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Meet the Member, Jeff Meyer, K4DKW

**Next Meeting
October 13**



Jeff Meyer, K4DKW

Jeff Meyer, K4DKW, first became interested in Amateur Radio during an episode of "Sky King". He got involved with CB in the late 60's and early 70's and wanted to talk to different cultures. He got his first Amateur Radio license in 1977 and was assigned WD8KCK. He upgraded to General in 1979 and changed his call to N8AHA. Jeff moved to Greenville in September 2007 and changed to K4PBQ. He recently changed to K4DKW.

Jeff is originally from Farmington Hills, Michigan and has lived in Plymouth, Livonia, Wayne and Tecumseh, Michigan.

He moved to a new QTH near Greenville this past summer and is planning to put up a tower for his Cushcraft ATB-34 triband beam. He is now using a Kenwood TS-520 and a Yaesu FT757GXII into a Skyloop and G5RV. Jeff enjoys chasing DX, but without the tri-band beam it has been humbling for him. He has been operating SSB HF and VHF FM mobile primarily using phone but plans on doing more CW as his antenna system improves.

He also enjoys club Field Day operating and attending BARC meetings.

He has received Public Service awards from various governmental entities and for assistance during the Mexican Earthquake of 1985. He also has certificates for RCC, WAS, WAC and DXCC. He has served as Assistant EC, NTS Liaison NCS for Skywarn and weekly nets.

Jeff received a BBA from Western Michigan University in 1982. He has been a Purchasing Agent at PCS Phosphate near Aurora since September 2007 and had procurement activities in several other positions going back to 1983. Prior to that, he worked in Banking, Food Service and Health Care arenas.

He has been married for 26 years to his wife Kim and they have a daughter, Stephanie, 21, and a son, Jimmy, 18.

Tim Nelson, WA4TMN, has surgery

Tim, HC Associate Editor, had surgery September 24. His family reported that they are expecting a full recovery. According to reports, he has been progressing as the doctor expected.

Tim's wife, Paula, emailed that Tim returned home on October 3 "with a smile on his face." He is very weak and doesn't have much of an appetite but the doctor assures him this is only temporary.

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, October 13 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. The October Program will be by Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, about ARES.

All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be October 27 at 7:30 PM at 631-B Dickinson Avenue - entrance at back of the building. All members invited.

Maysville Hamfest October 11

Community Center. Talk-in 146.685 Tone 88.5.



BARC congratulates BARC members Brenda Malinauskas, KJ4GDS, and Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, who were married Sept. 12, 2009. K4KBB photo

Oregon hams install new Winlink system with Governor's \$250,000 grant

This month, Oregon ARES members will complete the state-wide installation of Winlink <<http://www.winlink.org/>>, thanks to a \$250,000 grant from Governor Ted Kulongoski. In 2007, the governor was impressed by the hams' ability to handle emergency communications when severe winter storms wreaked havoc on Oregon's North Coast and flooded the City of Vernonia, knocking out 911 services, Internet and phone service for an extended period of time <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/12/05/100/>>. The Oregon Office of Emergency Management said that during the storms, the radio operators were "tireless in their efforts to keep the systems connected." When even state police had difficulty reaching some of their own troops, ham radio worked, setting up networks so emergency officials could communicate and relaying lists of supplies needed in stricken areas.

"I'm going to tell you who the heroes were from the very beginning of this... the ham radio operators," the governor said at the time. "These people just came in and actually provided a tremendous communication link to us." Because of the service rendered by Amateur Radio operators in providing communications support, the

governor allocated funds for the installation of a Winlink system to integrate Amateur Radio with the Internet.

The equipment will be installed in the Emergency Operating Center in each of Oregon's 36 counties. Once the monies were distributed, ARES members researched and purchased the equipment that would be needed, formalized and signed contracts between the state, counties and ARES, and allocated space to install the antennas and equipment within each EOC. The project is scheduled to be completed in time for the 2009 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) scheduled for October 3-4 <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/setguide.html>>.

