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Amateur Radio "only fail-safe system" of communication

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Division and Section ARRL Leadership Prepared for Gustav

During a Sunday evening conference call among ARRL leadership volunteers in the Delta, West Gulf and Southeastern Divisions and several members of the ARRL staff, Mississippi Section Manager Malcolm Keown, W5XX, reported: "We're as ready as we're ever going to be."

That pretty much summed up the division and section-level response to Hurricane Gustav, which is forecast to make landfall in Louisiana overnight as either a Category 3 or Category 4 hurricane. Louisiana SM Gary Stratton, K5GLS, who was not able to join the conference call, was at an Emergency Operations Center in Baton Rouge.

Alabama SM Jay Isbell, KA4KUN, reported that Amateur Radio operators are staffing the EOCs in his state. Shelters have been set up to accommodate evacuees from New Orleans. Providing a sense of the ferocity of Hurricane Gustav, ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, told the group that Arnie Coro, CO2KK, has reported that while Havana escaped the worst of the storm, western Cuba experienced wind gusts of 340 km/hour. Coro said it was the worst hurricane to hit western Cuba since 1944.

Asked by a local TV news reporter who was observing the conference call at ARRL Headquarters how things were different now than during the Katrina disaster of 2005, Keown replied: "Since Katrina, we've put Memoranda of Understanding in place, and we've tried to do all our homework ahead of time. We've been a lot more proactive in recruiting ham radio operators [who can provide emergency communications support]."

Hurricane Watch Net Activates

The National Hurricane Center's Hurricane Watch Net posted this information on August 31:

"Sunday, August 31 the net plans to activate at 1500EDT (1900UTC) for the purpose of establishing a list of available reporting stations along the northern Gulf Of Mexico shores beginning Monday morning as extremely dangerous hurricane Gustav is forecast to make landfall in that area. At this moment it seems for sure that we will activate again at first band opening on Monday morning (0800 EDT, 1200 UTC)."

The Hurricane Watch Net is using these frequencies during the Hurricane Gustav emergency:

- * 20 meters: 14.325 MHz USB
- * Main frequency during Hurricanes -- 40 meters: 7.268 MHz LSB
- * Water Way Net (secondary frequency)
- Maritime Mobiles Net -- 80 meters: 3.815 MHz
- * Caribbean Net (alternates: 3.950 North Florida / 3.940 South Florida)

Amateur Radio EchoLink/IRLP

- * EchoLink Conference "WX-TALK" Node 7203
- * IRLP Node 9219
- * West Gulf Emergency Health and Welfare Net: 7.290 LSB Day, 3.395 LSB Night

Please respect the Nets and do not transmit if you have nothing truly important to contribute. There is a 72 hour moratorium on inbound Health and Welfare traffic.

Excerpts from ARRL.ORG as storm approached.

Next Meeting September 9

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, September 9 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville.

The program will be "Weather Folklore", presented by Dave Pulver, KG4CZV. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

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

August VE Session Results

Seven candidates attended the August 15 VE session and all seven were successful. Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, upgraded to General and the other six passed the Technician exam. They were Brenda Malinauskas, **KJ4GDS**, Greenville, James Yarborough, **KF4GDQ**, Edenton, Cecil Turner, **KJ4GDO**, Greenville, Justin Thornton, **KJ4GDN**, Lagrange, and BARC members Gene Alexeff, **KJ4GDP**, Greenville, and Stanley Barney, **KJ4GDR**, Grimesland. The new call signs and license were assigned on August 21, 2008. Congratulations to all.

The VE's were VE Liaison Tom Parsons, **W4TEP**, Bob Moore, **N4USB**, Murray Merner, **K4MHM**, Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, Richard Cox, **K4CRD** and Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**.

The next regular VE session is October 10, one week earlier than usual due to facility conflict.

President's Corner, Terry Monday, K4ZYD

Shelby Hamfest

Just returned from the Shelby Hamfest. I had a great time.

I rode up with John McCoy and stayed at the Hamfest in his camper. The Hamfest moved to a new location this year, to Dallas in Gaston County. While there was a lot of concern about the Hamfest moving from the Cleveland County fair county grounds, the new location was great.

