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Tod LeMoine, KG4CCX, 2009 Scoutmaster of the Year **Next Meeting**

February 9



Tod LeMoine, KG4CCX

Brightleaf ARC member, Tod LeMoine, **KG4CCX**, was selected **2009 Scoutmaster of the Year for the Pitt District**. He is currently Scoutmaster for Troop 30 at Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church. He became Scoutmaster in February 2009.

Tod has been very busy going to school, scouting and Amateur Radio since he was featured in the August 2001 *Ham Chatter*. His scouting history is impressive. Tod is an Eagle Scout. As a Scout in Troop 30, he was a Patrol

Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Scout Master and Order of the Arrow chapter president.

Tod served 2 years on the camp staff at Camp Bonner as counselor and merit badge instructor, went to Philmont High Adventure camp in New Mexico, and twice took High Adventure kayaking trips up the Core Sound from Cape Lookout. He was awarded a council scholarship to attend the National Boy Scout Jamboree in Ft. AP Hill, VA. He is a

Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow. Vigil is the highest honor given by peers to only about 2% of members each year.

Tod is a North Carolina State University graduate with BS in Meteorology and BS in Marine Science. He is currently employed as a meteorologist by Early Alert, which is an emergency management consulting firm.

Holding an Amateur Radio General Class license, Tod is an active BARC member and ARES member. During the flood after Hurricane Floyd in 1999, he staffed

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program will be by Peter Van Houten, KG4WEZ, John McCoy, K4KBB, and Murray Merner, K4MHM, on the Elecraft transceiver kits. BARC's birthday is in February. Ice cream and cake! All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be February 23 at 7:30 PM at 631-B Dickinson Avenue - entrance at back of the building. All members invited.

emergency shelters in Greenville and Ayden. He was 15 years old at the time.

A Scouting family, Tod's Dad, Dave LeMoine, **KV4CN**, is a former Scoutmaster of Troop 30. His younger brother, Scott, **KG4PZQ**, also an Eagle Scout, graduated from UNC Charlotte in 2008 and is now working in Charlotte.

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members congratulate Tod for his outstanding achievements. - *W4YDY*

Pitt County ARES Net

Beginning Monday, March 1, 2010, the Pitt County ARES net will begin at 8:30 pm instead of 9:00 pm.

The main reason for the change is to reduce the amount of time between the BARC Ragchew Net at 8:00 pm. This is expected to help some of the folks who get involved in other activities in between nets from losing track of time

and missing the ARES net.

We also have a need for more people to step up and become a net control operator. Everyone who is an ARES member should be able to run a net if needed during an activation. The time to learn to run a net and become comfortable with it is during the Monday night net.

There will be a new Pitt Co. ARES net script posted on the BARC web site that

Pitt County ARES Net Script: http://www.w4amc.com/ares/pitt_county_ares_net_script.pdf

will be used starting March 1.

If you would like to volunteer to run a net or have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at kg4czv@gmail.com. *KG4CZV*

BARC Dues - January 1

It's time to renew your BARC membership. See next page for details. **RED DOT?**

NCVEC Releases New Technician Class Question Pool

The Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) released the new Technician class (Element 2) question pool on Monday, January 4. This new question pool will become effective for all examinations administered on or after July 1, 2010; 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; it 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 Letter Online 1/7/10



Happy Birthday

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

- 4 KI6AEU John Brawl
- 5 KI4CRC Sandy McLaughlin
- 9 KJ4LMD Ryan Hall
- 9 W4GDF Heber Adams
- 15 KE4JZU Gene Underwood
- 16 KG4WEZ Peter Van Houten
- 17 K4ROK Doug Ferris
- 20 WD4JAD George Dale
- 20 KE4UGG Michael Metcalf
- 25 N4GVK Tom Forrest

Correction: W2YBN, John Mentha's birthday was left off the December list. His birthday is December 2.

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

BARC Dues - January 1

It's time to renew your BARC membership. Dues for 2010 are the same as 2009:

- Regular Membership - \$20
- Family Membership (per additional family member) - \$2

Members not renewing their membership within the 60 day grace period will be removed from the membership roll until dues are caught up.