"Using Winlink equipment and other amateur equipment already in place at the EOCs, ARES teams will have to quickly create a communications network, in some instances without depending on other infrastructure such as telephones or Internet," said ARRL Oregon Section Public Information Coordinator Steve Sanders, KE7JSS. "Many will not use commercial electric power. Despite these limitations, the ARES teams should not only be able to quickly pass local messages, but also communicate with other regions of the country. The ability to pass information in and out of disaster areas is crucial to the effectiveness of emergency responders." *More at ARRL Letter Online 9/11/09*

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **October 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 \$15.00 (\$1 increase in 2009)
- ◆ 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.

NC ARES Internet

<http://www.ncarrl.org/ares/>



Hamfest Calendar on W4AMC.COM
<http://www.w4amc.com/hamfests.html>



Happy Birthday

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

- 1 N3KKM Bill All
- 28 K4BMH Byron Highland
- 31 K4ZYD Terry Monday

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

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:



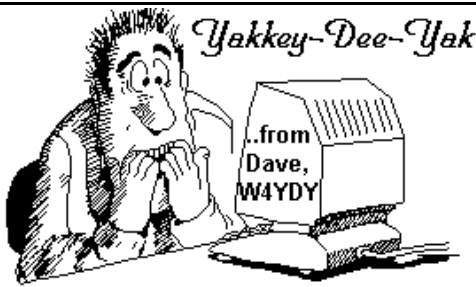
- Tim Nelson, WA4TMN**
- Tom Parsons, W4TEP**
- Charlie Wells, K4SKI**

Please inform Albert Sanchez, WA7FXB, albertsanchez@suddenlink.net of any changes.

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Looking up call book information

Several years ago, the Amateur Radio Callbook went out of business because the Internet cut down on their sales. It limits those few that do not use computers now. For the Internet, any computer sold now will work fine. In the local stores, the cheapest computers with monitor are around \$300 the first of October. They are faster than anything on the market just 3 or 4 years ago. Over 90% of the BARC members have computers now.

Recently, I came across a couple of very excellent web sites for searching for Amateur Radio call signs and address. One was the QRZ database. Any ham that has a computer has probably use the site many times. But did you know you can search their database using many different types of inputs, such as name, Zip Code, state, grid square and USA county? For example when I type in "County:Pitt", it

returns that it has found one county and 364 hams. Click on Pitt, North Carolina and it will display the list in 4 pages.

North Carolina has the only Pitt County in the USA. Searching for "County:Washington", it returned 31 Washington Counties with 7,612 hams with 8 hams in Washington County, KY to 2420 hams in Washington County, OR.

Typing in my street name, Woodmoor, it came up with 13 hits. There are towns in Colorado, Texas and South Carolina with a Woodmoor street and there are hams there. You sure couldn't do that with the old paper call book. You had to know the call sign to find any thing.

The address for the QRZ web site database is <<http://www.qrz.com/db/?cmd=1>>.

Map hams in your Zip Code

While looking at N4MC's Vanity Headquarters <<http://www.vanityhq.com/>> web site, I found a very interesting link. It's a site that you can put in a Zip Code and it will draw a map of the area and a pin will be at each location of a ham. Click on pin and you will see the info on that ham, name, call sign and address. In my Zip Code, there are 149 hams, including one living on my block whose call sign I did not know. But a click on the pin and there

is was. You will probably be surprised of the number of hams that may live near you. The database is generated from FCC data. You can select road maps and/or satellite maps. It's really handy to have all that information at your fingertips! - W4YDY

BARC Officers for 2010 nominated

The nominating committee presented the following nominations for the BARC officials for 2010.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| President | John Prokop, N8MPX |
| 1 st Vice Pres. | Billy All, N3KKM |
| 2 nd Vice Pres. | John McCoy, K4KBB |
| Secretary | Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW |
| Treasurer | Dave Pulver, KG4CZV |
| Trustee | Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX |

The second Trustee position will be filled by Bob Moore, N4USB, as past president.

The elections will be held at the November regular club meeting on November 10 and introductions at the Christmas party on December 8.

The nominating committee consisted of Bob Moore, N4USB; Dave Langley, W4YDY; John McCoy, K4KBB; Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK and John Prokop, N8MPX.

2009 Pitt County Simulated Emergency Test MFJ Acquires Cushcraft

On Saturday, October 31, 2009, Pitt County ARES will conduct its annual Simulated Emergency Test (SET) from 10:00 am until noon or later (depending on how much activity is occurring at noon).