This was actually the third location where I have attended the Shelby Hamfest. The first time I went to the Hamfest it was held at the old park down by the river outside of Shelby. The Hamfest out grew this location and moved to the fairgrounds.

But, the Hamfest is still great no matter where it is held. There is still row after row of used gear, new gear and gear that I have no earthly idea what it is, but it is exactly what someone is looking for. Equipment vendors were displaying the newest radios and answering questions about existing gear (Icom has a new hand held and Christmas is just around the corner...).



Happy Birthday

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

1	KG4NSC	Pat Williams
1	KC4ROR	Rose Wainwright
2	N4USB	Bob Moore
5	KQ2V	Br. Simon Jaworski
6	KD4MTT	Mike Langley
8	KD4NRB	D. Harold Bailey
20	W4FA	John Schultz
24	W4OZV	Hassell Bailey
29	KC3X	Hollis Thigpen
29	WA7FXB	Albert Sanchez

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

However, the heart of the Hamfest is the small groups of hams standing around, talking, catching up with each and sharing information. This is what ham radio is all about. I have heard it said that Ebay and the internet will make hamfests obsolete. A quick Google search and you can find someone selling whatever you are looking for. But the internet will never replace the interaction between a group of hams sharing a common interest, swapping stories and sharing information.

So let me suggest that you start making plans to go to next year's Hamfest and join in the fun.

Terry Monday, K4ZYD

Shelby Hamfest comments by the club

The Shelby Amateur Radio Club posted some comments and a big "Thank You!" to attendees. To see them, go to: <http://www.shelbyhamfest.com/>. One of the statements was: "We don't have definite numbers for attendance yet, but feel that our attendance was UP significantly this year as you all came to show support for our efforts to keep the Shelby Hamfest "alive"! If you went, they want your comments.

Email chairman@shelbyhamfest.org

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Charlie Wells, K4SKI

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 **October 10**. 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 ORIGINAL and COPIES of your Amateur Radio license and / or CSCE if upgrading.

VE Session 1 week early on

October 10

NC ARES Internet

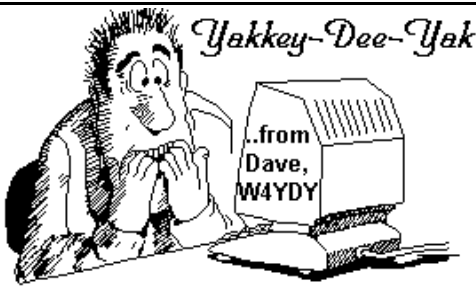
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As some may have heard, the Shelby Hamfest on Labor Day weekend was not in Shelby or Cleveland County for the first time in over 50 years. It was at Biggerstaff Park in Dallas, NC, about 20 miles East of Shelby. It's only 3 miles North of I-85 in Gastonia.

Murray, K4MHM, and I drove up Friday and arrived shortly after 2 PM. We stopped at an I-85 rest stop near Lexington and as I was getting ready to get out of the car, my door was opened by someone. Looked up and it was Bernie, WA4MOK! He was also on the way to the hamfest. After Murray and I checked in at the motel, we went out to the hamfest site to check it out. Before the Saturday and Sunday show, there were many there already set up in the flea market including some dealers.. We got a chance to check out the new location and see the layout. It was Murray's first Shelby Hamfest and he stated that he really enjoyed it. I think this was the 52th Shelby Hamfest. I don't know how many I have been to but I first went in the 1950's when it was in Brackett's Cedar Park. Went several times while living in Raleigh, almost every year while living in Catawba County and over 10 times since I moved to Greenville. I figure that I have been to

around 30 of the 52 Shelby Hamfests and always enjoy seeing friends from all over the state. I think the new location is the best yet. I have seen the hamfest grow from several hundred to several thousand.

They have parking in a field next to the park and overflow parking a block away at Gaston College with shuttle service. We were told that they didn't expect the overflow parking would be needed until about 11 AM. Murray and I got there about 8 AM and the field was half full. Talked to a friend that arrived at 9 AM and he had to use overflow parking. The crowds were larger than expected. It was reported that they thought the crowd would be smaller than last year but now it looks to them that the crowd was somewhat bigger than the last year at the fairgrounds in Shelby. They'll know when they count the final total.

