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NC QSO Party / Skywarn Training

Next Meeting March 11

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, March 11 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. The program will be Pitt County ARES - Traffic Handling and the new ICS-213 form. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be March 25 at 7:30 PM at 631-B Dickinson Avenue - entrance at back of the building. All members invited.



Murray Merner, K4MHM, logging while Glenn Swiderski, W7GS, works CW during the NC QSO Party



Warning Coordination Meteorologist John Cole, National Weather Service

operating early on, but improved later in the afternoon. Of the 113 QSO's, 28 different North Carolina counties were contacted, along with the Azores.

Special thanks to John McCoy, K4KBB, Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, and Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, for their efforts in providing food to the group. Also, a special thanks goes to John Cole of the National Weather Service Newport office who gave a fine presentation on the Advanced Spotter Skywarn training. - *Dave Pulver, KG4CZV*

On February 24, 2008, VOA Site C played host to both the North Carolina QSO Party and Advanced Skywarn training course.

Turnout was excellent for both events. A total of 32 individuals signed in at the Skywarn training. Many were either from outside of Pitt County and/or unlicensed. Hopefully, some will decide to pursue getting their licenses.

The QSO party netted a total of 14,610 points. Although this was down from prior years (2006-37,061; 2007-29,696), there was more participation than ever before. The bands weren't co-

More QSO Party

Another North Carolina QSO Party is in the log book, and this one was the best yet. Not so much for the number of contacts, but for the participation and good food. It truly was a party this year. We made 113 contacts for a claimed score of 14,610 in the In-State Club category. This was less points than last year, but let's see how the other guys did.

Many thanks to Tod, KG4CCX, for organizing the work party to prepare the site for the event, Doug, K4ROK, and Paul, KS4YF, for access to Site C, and to Bonnie, KG4CZW, and Dave, KG4CZV, and for obtaining the food and set-up. Special thanks to the cook, John, K4KBB, and to all who participated. See you next year. - *Dave LeMoine, KV4CN*



John Cole teaches Skywarn class



John McCoy, K4KBB, cooking up some fine food with plenty of assistance for NC QSO Party operators and Skywarn class.

**Got the RED DOT?
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President's Corner, Terry Monday, K4ZYD



Why Not Upgrade Now?

What is stopping you from upgrading to the next level? There are 92 members currently on the BARC roster. Of the 92 members, 31 are Extra Class, 3 hold Advance tickets, 33 have General class tickets and 23 hold Technician licenses.

There has never been a better time than now for Technicians to upgrade their licenses. The FCC has dropped the code requirement, so all you have to do is pass the General written exam. Passing the General exam gives you HF privileges, from 10 to 160 meters. HF privileges

opens up a whole new world, literally. You will be able to work Europe, or Africa, or South America and beyond. You can get into DXing; contesting, low power DXing, county hunting, or whatever area of ham radio interest you.

Why upgrade from General to Extra Class? You already have most of the band privileges. An important part of ham radio is continuously improving your technical knowledge and operator skills. Upgrading to Extra does both. Studying for the Extra exam is a great way to increase your technical knowledge. And you may find previously unworked operators who like to work the less crowded Extra portion of the bands.

BARC's VE's give the exams every other month. The dates are published on the club's website and in the Ham Chatter.

So what are you waiting for?

Terry Monday, K4ZYD

1995 BARC Ham of the Year?

If anyone knows who the 1995 BARC Ham of the Year was or any before 1989, please let me know or email barc@w4amc.com. - W4YDY



Happy Birthday

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

3	K4KBB	John McCoy
7	W1REB	Ray Black
12	W4HM	Walter Honea
18	WB4PMQ	Macon Dail

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

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Heber Adams, W4GDF
Gail, wife of Mac Manning,
KD4AFL
Charlie Wells, K4SKI
Paul Copeland, K4KCS

Please inform Bob Moore, N4USB, n4usb@embarqmail.com of any changes.



Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **April 11**. 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.

NC ARES Internet

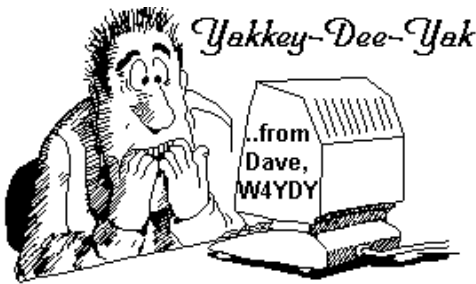
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There have been some that have expressed concern that the club rosters on the W4AMC.COM web site has addresses and phone numbers listed. That problem has been solved. The two roster files on the web site are now password protected. Emails have been sent to members with the password. If you have not received the email, it may be because either I goofed, your email had not been updated, or you have not given me your email address. Those that do not have access to a computer would not need a password anyway!