All amateurs are invited to participate in this exercise. Participants will be invited to meet for breakfast that morning between 8:00 am and 8:30 am. The location will be determined the week of the exercise.

The main purposes of the SET are to help determine strengths and weaknesses in our ARES organization, and help radio amateurs gain experience in communications using standard procedures under simulated emergency conditions.

Participating amateurs should try



to use non-commercial power to help simulate emergency conditions.

Announcements will be made on the Monday night Pitt County Emergency Communications net (9:00 pm on 147.090 / 131.8) as a reminder of this upcoming exercise. An e-mail reminder

will also be sent to all BARC members about one week before the exercise.

If you are interested in participating, please try to let me know in advance at kg4czv@gmail.com. This will help me better plan the exercise.

I look forward to your participation.

73,
Dave Pulver, KG4CZV
Pitt County EC

On August 7, MFJ Enterprises announced they had purchased the Cushcraft Amateur Radio antennas product line from Missouri-based Laird Technologies effective July 31. According to MFJ, Cushcraft -- makers of HF/VHF/UHF vertical, beam and Yagi antennas for the Amateur Radio community -- will continue to be manufactured in Manchester, New Hampshire. "We are excited to have the Cushcraft Amateur Radio Antennas product line alongside our other five companies," said Martin F. Jue, President and founder of MFJ Enterprises, Inc. "This product line increases our ability to offer our customers a wide range of antenna options at different prices. Customers will be able to choose from Cushcraft Amateur Radio antennas, Hy-gain and MFJ antennas through one source." MFJ purchased Hy-gain in 2000 the company also owns Ameritron, Mirage and Vectronics. - ARRL

National Safety Council responds to ARRL: No evidence of "significant crash risks" while operating mobile

ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, wrote a letter to National Safety Council (NSC) President Janet Froetscher in July expressing the ARRL's concerns that Amateur Radio not become an unintended victim of the growing public debate over what to do about distracted drivers <http://www.arrl.org/news/files/NSC_Letter7-30-09.pdf>. Froetscher has now replied, saying the NSC does not support bans or prohibitions on the use of Amateur Radios while driving <http://www.arrl.org/news/files/NSC_Response_to_ARRL.pdf>.

Noting that there is significant evidence that talking on cell phones while driving poses crash risk four times that of other drivers, Froetscher observed that the NSC position calling for bans on the use of cell phones while driving is grounded in science. "We are not aware of evidence that using Amateur Radios while driving has significant crash risks," Froetscher wrote in her August 24 letter. "We also have no evidence that using two-way radios while driving poses significant crash risks. Until such time as compelling, peer-reviewed scientific research is presented that denotes significant risks associated with the use of Amateur Radios, two-way radios or other communication devices, the NSC does not support legislative bans or prohibition on their use."

Froetscher said that while "the specific risk of radio use while driving is unmeasured and likely does not approach that of cell phones, there indeed is some elevated risk to the drivers, their passengers and the public associated with 650,000 Amateur Radio operators who may not, at one time or another, not concentrate fully on their driving." She points out that the "best safety practice is to have one's full attention on their driving, their hands on the wheel and their eyes on the road. Drivers who engage in any activity that impairs any of these constitutes an increased risk."

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, said the ARRL "appreciates NSC President and CEO Janet Froetscher's clear statement that the NSC does not support legislative bans or prohibitions on the use of Amateur Radio while

driving. We applaud the NSC for taking positions that are grounded in science. At the same time, all radio amateurs should heed her call to concentrate fully on driving while behind the wheel. It is possible to operate a motor vehicle safely while using Amateur Radio, but if it becomes a distraction we owe it those with whom we share the road, as well as to our passengers, to put safety first."