One of the nicest things about the new location is the new dealer area. In Shelby, it was in a long narrow building with big fans. It had narrow isles and it was hot! In Dallas, it's in a very nice air conditioned building with wide isles.

John, K4KBB, and Terry, K4ZYD, arrived Friday morning and set up John's camper with an electric hookup. Murray and I got up with them by calling John on the cell phone and Terry on 2 meters. Friday night, my daughter, Susan, WA4AKB, Murray and I were at the Cracker Barrel and we saw Bill, W4EHF, and Bill, Jr., AI4TN, arrive. They were surprised to run into us. Saw them again the next day at the hamfest. I did see the parked car of Bob, N4USB, but never did see Bob. Of course when we saw Bernie

on Saturday morning, he was at the Tarheel Antenna booth talking to Robert Young, NC4ME. Murray picked up a few goodies and I bought a few connectors and got a free hat. Many major manufactures and dealers were there. HRO had a big display area and all the dealers seemed to be doing a good business.

From the comments I heard while I was there, everyone was very happy with the new location. Also, local newspaper reports were very favorable. Saw a TV station doing interviews. Gaston County businesses were very happy with the crowds. One fast food restaurant nearby said that they had about 3 times the regular business all day. There was a steady line ordering food. A restaurant in Shelby reported that their best weekend of the year was now their worst. Somebody over in Cleveland County really messed up!

The Shelby club has contracted to have the hamfest will be there for the next four years. There is plenty of room to expand as it looked that about half or less of the park space was used. Another advantage over the old fairgrounds are the many trees to find some shade. There are no trees at the fairground in Shelby. Looks like the Shelby Amateur Radio Club hit a home run! But there are always some that do not like change.

Murray and I were kind of tired and hot a little after 1 PM so we left and had lunch. We had to beat the traffic in Charlotte because the ECU-VT football game was in Charlotte. We got back to Greenville about 7 PM. It was a fun weekend for me. Looking forward to next year, if we can get a loan for gas!. - W4YDY

Station manager explains NN3SI's silence

ARRL has received numerous e-mails asking for information on why NN3SI <<http://americanhistory.si.edu/events/programdetail.cfm?newskey=48>>, the Amateur Radio station at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History (NMAH) was closed after more than 32 years of operation <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/07/30/10231/?nc=1>>. According to Hal Wallace, NN3SI Station Manager and Associate Curator for the Museum's electricity collections, there will be no appropriate place to house the station once the Museum reopens this fall after

undergoing an extensive renovation.

"NN3SI ceased operating from the National Museum of American History on July 31," Wallace told the ARRL. "As you may know, NMAH has been undergoing a renovation of the building's infrastructure and interior for some time. The renovation forced us to remove the Information Age exhibition -- the station's home since 1990. We placed the station in a temporary location for the duration of the renovation but it cannot remain there when we reopen to the public later this year. The Information Age exhibit will not be reinstalled, and since we have no other appro-

priate exhibition areas within the Museum, the station had to cease operations at NMAH. Various alternate locations throughout the Smithsonian have been considered but none are viable at this time."

Wallace said that the station's license is valid until 2013 and its equipment will go into storage: "John Johnston, W3BE -- NN3SI's trustee -- assures me that a renewal of the license would not be an issue if we need one. Should a suitable exhibition area elsewhere in the [Smithsonian] Institution be found, we will be able to reactivate the NN3SI activity." - *via ARRL Letter Online 8/8/08*

Section SET is October 4

The 2008 North Carolina Section Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be held Saturday, October 4 from 8 am to 12 noon. The test scenario will involve a major hurricane hitting our coast, causing widespread flooding along the coast and into the piedmont area. The mountains will also experience landslides due to heavy rainfall. Many portions of our state will suffer from power outages and communications disruptions. Less affected areas of the piedmont will have to deal with an influx of evacuees from other areas. The Tarheel Emergency Net will be active on 3.927 MHz from 8 am, opening

immediately after the North Carolina Morning Net. We'll move to 7.232MHz if needed because of propagation. The Tennessee and South Carolina Sections are holding their SET on the same date and we will send liaisons to their section nets. I encourage everyone to hold their local SET the same day as the section event so that we can more accurately simulated a regional disaster. But local SET's can be held anytime from September to January, just make sure your results are reported to headquarters by January 30, 2009.

