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## SKYWARN Recognition Day Set for December 5

## Christmas Party December 8

The 11th Annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) Special Event will take place Saturday, December 5, 2009. SRD is co-sponsored by the ARRL and the National Weather Service (NWS) as a way to recognize the commitment made by Amateur Radio operators in helping to keep their communities safe. According to SRD Coordinator David Floyd, N5DBZ, Amateur Radio operators can visit their local participating NWS office, working as a team to contact other hams across the world throughout the 24 hour event.

The idea for the first SRD took shape in the summer of 1999. Meteorologist-in-Charge of the Goodland, Kansas NWS office Scott Mentzer, N0QE, tried to find a way to recognize the valuable contributions storm spotters make to the National Weather Service. "Since many of those storm spotters were also hams," Floyd told the ARRL, "it seemed like a natural fit for the recognition to be centered on Amateur Radio."

With the approval of NWS headquarters and a commitment to participate from many local NWS offices across the country, the first National Weather Service Special Event took place on November 27, 1999. "At the end of the event, almost 16,000 QSOs were logged, with contacts made to all 50 states and 63 countries," Floyd recounted.

Floyd said that feedback from that first event was "overwhelmingly positive" from both the NWS staff and the local ham clubs: "Many local club members who came to that first event had never visited an NWS office before. When they came for the special event, they learned the value of their reports and

how they were used in conjunction with existing technology." And so began an annual tradition. The following year, 85 of the 122 NWS offices -- almost 70 percent - participated in the event, making nearly 24,000 QSOs.

In 2001, the name of the event was changed to SKYWARN Recognition Day, a name Floyd said better relayed what the day was all about: "Each year since the inception of SRD, the number of NWS offices participating with local ham clubs has increased; more than 100 offices sign up each year to take part. The most contacts made during any SRD occurred in 2006 when -- thanks to and local hams in the Grand Junction, Colorado area -- 1640 QSOs were logged!"

Floyd said that as SKYWARN Recognition Day has grown throughout the years, he has seen a greater use of digital communications in addition to CW, RTTY and packet radio: "Each year, more and more contacts are being made using Echo-Link, Winlink and the use of e-mail reflectors." In keeping with the NWS setting, stations are asked to include a weather report of their location in their exchange.

2009 SKYWARN Recognition Day will be held on December 5 from 0000 UTC-2400 UTC. Last year, contacts were made in all 50 states and more than 40 countries during the 24 hour event. Even if you make just one QSO to an NWS office, you are eligible to receive a certificate. Just submit a list of the station(s) you worked to SKYWARN Recognition Day, 920 Armory Rd, Goodland, KS 67735. Many NWS offices also send out special QSL cards for this event. If you haven't yet joined in the fun of SKYWARN Recognition Day, make 2009 your year to do so! - via [ARRL.ORG](http://ARRL.ORG) 11/17/09

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, December 8 at 6:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. The annual Christmas party will be held. There will be a covered dish meal at 7:00 PM. Terry Monday, K4ZYD, in charge. The peer award selections for 2009 will be presented and the officers for 2010 will be introduced. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

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



HO, HO, HO, It's a Christmas party.

We've made our list  
And checked it twice.

This party includes  
Both naughty and nice.  
The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club's  
Annual Christmas Party  
Is Tuesday, December 8, 2009

Social: 6:30  
Dinner: 7:00  
Bring a dish to share.  
Guests invited.

## President's Corner, Bob Moore, N4USB

Thanks to W4YDY for jarring my memory to provide a few final remarks as the BARC President. First and foremost I think that the slate of Officers elected by the membership will provide excellent leadership for the following year and I wish them a successful term as the leaders of this club. I must say that I have served in a leadership role in several other Amateur Radio organizations but my term as President of BARC has been one of the most enjoyable.

This club is well focused on its objectives of providing a much needed service to the community and has been steadfast in providing those services when ever required. We can all be proud of our place in the community and can be proud of the long term serving committee leaders such as the Ham Chatter, Publicity, Public Service, VE Testing, Equipment, License Training, which is vacant and needs to be filled, ARES, and Club History. These are important functions within the Club and require strong leaders as we have had.