On January 30, 2009, the ARRL Executive Committee adopted the ARRL's Policy Statement on Mobile Amateur Radio Operation <<http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/MobileAmateurRadioPolicyStatement.pdf>> that states "Amateur Radio mobile operation is ubiquitous, and Amateur Radio emergency and public service communications, and other organized Amateur Radio communications activities and networks necessitate operation of equipment while some licensees are driving motor vehicles. Two-way radio use is dissimilar from full-duplex cellular telephone communications because the operator spends little time actually transmitting; the time spent listening is more similar to, and arguably less distracting than, listening to a broadcast radio, CD or MP3 player. There are no distinctions to be made between or among Amateur Radio, public safety land mobile radio, private land mobile radio or citizen's radio in terms of driver distraction. All are distinguishable from mobile cellular telephone communications in this respect. Nevertheless, ARRL encourages licensees to conduct Amateur communications from motor vehicles in a manner that does not detract from the safe and attentive operation of a motor vehicle at all times."

In his letter, Harrison explained to Froetscher that Amateur Radio operators provide essential emergency communications when regular communications channels are disrupted by disaster: "Through formal agreements with federal agencies, such as the National Weather Service, FEMA and private relief organizations, the Amateur Radio volunteers protect lives using their own equipment without compensation. The ability of hams to communicate and help protect the lives of those in danger would be strictly hindered if the

Alpha Radio Products Now RF Concepts

On September 15, Michael Seedman, AA6DY, announced that his company, RF Concepts <<http://www.rfconcepts.com/>>, had purchased Boulder, Colorado-based Alpha Radio Products <<http://www.alpharadioproducts.com/>>. Seedman explained in a press release <http://www.rfconcepts.com/dear_alpha_customers.asp> that when he contacted Alpha to purchase a new amplifier, he was "disappointed to learn that I would not receive it for months." He was told that as each amplifier is made by hand, there was not enough shelf inventory to send a new one right away. Working with Alpha Products president Molly Hardman, W0MOM, "we created a way to capitalize the company in order to put amplifiers in inventory for immediate availability. Customers will no longer have to wait weeks or months to add an Alpha product to their station." Seedman said that RF Concepts "will focus on shipping our backlog of Alpha amplifiers and building sufficient product to ship from stock. We will honor our existing customer commitments -- including warranties, customer and technical support and repairs -- and keep our extensive parts inventories to support the more than 10,000 Alpha amplifiers in the market." Hardman will be staying on as Vice President of Sales for RF Concepts. - via *ARRL Letter Online* 9/18/09

federal, state and local governments to not ensure that Amateur Radio operators can continue the use of their mobile radios while on the road."

Froetscher replied that she "appreciate[s] your focus of Amateur Radio for emergency communications during disasters. I encourage ARRL to adopt best practices for the safe operation of vehicles that confines use of Amateur Radios while driving only to disaster emergencies."

The Policy Statement asserts that the ARRL "is aware of no evidence that mobile] operation contributes to driver inattention. Quite the contrary: Radio amateurs are public service-minded individuals who utilize their radio-equipped motor vehicles to assist others, and they are focused on driving in the execution of that function." - via *ARRL Letter Online* 9/11/09

Hamfest canceled

With great regret the January 9, 2010 Greenwood SC Hamfest has been cancel.

The Greenwood County Council members voted to permanently close the Greenwood Civic Center complex after December 31, 2009. The club has not found a suitable location for a Hamfest in January.

Greenwood Amateur Radio Society would like to thank everyone for your support over the 25 plus years.


73,
Buddy Willis, W4DEW
Greenwood Amateur Radio Society
Hamfest Chairman

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)

FOR SALE: Ten-Tec Omni V (has N4PY ".9 v.2" chip that adds several useful features) with manual and no optional filters and Ten-Tec 961 matching power supply/speaker. Both are in very good condition and currently in use as primary rig. Still one of the better receivers around. Also have Ten-Tec desk mic. \$700 for all. Gerry, **K4IDD**, gclayton4 @ suddenlink.net
FREE: 72 foot tower, 4 inch steel pipe with ladder attached. Four guy wires. Heavy duty rotator, control box and cable, 20 meter 3 element with 36 foot boom, 140 feet of RG8 cable. You take down. Charlie Wells, **K4SKI**, 355-5188

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BARC Meeting Minutes - September 2009

BARC Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2009

Call to Order: Bob Moore, N4USB, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Connolly from the Boy Scout East Carolina Council. Introductions were made. There were 24 members present and 4 guests.