The address roster was one of many that has the addresses on the Internet. I have gone to several web sites and looked up addresses and phone numbers. All of the call sign lookup sites have the addresses. Some of the sites are QRZ.COM, WM7D.NET, Buckmaster (hamcall.net) and FCC.GOV. You can find phone numbers at switchboard.com and other

phone lookup sites. I once found a cousin that I had lost touch with and in less than 5 minutes I had his address & phone number.

The password was sent to members that have paid dues through 2008. When you pay 2008 dues, you will be sent the password. The password will be changed at least once per year, usually by April so only BARC members will have the password. Please do not give the password out to non-members.

The PDF roster files on the web site now cannot be harvested as they are encrypted and cannot be decoded unless the password is used. **The password is case-sensitive.**

Thanks to Susan Jones, WA4AKB, for suggesting that the PDF files be password protected. It's much easier to do rather than setting up a user ID and password for each member. Since I had never worked with a password protected site, the PDF solution works out better for me.

Keep the suggestions coming in to make the site better. I know that web site editors can do much better but my fee is a little less. And I mean that is a big little!!! K4ZYD generously said he would double my fee, but I just said, "keep it". That times the big bucks I'm getting now still equals zero! It's still behind inflation! - YDY

Rod Dinkins, AC6V (SK)



Rod Dinkins, AC6V, of Oceanside, California, passed away Saturday, February 16. An ARRL member, he was 77. Many hams considered Dinkins, the author and

developer of the Web site www.ac6v.com, <<http://www.ac6v.com>> to be the final word on anything to do with ham radio. His Web site has more than 130 pages covering thousands of Amateur Radio-related topics, everything from amps (A) to impedance (Z); some hams have said that if a topic is not found on or linked to Dinkins' Web site, it's safe to say that topic does not exist in the Amateur Radio world. Dinkins was also the author of a number of ham radio books, including "FM101x: Using FM Repeaters" and "DX101x: HF + 6 Meters DXing." Dinkins started in radio in the late 1940s with his Knight Kit Ocean Hopper receiver, listening in to the ham bands. In 1977, he received his Amateur Radio license with call sign WA6WTO. He served as an Aviation Electronics Technician from 1951-1955. Re-entering civilian life, Dinkins spent four years as an electronics instructor, followed by two years as a vocational electronics teacher at a junior college. For more than 30 years, Dinkins worked in the aerospace industry as an electronics technical writer. He was a member of the San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) and the Palomar Amateur Radio Club (PARC), and was the former newsletter editor of the Northern California DX Club (NCDXC). Son Jeff has hosted his father's Web site for the past five years and has plans to keep it up and running; Jeff plans on getting his Amateur Radio license and applying for his father's call sign. Dinkins is survived by his wife Karla, sons Jeff and Steve and two grandchildren, Rory and Ewan. - via ARRL Letter Online 2/22/08

Editors Note: I have used the AC6V site many times when I was looking for any type of information about Amateur Radio. Some have called it "Amateur Radio's Google" site since it has so much information. It's great news that his son plans to keep it running. Several had offered to run it before it was announced that his son would do it. - W4YDY

FCC Changes "Lockbox Bank" for Vanity Call Sign Payments

As of February 14, 2008, U.S. Bank has replaced Mellon Bank as the lockbox bank for all FCC programs (with the exception of auction-related payments). Applicants who manually file FCC paper applications via mail -- usually for new vanity call signs or for renewal of vanity call signs -- will need to send payments to U.S. Bank. Amateurs filing paper applications for a new Vanity Call Sign Applications need to submit FCC Payment Form 159 and the FCC Regulatory Fee <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vanityfee.html>>, along with the FCC Form 605 and FCC Form 605 Schedule D. After completing all required forms, mail them along with the payment to the address of the Commission's new lockbox bank: Federal Communications Commission, PO Box 979097, St Louis, MO 63197-9000. When submitting fees, payments or applications to the lockbox bank, filers should specifically reference the Govern-

ment Lockbox number - 979097 -- on the 159 payment form. U.S. Bank will accept hand-delivered filings or courier deliveries at their office located at U.S. Bank, attn: FCC Government Lockbox Number 979097, SL-MO-C2-GL, 1005 Convention Plaza, St Louis, MO 63101. According to ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, "The FCC has also established a 45-day transition period that began on February 14 to mitigate the transition's impact and to provide time to resolve any reconciliation and change-over discrepancies." The FCC strongly encourages the use of their electronic filing and payment options. Electronic payments can be submitted through their secure Web site <<http://www.fcc.gov/fees/feefiler.html>>. Electronic payments allow for faster processing of applications. Further info can be found on FCC Web Site <<http://www.fcc.gov/fees/lockbox.html>>. - via ARRL Letter Online 2/15/08