Dues and an updated membership application (found at the www.w4amc.com web site) should be mailed to **BARC, P.O. Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835**. Dues and applications can also be given to the Treasurer at any BARC meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the status of your dues, please contact our Treasurer, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV at kg4czv@gmail.com or by phone at (252) 353-7161.

Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club. - KG4CZV

Editors note: For those that have not renewed by the March Ham Chatter, you will receive the dreaded RED DOT! The March issue will be your last until renewal and the roster password will change about March 1. - W4YDY

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

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:



Tim Nelson, WA4TMN
Charlie Wells, K4SKI
Albert Sanchez, WA7FXB

Please inform Bill All, N3KKM., n3_kkm@embarqmail.com of any changes.

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **February 12**. 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 . bertrandf@ecu.edu. 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.
- ◆ SS Number will be needed if you don't have an FRN number.

Go to <http://www.w4amc.com/barcinfo.html#VE> for more information.

NC ARES Internet

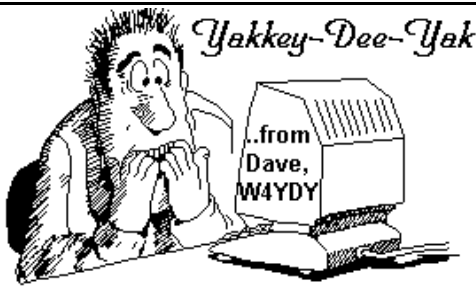
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From time to time, I see articles or comments that the Amateur Radio population is dwindling and they state that Amateur Radio is not growing with the population. They have not looked at the statistics. The article on this page about new Amateur Radio licensees got me to look up some facts. Part of them came from the USA Amateur Radio History and Licensing page on the AC6V.COM web site, <http://www.ac6v.com/history.htm>.

When I got my license in 1952,

there were about 100,000 hams in the United States. In 1950, there were approximately 90,000 hams in the United States. The population at that time was about 150 million. That was one ham out of 1,667 persons or 0.06%. Now in 2010, the population of the US is about 315,000,000 people and there are 682,000 hams. That comes to one ham out of 462 persons or 0.22% of the population.

The Amateur Radio population has increased 360% and that is almost 4 times more hams in the past 60 years. In the same time frame, the High Frequencies that Amateur Radio operators can use has only increased 20%. The bands are crowded but for Amateur Radio to keep up the pace, we need more young people to join our ranks. If the bands are not used, we could lose them. But remember, Amateur Radio is the **"only fail-safe system of communications"** per K4ZDH. - W4YDY

2009 Sees Surge of New Amateur Radio Licensees

This past year was a banner year for new Amateur Radio licensees. According to ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, the FCC issued more than 30,000 new ham radio licenses. "In 2009, the demand for Amateur Radio exam sessions remained elevated and is still running at a higher rate than before the FCC's restructuring of the license requirements in 2007," Somma said. "This high level of exam session activity has produced an elevated influx of new applications, far outpacing recent years."

A total of 30,144 new licenses were granted in 2009, an increase of almost 7.5 percent from 2008. In 2005, 16,368 new hams joined Amateur Radio's ranks; just five years later, that number had increased by almost 14,000 -- a whopping 84 percent! The ARRL VEC is one of 14 VECs who administer Amateur Radio license exams.

"When looking at the statistics over the last 10 years, these are some of the highest numbers we've seen," Somma explained. "Additionally, our total number of licensees across all three classes has grown each year." Currently there are 682,500 licensed Amateur Radio operators in the US, an almost 3 percent rise over 2008. In 2008, there were 663,500 licensed amateurs; there were 655,800 in 2007. Broken

down by license class, at the end of 2009 there were 17,084 Novices, 334,245 Technicians, 150,970 Generals, 60,795 Advanced and 119,403 Amateur Extra licensees.

"The ARRL VEC has been busy meeting the needs of the Amateur Radio community by helping people to become radio amateurs or upgrade their existing licenses," Somma said. "In 2009, ARRL VEs administered 44,595 exam elements at 6369 ARRL VEC-sponsored exam sessions. The number of amateurs who want to be Volunteer Examiners and who want to teach Amateur Radio classes is also going up -- we've seen a spike in the number of applications from General and Extra class radio amateurs who want to give back to their community by serving as ARRL examiners and instructors."