Guest: Christopher Connolly, Cubmaster for Cub Scout Pack 162 in Snow Hill spoke about the upcoming Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) on the 3rd weekend of October. There will be a Cub Scout family campout in Bailey at Camp Charles on that same weekend. Cub Scouts will be with their families. They are looking for volunteers to run a JOTA station. Jeff Meyer, K4DKW, John Prokop, N8MPX, and John McCoy, K4KBB, all volunteered to help. In 2010, 100 years of the Boy Scouts of America will be celebrated. There will be a regional jamboree in Kinston on the last weekend of April. BSA would possibly like BARC to work with the scouts on that day.

Minutes: Minutes of the August 11, 2009 membership meeting were approved as published in the Ham Chatter

Treasurer's Report: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, gave the report, which is available to members upon request.

Health and welfare: Tom Parsons, W4TEP, is healing. There will be further tests at the end of the month. Mike Langley's, KD4MTT, wife is doing better.

Ham chatter: Dave Langley, W4YDY, is looking for hams to interview that have updates for the "Meet the Members" column.

Publicity: Taylor Millar, W4WTM, reported that the Daily Reflector had run the meeting announcement in the Sunday Daily Reflector. Pat Williams, KG4NSC, gave the past contact list to Taylor.

Public Service: Bob Moore, N4USB, spoke about an article published recently in the Daily Reflector that was about service walks coming up this Fall. Pat Williams, KG4NSC, will contact these groups to see if they would like BARC's help.

Volunteer Examiners: The next exam will be on Friday, October 16 at St. Peter's Church at 6:30 pm.

Equipment: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, reported that the Tarheel antenna for use by the Red Cross is owned by BARC and on loan to the Red Cross. He also reported that the projector screen in the VFW hall also belongs to BARC. It had been purchased in 2005.

State ARES: Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, reported that on October 3 there will be state wide Simulated Emergency Test (SET) from 8 to Noon. The scenario has not been picked yet. On October 17, there will be a Western Branch All State ARES meeting at the Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton. There are now two statewide meetings held per year. The first meeting is held in Raleigh in the spring and the second one is held in the western part of the state in the fall. This is done in hopes of reaching more hams. Bernie, WA4MOK, also urges everyone to pay attention to the tropics. This is the time of year for major storms to build.

Eastern Branch ARES: Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, announced that the Beaufort County Repeater is now on the air on 146.955

with a tone of 82.5.

Pitt County ARES: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, discussed the Pitt County ARES meeting that was held on August 19. Due to participation, holding the meeting on Wednesday or Thursday evening was discussed. Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, and Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, met with Tom LaCoste, the Emergency Services Manager of the Pitt County chapter of the American Red Cross. They will schedule testing of the shelter antennas in the near future. Also discussed was the need for net operators on Monday night PCEC net. The script can be found on the BARC web site.

Old Business: Bob Moore, N4USB, reminded members of the MS Bike-a-thon on September 12 & 13th. Participation is on an individual basis.

New Business: The nominating committee, consisting of Bob Moore, N4USB; Dave Langley, W4YDY; John McCoy, K4KBB; Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK and John Prokop, N8MPX offered the following as officers for 2010:

President:	John Prokop, N8MPX
1 st Vice President	Billy All, N3KKM
2 nd Vice President	John McCoy, K4KBB
Secretary	Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW
Treasurer	Dave Pulver, KG4CZV
Trustee	Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX

The second Trustee position will be filled by Bob Moore, N4USB, as past president. The floor was opened for nominations. There were no additional nominations offered. The write in option will still be available on the ballot. If you do plan on writing someone in on the ballot, please check to make sure that person is willing to take the job.

Announcements: Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, announced that he brought some equipment to the meeting that is for sale for \$ 50.00.

Murray Merner, K4MHM, announced that Henry Pescoe, a retiree from VOA contacted him about a midnight job opening at VOA Site B. It is a contract deal through Nease personnel.

Murray is also looking at the possibility of acquiring emergency vests for operators.

Mike Langley, KD4MTT, announced that he created a yahoo group on emergency preparedness. To subscribe go to bepreparednc@goups.yahoo.com

Mike Langley, KD4MTT, also announced a government created website on the H1N1 Flu virus at www.flu.gov.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Bill Finch, W4EHF, won \$ 18.00.