I have enjoyed my term as President and hope that I brought a few ideas that will help us to prosper in the future. I look forward to passing the leadership to role to John Prokop, N8MPX and to serve

as a Board Member. We are blessed with many talented and motivated members in this club and it is this talent and motivation that is willingly contributed by the membership that makes this club as successful as it is.

Service is nothing without a reason and cause to serve and leadership is nothing without a willing membership that will support the leaders. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.

**Bob Moore, N4USB**

## BARC elections held in November

The following have been elected for the BARC officials for 2010.

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

The elections were held at the regular club meeting on November 10. The elected officers will be introduced at the Christmas party on December 8.

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



**Happy Birthday**

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

11	KG4CCX	Tod LeMoine
13	KC4RBE	June Highland
14	KJ4LMW	Alex Bridgman
19	K4FWL	Bob Connelly
20	WA4TMN	Tim Nelson

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](mailto:albertsanchez@suddenlink.net) of any changes.

## Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **December 11**. Exams will be held at St. Peter's School on 5th Street and will start promptly at 6:30 PM. Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, 756-3734. [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 \$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.**

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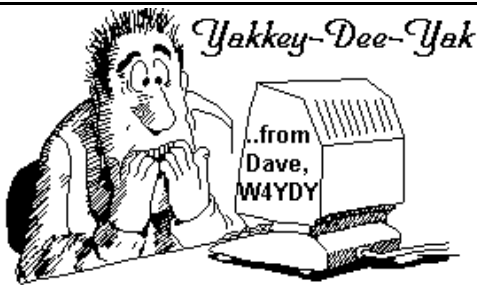


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## End in Sight for "Third Battle of Bull Run"?

Thanks to the 2009 BARC officials for their service and dedication to BARC. The 2010 team is on the web site.

The BARC Field Day video was finally finished and is now at W4AMC.COM. It is 8 minutes, 52 seconds long. Hopefully at one of the club meetings, we can show it for those that do not have high speed connections. - W4YDY

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

### Amateur Radio in Space: New Antennas Installed on ISS

On Saturday, November 21, astronauts Mike Foreman and Randy Bresnik completed the second EVA (extra-vehicular activity) -- NASA's term for a spacewalk -- of their mission. While on the 6 hour, 8 minute EVA, Foreman installed the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) antennas for 2 meters and 70 cm on the Columbus module. NASA ISS Ham Radio Project Engineer Kenneth Ransom, N5VHO, told the ARRL that this new antenna -- along with another VHF antenna -- was developed by ARISS in cooperation with the European Space Agency (ESA) to support an experiment involving the maritime Automatic Identification System (AIS). "Both antennas were installed on the Earth-facing starboard edge of the Columbus module," he explained. "The AIS antenna is forward and the ARISS antenna is aft. The ARISS team is planning to migrate some stowed Amateur Radio gear to take advantage of the new antenna." Frequencies available for transmission to and from Columbus will be 2 meters, 70 centimeters and 13 cm. To start, two radios for 2 meters and 70 cm that don't see much use on the ISS will be moved and installed in Columbus. The space shuttle Discovery is expected to return to Earth on Friday, November 27 and will bring Nicole Stott, KE5GJN, back from her stay on the ISS. - via ARRL.ORG

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, once termed the battle of Broadband over Power Lines (BPL) in Manassas, Virginia as the "Third Battle of Bull Run." While the war against harmful interference to Amateur Radio via BPL is not yet over, the battle in Manassas might soon be coming to an end.

In a Special Meeting on Monday, November 16 of the Manassas City Council, the Council voted "To allow the [City of Manassas] Utility Commission to make a recommendation to the [Manassas] City Manager as part of the FY 2011 Budget regarding the decision to continue offering Internet service; additionally, staff was instructed to discontinue all marketing and advertising of Internet service." This motion passed 4-2.

At the meeting, Manassas Director of Utilities Michael Moon told the Council that "it is not cost-effective to continue the internet service on the Main.net BPL communication system as a stand-alone cost center" and that the City "need[s] to make the decision for internet service in the context of what communication system will be used for the City's AMI [Advanced Metering Infrastructure]."

Sumner said that the Manassas BPL system was "once touted as 'the most successful BPL deployment in the nation.' Manassas actually has demonstrated that there is no business case for BPL as a consumer broadband delivery medium."

