim Nelson were visitors. Dave welcomed all in attendance

**Minutes:** The minutes of the BARC membership meeting on March 13, 2007 were accepted as published in the April 2007 Ham Chatter.

**Secretary's Report:** Murray Merner, **K4MHM**, had no report.

**Treasure's Report:** Richard Cox, **K4CRD**, gave the report. Further information is available to members upon request.

**Health and Welfare:** Jack Edwards is an SK. Bernie Nobles, **WA4MOK**, commented on Jack's involvement in the community and Amateur Radio. The family noted several possible donation options. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$100 to St James Methodist Church. The motion passed. Dave Langley noted that there are several pictures of the earlier years of BARC including Jack on the BARC web site. Bob Moore, **N4USB**, asked the question if QST is notified of an SK. It was agreed that the task had not been assigned to anyone; however Dave Langley had already sent the notification to QST. The assignment will be brought up at the next Board meeting.

**Ham Chatter:** Dave Langley, **W4YDY** reported that Jack Edwards is on the front page of the May Ham Chatter. The

BARC roster is also in the April edition.

**Publicity:** Pat Williams, **KG4NSC**, had no report.

**Volunteer Examiners:** The last VE session was 3/13 and had 7 Candidates – 2 got the Tech license and 5 upgraded to General Class. The next regular VE session will be this Friday April 13 at St Peter's School at 18:30 hours.

**Equipment:** Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**, announced that there was a trailer workday on April 7 and that changes have been made to the interior configuration for easier use. In addition to Mike, John McCoy, **K4KBB**, and Murray Merner participated.

**State ARES:** Bernie Nobles remarked on the Amateur Radio State Emergency Service meeting in Raleigh on March. Probably Pitt county had the most members, 10 of the 60, from a single club. Doug Ferris, **K4ROK**, mentioned the effort for the state to adopt a digital mode for emergency use.

**Pitt County ARES:** Doug Ferris reminded us of the MS Walk this Saturday 4/14 from 09:00 to 12:00 hours. There is a need of 2 more operators. Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, has accepted the position of Asst. Emergency Coordinator – Training Officer. All members interested in ARES/RACES are encouraged to fill out the registration form - contact Doug.

**Old Business:** Dave Pulver announced that raffle tickets are still available. Sold and unsold tickets need to be submitted by Sunday 4/29.

**Announcements:** Dogwood Festival is April 28 and 29. There still some discussion about this event with Cliff Kendall. The location may cost \$270 or \$50 and located in ei-

ther the grand stand area or in the street near where we normally are. We still may or may not go.

Murray Merner reminded members that Field Day is June 23 and 24. We need as many BARC members participating as possible. The emphasis is on training.

Mike Langley brought a number of Aqua Boxes for emergency use and it keeps the enclosed water good for 5 years. A pack of 3 is \$2.00 - contact him if you would like some.

Bill Finch, **W4EHF**, is featured in QST April issue when he took his Amateur Extra exam when he was 93.

Bill Dawson, **WA4SLC**, announced the Roanoke Swap Fest in Williamston on 5/15. Bill has tickets.

#### **New Business:**

Bernie Nobles brought the need for new rotators. A motion was made by Bernie Nobles and seconded by Doug Ferris to purchase 2 Yaesu G450 Rotators with controllers, masts for the rotators, and 200 feet rotator cable with a maximum of \$750. Motion passed.

#### **Program:**

Sheriff Mac Manning, **KD4AFL**, introduced Lt Michelle Pollard of the Sheriff's Dept. and she gave an informative presentation on gang activity in Greenville and Pitt County.

#### **50 / 50 Drawing**

Paul Fletcher, **KS4YF** won.

Dave Pulver adjourned the meeting at 2100 hours.

Respectfully submitted

*Murray Merner, K4MHM*

## BARC Board Minutes - April 2007

### Brightleaf Amateur Radio club Board Meeting Minutes April 24, 2007

**Call to Order:** at 19:30 by President Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**.

**Others in Attendance:** Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**; Dave Langley, **W4YDY**; Richard Cox, **K4CRD**; Taylor Millar,

**W4WTM**; John McCoy, **K4KBB**; Pat Williams, **KG4NSC**; Murray Merner, **K4MHM**; Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**; Joel Muhaluk, **KI4LMY**.

**Treasurer Report:** by Richard Cox: Report was made and handed out

**Health and Welfare:** Paul Copeland, **K4KCS**, is to have surgery Friday. Ed Griffin, **KA4PBX**, died early April. He

had wished his equipment go to BARC. Options for the disposition of the equipment were discussed. It was decided to try and dispose of the equipment asap if there was no immediate need for it because we have no room to store it and someone else may be able to use it. The concept of a Disposition Committee was brought up.