FCC denies petitions to bring back Morse code testing

In a "Memorandum Opinion and Order" (MOO) <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-08-59A1.pdf> released February 28, the FCC denied two petitions calling for General or Amateur Extra license applicants to demonstrate proficiency in Morse code. In December 2006, the FCC released a "Report and Order" (R&O) <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-178A1.pdf> in the "Morse code proceeding," WT Docket 05-235, that eliminated Morse code testing as of February 23, 2007.

The "R&O" amended Section 97.501 to remove the telegraphy requirement. In reaching this decision, the FCC noted in the R&O that "one of the fundamental purposes underlying our Part 97 rules is to accommodate amateur radio operators' ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art, and that the Commission had previously concluded that an individual's ability to demonstrate Morse code proficiency is not necessarily indicative of his or her ability to contribute to the advancement of the radio art." The FCC also noted that another fundamental purpose underlying Part 97 rules is "to enhance the value of the amateur service to the public, particularly with respect to emergency communications, and that the Commission had previously concluded that most emergency communication today is performed using voice, data, or video modes, because information can be exchanged much faster using modes of communication other than telegraphy."

The Commission therefore concluded that requiring an individual to demonstrate Morse code proficiency as a licensing requirement "did not further the purposes of the Part 97 rules." The Commission also found that this reasoning applied equally to the General Class and the Amateur Extra Class, so "it rejected suggestions that the Morse code requirement be eliminated for the General Class license but retained for the Amateur Extra Class license."

In the wake of the FCC's actions in WT Docket 05-235, two amateurs submitted separate petitions to the FCC, asking them to bring back the testing. An-

thony R. Gordon, KG6EQM, of West Covina California, objected to the FCC eliminating the telegraphy examination element as an examination requirement for the Amateur Extra Class operator license. Russell D. Ward, W4NI, of Nashville, Tennessee, requested the FCC reconsider their decision for "strictly procedural" reasons.

Gordon asserts that "the failure to keep the Morse code telegraphy requirement intact, at least as a required examination element for the Amateur Extra Class operator license, fails to take into consideration the significant national security implications that require retaining adequate examination safeguards to insure the viability that Morse code telegraphy provides, not only to the Amateur service, but the nation as well." Gordon argues that the requirement should be retained so that amateur operators can act as "a 'strategic reserve,'" because there is "no assurance that...voice or digital modes will even be operationally viable in future emergency communication environments."

The FCC was not persuaded, however, that eliminating the Morse code examination element will affect national security or emergency communications. "We agree with the commenters who point out that requiring applicants to pass a one-time telegraphy examination did not and would not guarantee a supply of skilled telegraphy operators. Moreover, nothing in the Commission's decision prevents an interested amateur radio operator from pursuing Morse code proficiency."

The FCC reiterated their prior conclusion that "an individual's ability to demonstrate Morse code proficiency does not further the underlying purposes of the Part 97 rules, i.e., to accommodate individual contributions to the advancement of the radio art and to enhance the value of the amateur service to the public. Accordingly, we deny the petition."

In the MOO, Ward states that he "encountered difficulty" in submitting his comments and reply comments to the NPRM electronically and that his filings were not posted on the ECFS (the Commission's electronic filing system) until

after the deadlines had passed. He asserts that "there is no certainty that the Commission considered his comments and reply comments, that the late posting of his comments prevented others from replying to them, and that it is 'quite likely that other comments were treated improperly.'" As a result, Ward requested that the FCC "stay the proceeding, reopen the record and reconsider the NPRM after the close of the extended comment period."

The FCC claims that all comments in the ECFS "were considered before the Commission adopted the Report and Order, regardless of the how or when they were filed. Moreover, many of the 3900 comments and reply comments expressed the same view as Mr. Ward, so the substance of his views unquestionably was replied to and considered. Finally, he provides no evidence that ECFS mishandled other comments. No other party has complained that his or her comments were not received. We conclude, therefore, that reopening the proceeding for additional comments is not justified, and we deny the petition."