In last year's SET, North Carolina scored fifth in the nation for ARES activity

and third for SET net activity. We achieved these strong results with only nine ARES groups and five nets reporting! This means we can improve our score significantly and raise our national ranking if only a few more nets and ARES groups participate! The 2007 results were printed on 63-64 in the July issue of QST. Don't forget that the annual SET is a great public relations opportunity. Your local public information officer or our section PIC, Bill Morine, N2COP (n2cop@ec.rr.com), can help with these efforts. - *via July North Carolina Section News via Tim Slay, N4IB*

Liability concerns of ARES members



Many ARRL affiliated clubs take advantage of ARRL's liability insurance program and this helps if the ARES event or activity is club sponsored. But not all ARES groups in our state work so closely with a radio club and I've been asked what other protections are available. Although I'm not a lawyer and can't give anyone any legal advice, I did want to share a response to this concern that was written by ARRL General Counsel, Chris Imlay, W3KD to our division director, Dennis Bodson, W4WPF. Thanks to Dennis for sharing this:

"ARES members can be reasonably assured that their volunteer activities in ARES on behalf of served agencies, if those activities are conducted in accordance with the ARRL's protocols for ARES operation, are protected to a large extent from liability exposure without any liability insurance at all. This is by virtue of the Federal Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 (VPA), 42 U.S.C. Section 14503, Public Law 105-19, Section 4. This statute, which ARRL successfully lobbied for more than ten years ago, provides that volunteers acting within the scope of their vol-

unteer responsibilities for a nonprofit organization or governmental entity are not liable for harm caused by an act or omission. The volunteer has to have been acting within the scope of the volunteer's responsibilities in the nonprofit organization (which ARRL is, and which the ARES program is a part) at the time of the act or omission. They have to have been properly licensed, certified or authorized to perform the acts within the scope of the volunteer's activities (in the context of providing emergency or disaster relief communications, this means no more than FCC licensing in the Amateur Service, but ARES participants would be well advised to also complete the Emergency Communications Certification program that the ARRL offers). The VPA does not protect the volunteer from liability caused by the volunteer's gross negligence or willful or reckless acts that cause injury, but it does protect against ordinary negligence. Virtually all liability insurance has the same exclusions. Finally, the VPA does not protect against liability caused by the operation of a boat, car or aircraft, for which an operator's license is required. This exclusion is because if there is an operator's license, the vehicle has to be insured anyway, so there is no need to include this class of protection. If an ARES group does not want to rely solely on the VPA, they can organize and qualify as an ARRL affiliated club, and purchase the ARRL's affiliated club liability insurance. That plan, called the ARRL Club Liability Insurance Plan, covers lawsuits resulting from bodily injury and property

damage at ARRL affiliated club-sponsored activities. That insurance is priced on the basis of the number of members as well as other factors such as activities and risk. The insurance is available, but only if [an ARES group] organizes into a club and has the requisite number of ARRL members within its roster (and the club would have to keep an official roster of members, current at all times, to prove their continued eligibility to remain an ARRL affiliated club) and do all things necessary to become an ARRL affiliated club. The affiliated club liability program is well-suited for ARES groups that are formally organized (that does not mean incorporated necessarily), and those members of ARES who for whatever reason choose not to become ARRL members would still enjoy the insurance coverage, provided that the ARES group remains at all times an ARRL-affiliated club. If the club loses affiliated club status, of course, the liability eligibility lapses as well.".....from Chris Imlay, W3KD, ARRL General Counsel.

It's also worthwhile to note that Gov. Easley recently signed SB 1766: "An act to provide liability protection for private associations, private corporations, and private nonprofit entities and organizations when responding to in-state incidents..." It's my understanding that this bill should provide some protection for us when we're working as volunteers under state emergency management, but I encourage you to read the bill yourself. - *via July North Carolina Section News via Tim Slay, N4IB*

ANTENNA ROMANCE ... From The Internet

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married.
The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
Since they were a perfect match, soon they generated harmonics.
Wrapped the harmonics in dipoles.
But later the harmonics turned out to be parasitic elements.