According to the News and Messenger, a local newspaper that serves the Manassas area, Councilman Jonathan Way said that the City "needs[s] to get out of BPL forthwith. It's not a good product. The whole business is not financially sound and it never has been." Councilman Mark Wolfe agreed with Way, saying he wanted to see the system shut down by the end of the fiscal year on June 30, starting the shut-down process now. (*Editor's Note: According to Manassas City Clerk Andrea Madden, the article in the News and Messenger stated some incorrect information and a retraction is soon to be forthcoming from the newspaper. The inaccuracies have been corrected in the ARRL's report.*)

The newspaper reported that the City of Manassas' Utility Commission proposed to make the decision whether to shut

down the system by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2010. While Wolfe and Way want it shut down before that date, Councilmen Marc Aveni and Vice Mayor Andy Harrover argued to leave BPL out of the City's next budget; by doing this, there will be no funding for the service and it will go and die what the News and Messenger called "a natural death."

According to the newspaper, Way said that waiting until the end of the fiscal year to make the decision "would cost more money because the city couldn't just turn off the service overnight once the decision is made." Forecasts by the Utility Commission show that the City's BPL service is projected to lose up to \$171,353 each year over the next nine years. Way said that's money the city could ill afford to lose: BPL, he said, "should go and be over and done with."

Manassas residents pay \$24.95 each month to receive Internet service via BPL. The Utility Commission showed the Council that little more than 500 residents and 46 businesses currently subscribe to the service, which since 2008, has been run by the City. "It's costing a little more to maintain the system than we projected in the budget," Moon told the Council. "The original projections were that the customer base would be double this." In September 2008, the Manassas City Council voted to assume control of the BPL service from COMTek, the private company that served (back then) approximately 675 residents.

Manassas' Assistant Utilities Director (Electric) Gregg Paulson told the ARRL that as for now, Internet service in the City of Manassas will continue, but the Council will make the decision to continue it in the next fiscal year during the budget approval process.

Paulson said that while Internet service to consumers would "probably" be the only thing that would be cut if the Council decided to forego BPL, he left the door open as to using the BPL infrastructure for other purposes: "We still own the BPL network, but we may or may not use this network for utility monitoring or other AMI purposes." - More at <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/11/19/11206/?nc=1>

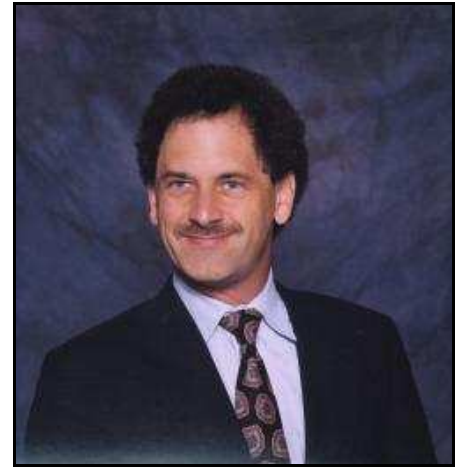


## TARHEEL Net moved to 160 Meters

Since the change back to standard time, regional propagation on 75m has been very poor at 7:30 pm and the Tarheel Emergency Net has been struggling. Net Manager Mark Cantrell, KD4IMA, has announced that effective immediately the net will be moving to 160m. Mark reports "our plan is to start at 1.943, then if we find the frequency in use, move up by 10 kHz increments - 1.953, 1.963, 1.973, 1.983, 1.993. None of those frequencies are listed in the ARRL Net Directory as being used at any time. I think that we can find a frequency on 160m that will allow

us to stay on the air. There are many cheap and easy designs to get an antenna on 160 if folks want to try it". The solution at N4IB is to temporarily extend the legs of my 75m dipole to make it resonant on 160m. The extra length can be run in almost any direction - up, down, sideways. It may not be perfect, but it was pretty effective last winter during testing and 160m can provide excellent regional coverage at night. The Tarheel Net will leave a station behind on 3.923 MHz at net time to move any potential check-ins who aren't aware of the change. -via NC Section News 11/19/09

## ARRL Roanoke Division Vice Director Elected



**Newly Elected Roanoke Division Vice Director Jim Bohner, N2ZZ**

Roanoke Division Vice Director Patricia Hensley, N4ROS, decided not to seek another term. South Carolina Section Manager Jim Bohner, N2ZZ, of Aiken, and former West Virginia Section Manager Hal Turley, W8HC, of Huntington, were both nominated to succeed her. Bohner won the election with 1692 votes; Turley received 1496 votes.