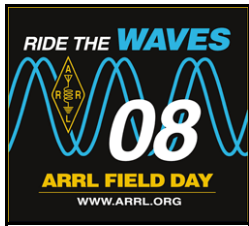
In summary, the FCC said neither petition asserted "any grounds for reconsidering" the decision in the Report and Order. "We believe that the actions taken therein will allow amateur service licensees to better fulfill the purpose of the amateur service, and will enhance the usefulness of the amateur service to the public and licensees." - *via ARRL Letter Online 2/29/08*

February VE Session Results

Two BARC members attended the BARC VE Session on February 15. Allen Stocks, **KI4UCZ**, Winterville, passed the exam to upgrade to General Class. David Bowers, Belhaven, passed the Technician and General license exams. David received his new General Class license and call sign, **KJ4CDO**, on February 20. Allen and David recently joined BARC.

The VE's were VE Liaison Tom Parsons, **W4TEP**, Michael Martin, **KE4UUT**, Murray Merner, **K4MHM**, Bob Moore, **N4USB**, and Dave Langley, **W4YDY**.

2008 Field Day Web Page Good to Go



The official 2008 ARRL Field Day Web page <[http:// www.arrl.org/FieldDay](http://www.arrl.org/FieldDay)> is up and running. The page includes a summary of available resources, with links to Field Day forms and rules, logos and reference links. There is also a link for ordering commemorative Field Day T-shirts, pins and other supplies. ARRL Sales and Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, said supplies will begin shipping in early March, but it's not too early to place a pre-order now. Radio clubs are encouraged to order early. - via ARRL Letter Online 2/22/08

Ham Ads

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For Sale: Short tower, needs to be taken down. Astron RE-50M Power Supply. Call Walter Verdick, 252-758-2809 or email [walt20 @ embarq.com](mailto:walt20@embarq.com)

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BARC Meeting Minutes - February 2008

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club Regular Membership Meeting Minutes February 12, 2008

Call to Order: President Terry Monday, K4ZYD, at 19:40 hours. There were 36 members and visitors present and are listed in the roll book. A quorum was present.

Minutes: Minutes of the Member Meetings on Jan 8, 2008 were accepted as published in the February Ham Chatter.

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

Health and Welfare: Doug Ferris, K4ROK, and Paul Copeland, K4KCS, were able to attend the meeting – welcome back.

Volunteer Examiners: Next testing session is February 15 at St Peters School library at 18:30.

State ARES and Eastern Branch: Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, reported that Regions 1 and 2 met in Columbia Feb 9. Next meeting is Saturday, May 10. State meeting will be Saturday, May 3 possibly at the state EOC. A hurricane exposition will be May 31 in Elizabeth City. The

relocation of the station at Eastern Branch in Kinston is completed. Coax is being run – they need more coax.

Pitt County ARES: The NC QSO Party will be Sunday Feb 24 and we will have a station at VOA Site C. We will start at 12:00. The antennas need work and the room needs to be cleaned up. A cleanup party will begin at 09:00, please come and help. A SkyWarn Advanced program will begin at 13:00 there also that day.

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley, W4YDY, reported that postage may go up in May adding to the costs of mailing out the Ham Chatter. Names for the Meet the Member column are needed.

Old Business: The Board is working on our Constitution.

The Board decided to have a GPS as the raffle prize. A motion was made and seconded to have the GPS as the prize costing between \$200 and \$300. The vote was unanimous in favor. The ticket will be chosen at dinner time of Field Day on June 28.

New Business: Field Day is June 28 and 29. Terry Monday asked for volunteers to sign up as Team Leaders and Assistant Team Leaders.

Announcements:

Kinston Downeast Hamfest is Sunday, Apr 6. It will be located at Lenoir Community College. Advance tickets for \$4.00 each or 3 for \$10.00 are available from Byron Highland, K4BMH, or at the door for \$5.00.

Dues are due. If not paid by April then Ham Chatters mailed or e-mailed will contain a red dot for those who haven't renewed and it will be the last edition of Ham Chatter that will be sent.

The W1VOA call sign has been renewed by Tom Parsons, W4TEP – thanks Tom.

Tim Nelson, WA4TMN, has been named chairperson of the Pitt County United Way – thanks for your community involvement.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Bill Finch, W4EHF, won.

Program: John McCoy, K4KBB, presented on a couple of online programs to learn WC.

Adjournment: Terry Monday adjourned the meeting at 21:10 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Murray Merner, K4MHM

BARC Board Minutes - February 2008

Brightleaf Amateur Radio club Board Meeting Minutes February 26, 2008

Call to Order: at 19:40 hours by President Terry Monday, K4ZYD.

Board Members Present: Bob Moore, N4USB (First Vice-President); Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX (Second Vice-President); Dave Pulver, KG4CZV (Trustee); Richard Cox, K4CRD (Treasurer) and Murray Merner, K4MHM (Secretary). A quorum is present.