Program: John Cole, the Warning Co-ordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Newport, NC presented a program titled "2009 Hurricane Forecast and the 10th Anniversary of Hurricane Floyd".

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, Secretary

BARC Board Minutes - September 2009

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting Minutes

September 29, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Bob Moore, N4USB, at 7:30 pm.

Board Members Present: President, Bob Moore, N4USB; 1st Vice President, Al Sanchez, WA7FXB; 2nd Vice President, Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX; Secretary, Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV; Treasurer, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV; Trustees, John Prokop, N8MPX and Terry Monday, K4ZYD

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

Minutes: The minutes were approved as published in the Ham Chatter.

Secretary's Report: Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV reported that BARC is mentioned in the "Clubs and organizations" section of the *We are Living in Pitt County* fact book published by the Daily Reflector.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, gave the report, which is available to members upon request.

Health and welfare: Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV, reported that Tom Parsons, W4TEP, had tests run earlier in the day.. The results are that the neck has still not healed and he will be in the neck brace at least into November.

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, and Dave Langley, W4YDY, reported that Tim Nelson, WA4TMN, has undergone surgery on September 24 on a cancerous tumor on his liver. He will be having chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Equipment: No report

Ham Chatter: No report

Public Service: Pat Williams, KG4NSC, reported that he had contacted directors of 3 upcoming community activities that BARC is interested in participating in as communications. There is no interest at present. He will contact the 5th Annual Reindeer Dash for Cash organizers, that will be held on December 6, to see if they may be interested.

BARC History: Pat Williams, KG4NSC, will be working on a list of past Presidents and Ham of the Years to be published in the archives on the BARC website.

Publicity: Taylor Millar, W4WTM and Pat Williams, KG4NSC will be working

together on events. Pat will research possible events and Taylor will publicize such events and classes.

New Members Presented: There were no new members presented.

VE Session: The next VE session will be held on October 16 at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's School.

Programs: Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, announced that the program for October will be given by Dave Pulver, KG4CZV on Pitt County ARES. The November program will be elections and the December program will be the annual Christmas party.

ARES: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, reported that the NC Statewide SET will be Saturday, October 3. Pitt County will conduct a separate SET on Saturday, October 31.

The National Weather Service Skywarn Recognition Day will be Saturday, December 5, 2009.

Dave and Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, along with Tom LaCoste of the Red Cross tested the shelter antennas. All were located and tested out well. Coordination of the location of the antennas and the refugees will be the next step with the Red Cross.

With ARES being the program at the October BARC meeting, the next quarterly meeting will be in November.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Dave Langley, W4YDY, announced the Dr. Chitwood, K4VBS, would like help to get a tower up so he can get back on the air.

Announcements: Pat Williams, KG4NSC, announced the 150 year anniversary of the Cape Lookout Lighthouse on Saturday, October 10. The Ceremonial Relighting of the lighthouse will be on Sunday, November 1.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV



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- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- ◆ Pitt County Emergency Communications Net, Mondays, 2100 on 147.09 MHz. (131.8 Hz Tone)
- ◆ Kinston Amateur Radio Society Net, 1,3,4 Tuesdays, 2000 hrs. on 145.47 MHz., W4OIX repeater in Kinston.
- ◆ Eastern North Carolina Traffic Net, Every night, 2030 on 146.685 MHz.
- ◆ Wilson Amateur Radio Club Net, Monday 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

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- ◆ 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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BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 11.....	Maysville Hamfest	Nov 24	Board Meeting
Oct 13.....	Regular Meeting	Nov 26	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
Oct 16.....	BARC VE Session	Nov 28/29.....	CQ WW DX CW Contest
Oct 17/18	Scouts Jamboree on the Air	Dec 5/6.....	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
Oct 24/25	CQ WW DX SSB Contest	Dec 8	Christmas Party
Oct 27.....	Board Meeting	Dec 11	BARC VE Session
Oct 29.....	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Dec 12/13.....	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Nov 7/8.....	ARRL CW Sweepstakes	Dec 29	Board Meeting
Nov 10.....	Regular Meeting - Election	Dec 31	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
Nov 15.....	Benson Hamfest	Dec 31	ARRL Straight Key Night
Nov 21/22.....	ARRL Phone Sweepstakes		

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

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