Bohner, first licensed in 1969, holds an Amateur Extra class license. He is a physician specializing in women's health-care. Bohner has served four terms as the ARRL South Carolina Section Manager. "My original plan [when I was first elected Section Manager] for the South Carolina Section was to expand participation in and unify the ARRL Field Organization in the Section," he said in his position statement. "At this time, we have active participation in all of the major cabinet positions and more than 100 active appointees."

The newly elected Vice Director said that he sees his position as being the one to bring "members' views and concerns to the Board level so that appropriate action can be taken. Should members see a communications gap between them and the Board, I would like to bridge that gap." Bohner is an ARRL Life Member and a life member of the QCWA, an ARRL Volunteer Examiner (VE) and Official Observer (OO). He has earned DXCC Honor Roll and 5BDXCC. - via ARRL Bulletin 11/23/09

## NCVEC to Release New Technician Question Pool to Public in January 2010



The Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) is due to release the new Technician class (Element 2) question pool to the 14 VECs on December 1, 2009; it will be released to the public in January 2010. Each question pool for the three Amateur Radio license classes -- Technician, General and Amateur Extra -- is reviewed on a four-year rotation. This new Technician class pool will become effective on July 1, 2010.

According to ARRL Assistant VEC Manager Perry Green, WY1O, the QPC reviews the three question pools every four years to ensure that the questions are kept current with the latest amateur practice and technology, as well as addresses information relevant to that particular license class. "In the case of the Technician pool, the question set should provide for the new Technician licensee to be able to establish his station and operate it legally, courteously and safely. The Technician question pool and exam are intended to be the beginning of the journey into the Amateur Radio Service. It prepares the person for the enjoyment of operating, and that of preparing to learn electronics, the cornerstone of the education needed to obtain the further enjoyment that can come with the higher license classes."

Green is a member of the

NCVEC's Question Pool Committee. Other members of the QPC include Chairman Roland Anders, K3RA (Laurel VEC), Larry Pollock, NB5X (W5YI VEC), Jim Wiley, KL7CC (Anchorage VEC) and Tom Fuszard, KF9PU (Milwaukee VEC). Green said that earlier this year, the QPC solicited input from Amateur Radio operators concerning the new question pool, accepting input for new question topics and new questions, as well as suggestions for changes or deletions: "The QPC must rely on members of the Amateur Radio community to suggest questions and answers in a responsible manner to preserve a high level of legitimacy for our radio service, so the NCVEC QPC seeks input from the amateur community concerning a revision."

The new question pool will become effective for all examinations administered on or after July 1, 2010, and it will remain valid until June 30, 2014. The current Technician question pool that became effective July 1, 2006 will expire June 30, 2010. The new Technician pool contains approximately 400 questions, from which 35 are selected for an Element 2 examination. This question pool will contain graphics and diagrams, something new for this element.

The current General class question pool was effective July 1, 2007 and is valid through June 30, 2011. The current Amateur Extra class pool was effective July 1, 2008 and is valid until June 30, 2012. - via ARRL Bulletin 11/19/09

### BARC Dues - January 1

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 2009, 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.** Thank you for your support and participation in BARC. More next month.

# 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](mailto:barc@w4amc.com) (no spaces)

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# BARC Meeting Minutes - November 2009

## BARC Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2009

**Call to Order:** Bob Moore, N4USB, called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tom Parsons, W4TEP. Introductions were made. There were 23 members present and all signed into the book.

**Minutes:** The October minutes were approved as published in the October issue of the Ham Chatter.

**Secretary's report:** Nothing to report

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, gave the report. Further information regarding the treasurer's report is available to members upon request.

**Health and welfare:** Albert Sanchez, WA7FXB, announced that Tom Parsons, W4TEP, is feeling much better and is attending the meeting.

Paul Copeland, K4KCS, sent an email stating that his wife will be going into the Heart Center Thursday evening for a Heart Catheterization Friday morning.