Others in Attendance: Dave Langley, W4YDY; Pat Williams, KG4NSC; Mike Langley, WD4MTT; John McCoy, K4KBB and Taylor Millar, W4WTM.

Minutes: Board meeting minutes of December 18, 2007 and January 29, 2008 were approved as published in the Ham Chatter.

Treasurer's Report: Richard made the report and it is available to members upon request. Motion that NC QSO expenses of about \$150.00 be reimbursed out of the Misc. line item was made. Motion seconded and passed with one Nay. Terry brought up that our new Constitution will prohibit such expenditures so quickly without it being in the budget or without it being approved in advance.

Health and Welfare: Heber Adams, W4GDF, had a pace maker operation. He is back home now. The .09 repeater uses his call sign. David Cox's, KG4WEU, mother-in-law died. Bill Dawson's, WA4SLC, father died. Bob will send out cards

Programs: Ted reported that the March program will be on the NIMS message Form IC213

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley reported

that members that have not paid their dues by the March issue of Ham Chatter will get a Red Dot and unless dues are paid by April they will stop getting the Ham Chatter.

New Member: Jeffery Meyer, K4PBQ, Extra Class, Nominated for membership in BARC; Seconded; Passed.

Old Business:

Raffle tickets are being worked on by Dave Pulver. Wording was completed. Printing may be done at less cost this year. Mike Langley will look into the purchase of the GPS now so we will have it at the time of the drawing at supper at Field Day and have it to show when we are selling tickets. The Garmin brand was preferred. Cost range is to be \$275.00 to \$325.00 plus tax.

Non profits have to file an e-post

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BARC Board Minutes continued

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card. Ours is due 8-31-2008. Terry will file it.

A draft of the proposed changes to our Constitution and Bylaws written by Dave Pulver was discussed. Revisions were made. Motion to present the draft to the Membership at March meeting was made; seconded; passed. Vote by Membership will be at April Membership meeting.

New Business:

Murray presented a new membership roll book to be used when the current one is filled.

Special Service Club status has expired in 2002. Dave Pulver submitted a renewal in November 2007.

Bob Moore brought up some concerns. 1. The BARC web site has member information on it: name, address, phone, e-mail address. Dave Langley noted that the e-mail addresses are set up in a way to prevent "harvesting". Other information is available over the Internet i.e., FCC, QRZ. Dave will ask his daughter, Susan Jones, WA4AKB, to look into the possibility of a password for Members only to have access to that info. Members have the option of not having information on the web site. Contact Dave if you want something deleted. The BARC Membership registration form will be changed have a box to not include info on the web site.

2. The Pitt County Repeater Association needs money. A motion was made by Bob to give them some money. Motion died for lack of a second. There was much discussion about the organizational structure of PCRA and there have been invitations for them to come to the BARC meeting to talk about the repeater and their financial needs.

Field Day: Terry noted that 10 of the 20 the Team Leaders positions had been filled.

Announcements:

Adjournment: by Terry Monday at 21:00 hours

Respectfully Submitted,

Murray Merner, K4M7EM

2008 Dues

Membership dues for BARC are due January 1. Those who have not paid their dues will not be listed on the roster and will be removed from the Ham Chatter mailing list starting in April. 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.pdf>.

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@embarqmail.com. Thank you for your support and participation in BARC.

The dreaded RED DOT!

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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 2000 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 Ahoskie 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.

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- ◆ 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

Mar 11 **Regular Meeting**
 Mar 25 **Board Meeting**
 Mar 27 *Ham Chatter Deadline*
 Mar 29/30. CQ WW SSB WPX Contest
 Apr 6. Down East Hamfest, Kinston
 Apr 8. **Regular Meeting**
 Apr 11. BARC VE Session 6:30 PM
 Apr 12. RARS hamfest, **DATE CHANGE**
 Apr 25/27 Farmville Dogwood Festival
 Apr 29. **Board Meeting**
 May 1 *Ham Chatter Deadline*
 May 13 **Regular Meeting**
 May 27 **Board Meeting**

May 29 *Ham Chatter Deadline*
 May 24/25. CQ WW WPX Contest, CW
 June 10. **Regular Meeting**
 June 13. BARC VE Session 6:30 PM
 June 24. **Board Meeting**
 June 28/29 **Field Day**
 July 3. *Ham Chatter Deadline*
 July 8. **Regular Meeting**
 July 12/13 IARU HF World Championship
 July 29. **Board Meeting**
 July 31. *Ham Chatter Deadline*

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

BARC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone
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 BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATIONS

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March 2008
Next Meeting
March 11

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