The true story -- she was a tri-bander and he felt trapped, so they went on separate beam headings


Ham Ads

Ham Ads will be run, free of charge in Ham Chatter for three months for each renewal. Ads must be received by the last week of the month to be included in the following issue. Send ads to: **Ham Chatter, PO Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835, ATTN: Dave Langley** or email to: barc@w4amc.com (no spaces)

Wanted: Old model 15 or 28 teletype. If you have one or know of one, please call Dave, KV4CN 353-8523. Thanks.

For Sale: Ten-Tec 9- Band Shortwave (regenerative) Receiver with speaker. Has internal battery holder or can use 12 VDC external power supply (not included). Electronic switching, 1.8 MHz to 22 MHz. All documentation included. Bought kit for \$60 and put it together - will sell for \$45. Murray, K4MHM 757-3429.

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BARC Meeting Minutes - August 2008

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club
Membership Meeting Minutes
 August 12, 2008

Call to Order: President Terry Monday, K4ZYD at 1930 hours.

Introductions: There were 32 members and visitors present and are listed in the roll book. A quorum was present.

Program: John Cole of the NWS located at Newport, NC presented on severe weather. Thanks John.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Murray Merner, K4MHM, won.

Minutes: Minutes of the Member Meeting of 18 July 2008 were approved as published in the August Ham Chatter.

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

Health and Welfare: No report.

Ham Chatter: No Report.

Public Information: There was a notice in the paper of this month's meeting

Volunteer Examiners: Next session will be this Friday, 15 August at St Peters School library at 1830 hrs.

Equipment: No report. Reminder: Any member may borrow the club equipment. This is encouraged for members to become familiar with the equipment. Sign it out, take care of it and bring it back.

State ARES: Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, reported that Bill 1766 in the NC General Assembly provides Amateur Radio Operators liability coverage when activated for in state incidences. For copies or more information contact Bernie. Areas 1 and 2

will meet at the Golden Skillet in Plymouth. The program has not been determined yet. The NC SET will be 4 Oct this year – the same date as the national SET – from 0800 hrs to 1200 hrs. NC, TN and SC will be participating in a scenario that will include 2 hurricanes coming from different direction. The Tar Heel Emergency Net will start on 3.927 MHz then move to 3.923 MHz, if possible, or go to 7.232 MHz if necessary. Members are encouraged to man sites and be portable to send messages to Eastern Branch, State EOC. Using VHF and Winlink are also encouraged.

Pitt County ARES: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Nominating Committee will be meeting to establish slate for the election of officers. If you have an interest in any position let Terry know. Nominations will be made at the September meeting and elections will be during the October meeting.

The need for QSL cards for the various call signs of the club was expressed. This item was tabled for the Board to consider.

The Kilarney Ham Radio Club in Ireland is to participate in the lighthouse contest this weekend their call sign is EI4KARG. Look for them on 20 m.

Selling decorator candles was suggested as a possible revenue source.

Adjourn: Terry Monday adjourned the meeting at 2105 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Murray Merner, K4MHM

BARC Board Minutes - August 2008

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club
Board Meeting Minutes
 August 26, 2008

Call to Order: President Terry Monday, K4ZYD, brought the meeting to order at 19:45 hours.

Board Members Present: Bob Moore, N4USB (First Vice President); Richard Cox, K4CRD (Treasurer); Dave Pulver, KG4CZV (Trustee); John Prokop, N8MPX (Trustee); and Murray Merner, K4MHM (Secretary). A quorum was present.

Others in Attendance: Dave Langley, W4YDY; Pat Williams, KG4NSC; John McCoy, K4KBB; Taylor Millar, W4WTM; and Mike Langley, KD4MTT.

Minutes: The minutes of 29 July 2008 were approved without objection as written in the August Ham Chatter.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Richard made the report and it is available to members upon request.

Health and Welfare: No report

Programs: September: Dave Pulver will be doing a presentation on weather folklore.

Public Information: No report

Equipment Report: No report. Mike Langley stated that since there will be a new Equipment Chairperson next year, serious consideration of the replacement needs to be made. Also, a secure storage place for the trailer needs to be found.

Ham Chatter: No report.

Consideration of New Members: Albert Sanchez, WA4FXB; Geraldine Sanchez, KJ4DMV; Jim Buck, KJ4DDW and Rebecca Buck, KJ4DDX. All were approved for membership.