Byron Highland, K4BMH, said that he had talked to Tim Nelson. Tim is back to work and will be starting chemotherapy this week. Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, reported that Tim had also spent 5 more days in the hospital and will also be undergoing radiation treatments.

**Public Service:** Pat Williams, KG4NSC, reported that there will be an event called Dash for Cash on December 6 at the Town Commons. There will be a 5K and a 10 mile course. It starts at 11 am. There will be a volunteer meeting on December 5 at the Willis Building. Volunteers will be used as Ham communications. A call for volunteers was held and 6 members volunteered. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Pat.

**Programs:** The BARC Annual Christmas Party is scheduled for December. The social will begin at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00. A meeting with annual awards will begin at 7:30. Members may bring a guest and are to bring a dish to share.

**Volunteer Examiners:** Ted Bertrand, KI4WPX, announced that the next exam will be held on Friday, December 11 at St. Peter's School at 6:30 pm.

**State ARES:** Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, reported that there was a statewide ARES meeting on October 17 in Morganton. Three people attended from the Eastern Branch. Items discussed were the ICS-213 message format, Winlink, MARS and NIMS courses. North Carolina has mandated that all 100 counties must be NIMS compliant. There will be two membership lists with the EC, one of those credited with the ICS 100, 200, 400 and 800 courses and those not accredited. A statewide database will be instated to upload certificates of members.

**Eastern Branch ARES:** The UHF Washington repeater is on line. The Downeast Linking System is on line – 442.550 with a PL 82.5, and the 2 meter machine 146.955 with a PL 32.5.

This Saturday, November 14, the areas 1 and 2 meeting will be held in Plymouth at the Golden Skillet. On the agenda is John Sprouse, N4VJJ, Beaufort County EC, talking about the new repeaters in Beaufort County and how they will interact with the rest of the system. Bernie will talk also about the Statewide ARES meeting.

**Pitt County ARES:** Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, reported. The SET (Simulated Emergency Test) was held on October 31. The ICS213 message forms were practiced. 14 members checked in and 11 actively participated. 21 pieces of traffic was passed in the 2 hours of the test.

The quarterly meeting of Pitt County ARES will be on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:30 pm. It will be held at the Greene Room in the Hampton Inn on Greenville Blvd. Noel Lee, the Pitt County Emergency Manager, will be in attendance. On December 5, the Newport office of the National Weather service will have a Skywarn Recognition Day. There will be a radio contest between all weather service offices nationwide. Tours of the facilities and lunch will be provided.

Basic and Advanced Skywarn training courses will be offered in 2010.

**Old Business:** Bob Moore, N4USB, explained that the board had decided to purchase an overhead projector for BARC. What type of projector is still being researched. A motion was passed to authorize \$ 500 to \$ 800 for this purchase.

**New Business:** Al Sanchez, WA7FXB, announced that a letter would be sent out regarding BARC equipment you may have in your possession. A list is being formed on where the equipment is.

**Announcements:** Dave Langley, W4YDY, announced that he has put together a video of Field Day and will have it published on the web site soon.

Elections of the 2010 officers were held and the motion passes unanimously to accept the board as slated.

Al Sanchez, WA7FXB, thanked BARC and the board for having him as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in the year 2009.

Bob Moore, N4USB, thanked BARC for the opportunity to serve as President. He also thanked his fellow officers for serving with him.

There are now 92 members of BARC.

Peer awards ballots were handed out and then collected. The awards will be announced at the December meeting. Mike Langley, KD4MTT, will be counting the ballots and preparing the awards.

The Benson Hamfest is this Sunday, November 15.

Tomorrow, November 11, is Veteran's Day. The annual Greenville ceremony will be at the auditorium in Rose High School. There will also be ceremonies at other local towns.

A C54 will be on display at the Pitt County airport.

**50/50 Drawing Winner:** Bill All, N3KKM, held the winning number and received \$17.00.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV, Secretary*

## BARC Board Minutes - November 2009

**Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 24, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Al Sanchez, WA7FXB; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX; Secretary, Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV; Treasurer, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV; and Trustee, John Prokop, N8MPX.