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## BARC Board Minutes - April 2007

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**Programs:** by Taylor Millar:

- May – some time on Field Day plus another presentation
- June – Field Day
- July – Disaster preparedness

Taylor is working on several ideas including Tarheel Antennas, Pitt County Repeater Association, hospital disaster SMAT, Oakwood School Amateur Radio Society, emergency preparedness, Pitt County Emergency Management

**Ham Chatter Report:** by Dave Langley: The HC will be printed this weekend – it will be his 120<sup>th</sup> edition.

**VE Session Report:** by Murray Merner: VE session on 4/20 had two hams take the test and they upgraded to General Class. One of the hams, Frank Silverthorne, **KI4URY**, from Washington joined BARC.

**Equipment Report:** by Mike Langley: The trailer may need another clean up and organization after the Dogwood Festival. Richard requested clarification on purchased of rotators approved in membership meeting. Mike is to have Bernie Nobles, **WA4MOK**, get with Richard.

**Secretary's Report:** by Murray Merner: Since the minutes of the last Board meeting did not get into the Ham Chatter, Murray distributed them. Dan Drake had taken rough notes at that meeting and Murray put them into final form.

**Old Business:**

- Farmville Dogwood Festival is on for weekend of 4/27. Some minor set up will be Friday starting between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. The location is across from the firehouse. The tower arrangement was discussed. There may be thunderstorms.

- Field Day 6/23 and 6/24. Nothing definite on site, but there is no development there now so it looks still positive. Terry and Murray are to discuss team leadership after this meeting. John McCoy noted that he has purchased 3 poles that could be used for dipoles for Field Day – he will get with Bernie on their use.

**New Business:**

- It was brought up that nearly \$1000 was encumbered in the last membership meeting. It was felt the process was too fast given the amount of money. The need to have more deliberation over

the process was discussed. Also, the donation of \$100 to the St James Church in memory of Jack Edwards, **W4DXJ**, was discussed. There needs to be a consistent show of sympathy. It may be the bylaws need to be changed to cover these kinds of situations.

- The death of Jack Edwards also brought up the need to have someone designated to notify QST of the SK. It was suggested that the Health and Welfare person (traditionally the Second Vice-President) get permission from the family and then submit the appropriate paperwork to QST.

**Announcements:**

- Dave Pulver brought up an estate auction on 5/5 that included ham equipment and requested that it be put on the BARC web site.

- Dave also had Mike Langley go over a Notification of Insurance from our insurance company Travelers. Mike said it did not affect our insurance coverage.

- Dave brought up the need to change the Board meeting location. It was agreed to meet at his new office location on Dickinson and Eighth Street

- MS Walk on 4/14, had 6 operators: Dave Pulver, John McCoy, Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**; Murray Merner, Doug Ferris, **K4ROK**, and Dave LeMoine, **KV4CN**.

- Dave Langley brought up that the Boy Scout Camporee is to be held weekend of 4/28 at Camp Bonner North. Dave LeMoine will decide to have a station there or not.

- Interest has been expressed in starting an Elmer's class – maybe it could start in the fall.

- ARRL has a new brochure on Amateur Radio and emergencies. The cost is \$6.00 per 100. They will be ordered in time for Field Day.

Adjourned at 21:00

Respectfully submitted by

*Murray Merner, K4M7M*

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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 Ahsokie 145.13, Buxton 145.15, Columbia 146.835 & 443.30, Elizabeth City 146.655, Greenville, 145.35, Hertford 147.33, Williamston 145.41 & 444.25
- ♦ 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

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## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

May 8. . . . . **Regular Meeting**  
 May 26. . . . . CQ WW CW WPX Contest  
 May 29. . . . . **Board Meeting**  
**May 31.** . . . . . *Ham Chatter Deadline*  
 Jun 12. . . . . **Regular Meeting**  
 Jun 15. . . . . BARC VE Session  
 Jun 23/24. . . . . **ARRL FIELD DAY**  
 Jun 26. . . . . **Board Meeting**  
**Jun 28** . . . . . *Ham Chatter Deadline*  
 July 10. . . . . **Regular Meeting**

July 14/15. . . . . IARU HF World Championship  
 July 21. . . . . CQ WW VHF Contest  
 July 31. . . . . **Board Meeting**  
**Aug 2** . . . . . *Ham Chatter Deadline*  
 Aug 14. . . . . **Regular Meeting**  
 Aug 17. . . . . BARC VE Session  
 Aug 28. . . . . Board Meeting  
**Aug 30** . . . . . *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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*Next Meeting  
 May 8*

**May 2007**

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