Nominating Committee: Not met yet.

Old Business: No further activity regarding Pitt County Repeater Association.

New Business: QSL cards were discussed. We have a lot of QSL cards for W4AMC - Richard has the stock. QSL cards for W4UHS and W1VOA will be printed up as needed.

Announcements: Patrick Sutton, KD4NNA, is back in town and has shown an interest in returning to BARC.

Awards will be voted on during the October Membership Meeting

Adjournment: by Terry Monday at 20:20 hours

Respectfully Submitted,

Murray Merner, K4MHM

FCC raises Vanity Call Sign fees

On August 11, the FCC announced that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 60 cents, from **\$11.70 to \$12.30** <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-08-182A1.pdf>. **The fee will be effective September 25, 2008.** The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new 10 year term.

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 12 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 to a high of \$50. The FCC said it anticipates some 15,000 Amateur Radio vanity call sign "payment units" -- or applications -- during Fiscal Year 2009, collecting \$184,734 in fees from the program.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also 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 two years ago.

Those holding "personalized" call signs issued prior to 1996 are exempt from having to pay the vanity call sign regulatory fee at renewal, as Congress did not authorize the FCC to collect regulatory fees until 1993. Such "heritage" vanity call sign holders do not appear as vanity licensees in the FCC Amateur Radio database.

Amateur Radio licensees may file for renewal only within 90 days of their license expiration date. All radio amateurs must have an FCC Registration Number (FRN) before filing any application with the Commission. Applicants can obtain an FRN by going to the ULS and clicking on the "New Users Register" link <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>>. You must supply your Social Security Number to obtain an FRN.

The ARRL VEC will process license renewals for vanity call sign holders for a modest fee. The service is available to ARRL members and nonmembers, although League members pay less. Routine, non-vanity renewals continue to be free for

ARRL members. Trustees of club stations with vanity call signs may renew either via the ULS or through a Club Station Call Sign Administrator, such as ARRL VEC.

League members should visit the "ARRL Member Instructions for License Renewals or Changes" page <<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/memberlicenseinstructions.html>>, while the "Instructions for License Renewals or Changes" page covers general renewal procedures for nonmembers <<http://www.arrl.org/fcc/licenseinstructions.html>>. There is additional information on the "ARRL VEC's FCC License Renewals and ARRL License Expiration Notices" page <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/renewals.html>>.

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Humor from AC6V Internet site ***

Yogi Berrasisms - Ham Style
When Asked What The Time Was;
Yogi Berra Replied "You Mean Right Now?"

Hams Reply "You Mean Right Here Or UTC"

When You Come To A Tee In The Coax -- Take It!

The Contest -- It Ain't Over Til Its Over!
On GPS - Yogi sed "I Think We Are Lost - But Makin Good Time!"

Never answer an anonymous QSL
You can hear a lot by listening

HAM A: Whats the most important piece of radio equipment you should own?

HAM B: Well you would say the Antenna. I'd have to say that is a very close #2 behind my credit card.

From Doug KD7DKU

Radio glossary #13

Integrated circuit: You have the only one in existence. This theory will be borne out when you try to obtain a replacement.

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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

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

Pitt County Repeater Association

<http://www.pcra.us/>

BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 9. **Regular Meeting**
 Sep 14. ARRL Sept. VHF QSO Party
 Sep 20/21 VA Beach Hamfest
 Sep 27/28 CQ WW RTTY Contest
 Sep 30. **Board Meeting**
 Oct 2 *Ham Chatter* **Deadline**
 Oct 12 Maysville Hamfest
 Oct 14 **Regular Meeting**
 Oct 25/26. CQ WW SSB DX Contest
 Oct 28 **Board Meeting**
 Oct 30 *Ham Chatter* **Deadline**

Nov 1/2 ARRL CW Sweepstakes
 Nov 11. **Regular Meeting**
 Nov 15/16 ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
 Nov 16. JARSfest Benson
 Nov 29/30 CQ WW CW DX Contest
 Nov 25. **Board Meeting**
 Nov 27. *Ham Chatter* **Deadline**
Dec 9. Christmas Party

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
 BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATIONS

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**September 2008
Next Meeting
September 9**

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