**Others in Attendance:** Pat Williams, KG4NSC, and Dave Langley, W4YDY.

**Minutes:** The October board meeting minutes were approved as in the Ham Chatter.

**Secretary's Report:** No Report

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

**Health and welfare:** Al Sanchez, WA7FXB, will be undergoing rotator cuff surgery on December 11.

**Equipment:** Bob Moore, N4USB, has received some responses to his letter requesting information on BARC items in member's possession.

**Ham Chatter:** Dave Langley, W4YDY, reported that he has placed his Field Day video on the website.

**Public Service:** Pat Williams, KG4NSC, reported that he has not heard back from the volunteer coordinator for Dash for Cash. He will try contacting him again and disperse information to members involved.

**BARC History:** Pat Williams, KG4NSC, will have a list of officers for every year since the beginning of BARC, available at our December meeting.

**New Members Presented:** The Board approved Thomas Styron, KJ4PZY, and David Landry, W4DWA, for club membership. This brings the BARC membership total to 92. There was a discussion about the possibility of sending postcards to licensed hams in the county to invite them to join BARC. There are 364 hams in Pitt County according to qrz.com. It was decided that we would send out invitations to visit Field Day and to join, at the end of May.

**Programs:** Our December program is the annual BARC Christmas party.

**VE:** The next VE session will be on Friday, December 11 at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's School. In July, a new technician class question pool comes into effect. Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, will be looking into possible locations for the future exams. Ideas mentioned were St. Peter's Church Hall, Public Library, Senior Citizen Center and ECU campus library.

**ARES:** Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, reported that on Wednesday, November 18, Pitt County ARES had their quarterly meeting. The proposed constitution and by laws, plus a few operational issues were discussed. Noel Lee was in attendance and helped in information. A board of directors for Pitt County ARES has been appointed. Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, is the President. Mike Langley, KD4MTT, is Vice President. Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV is Secretary. Terry Monday, K4ZYD, is Treasurer. Bob Moore, N4USB, is Trustee.

On Saturday, December 5, there is a Skywarn Recognition Day. Everyone is invited to the Newport office of the National Weather Service for tours, lunch and information.

The 2010 quarterly meeting dates for Pitt County ARES have been set: Wednesday, January 20; Thursday, April 16, Wednesday, July 21 and Thursday, October 20. The dates alter between Wednesdays and Thursdays so more members with standing conflicts on either evening can attend some meetings during the year.

**Old Business:** The board is still looking at options for a projector. The topic has been tabled until the December 29 board meeting.

**New Business:** It was voted unanimously to change our bank account to Southern Bank. Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, will work on this.

**Discussion:** The ARRL website information needs to be updated annually after elections of new officers.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV*

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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

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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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# BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 5/6. . . . . ARRL 160 Meter Contest  
**Dec 8 . . . . . Christmas Party**  
 Dec 11 . . . . . BARC VE Session  
 Dec 12/13. . . . . ARRL 10 Meter Contest  
 Dec 29 . . . . . **Board Meeting**  
**Dec 31 . . . . . HAM CHATTER DEADLINE**  
 Jan 1 0000Z . . . . . ARRL Straight Key Night  
 Jan 2/3 . . . . . ARRL RTTY Roundup  
 Jan 9/10 . . . . . NA QSO Party CW  
 Jan 12. . . . . **Regular Meeting**  
 Jan 16/17 . . . . . NA QSO Party Phone  
 Jan 26. . . . . **Board Meeting**  
**Jan 28. . . . . HAM CHATTER DEADLINE**  
 Jan 30/31. . . . . CQWW 160 M Contest CW  
 Feb 6 . . . . . **Frostfest** Richmond VA

Feb 9 . . . . . **Regular Meeting**  
 Feb 13/14. . . . . CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest  
 Feb 20/21. . . . . ARRL DX Contest, CW  
 Feb 23 . . . . . **Board Meeting**  
 Feb 25 . . . . . **HAM CHATTER DEADLINE**  
 Feb 26/28. . . . . CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB  
 Feb 27/28?. . . . . NC QSO Party  
 Mar 6/7. . . . . ARRL DX Contest, SSB  
 Mar 9 . . . . . **Regular Meeting**  
 Mar ? . . . . . **DownEast** Hamfest, Kinston  
 Mar 30 . . . . . **Board Meeting**  
 Apr 3. . . . . **RARSfest**, Raleigh

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

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