Somma applauded all the volunteers whose "hard work and contribution of countless hours of time helps to ensure the future of Amateur Radio. The ARRL VEC thanks our 32,411 VEs from around the world whose dedication and service helped to contribute to the success of Amateur Radio. I am delighted by these important achievements. 2009 was a very good year for Amateur Radio and I am excited by the promise of 2010." - via ARRL Letter Online.

New ARRL President



Congratulations, Kay!

First Vice President Kay Craigie, N3KN, was elected ARRL President at the 2010 Annual Meeting. Craigie has been a Section Manager, Vice Director, Division Director, ARRL Vice President and First Vice President. She has also served on all the standing committees of the ARRL Board of Directors and worked on the League's Enforcement Task Force, the committee whose pressure finally resulted in the FCC's assigning Riley Hollingsworth to clean up the ham bands. [Steve Ford, WB8IMY, Photo] Via ARRL Letter Online

FCC Notes Amateur Radio Response to Haitian Earthquake



In a posting on January 28 to the FCC's blog, Mindel DeLaTorre -- the Commission's International Bureau Chief -- noted how Amateur Radio operators are assisting with communications support in earthquake ravaged Haiti. "The amateur radio community is also contributing to the relief efforts," she wrote. "In the aftermath of the earthquake, the amateur radio community in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and elsewhere has dedicated equipment and spectrum resources to the relief efforts."

DeLaTorre reiterated that those who want to assist in the relief effort must go through the proper channels: "For anyone wanting to help, to protect against harmful interference, it is important to go through the Haitian government before any radio equipment or spectrum resources are used in Haiti." - via arrl.com

Coastal Carolina Search Team Exercise

Mark Webb, KI4GCH, heads up the Coastal Carolina Search Team (CCST), based out of the Bell Arthur Fire Department. Pitt County ARES has participated in two exercises with his group in the past two years.

CCST will be having Search and Rescue training classes the first three weekends in March. Mark has requested amateur radio support on Saturday, March 13 in coordination with the training exercise they have scheduled for that day. He would like for our participation from the hours of noon until possibly midnight. The location will be in the Bell Arthur area.

The main part of the exercise will be a search for a "missing" person. This will begin around 6 pm and last until the

"missing" person is found.

Arrangements have been made to utilize the Pitt County ARES trailer for this exercise.

I am looking for volunteers to do the following: (1) man the Pitt County ARES trailer for the times requested by Mark (12 pm to 12 am, with priority on 6 pm to 12 am); (2) go into the field and provide communications for any teams requiring an operator (6 pm to 12 am).

If you want to go into the field, you will need to be able to commit to being out there from 6 pm to 12 am. You will also need to be prepared for any kind of weather conditions, as the exercise will be held regardless of conditions. It will also be dark, so make sure to bring a flashlight

with good batteries.

I don't expect anyone to be there for the entire time. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail me at kg4czv@gmail.com and let me know what hours you would be willing to help out with. I will form a schedule based on participation and availability.

If you are interested in either the two week course (Search and Rescue Technician III certification) or the three week course (Search and Rescue Technician II certification), please let me know and I will send you the information regarding the courses.

Thank you in advance for your support and participation in this exercise. *KG4CZV*

New NC Section Manager elected



Bill Morine, N2COP, attended the 2001 Boy Scout National Jamboree as a K2BSA operator.

On December 10, Bill Morine, N2COP, the current Section Public Information Coordinator was declared the next NC Section Manager, running unopposed in the election. Bill's term begins April 1.

Bill was first licensed in 1970 as WN1NOP and got his General and his current call of N2COP in 1981 while living in New Jersey. Bill became an Extra in 2001.

Bill is a life member of ARRL and QCWA. He and XYL Pam have two sons: Reid, W4RSM, and Grant, W4GHM, who was named Young Ham Of The Year in 2007. Bill became an ARRL Public Information Officer (PIO) in 2000, was named section Public Information Coordinator (PIC) in 2004, and became a member of ARRL's national Public Relations Committee in 2005. Bill has served as chairman of the national PR committee since 2008. He is an Assistant EC in New Hanover County (Wilmington) and is also an ARRL and W4VEC Volunteer Examiner.

Bill has worked extensively with Boy Scouts, and served on the staff of K2BSA at the 2001 and 2005 National Jamborees. He has helped over 1,800 Boy Scouts earn the Radio Merit badge, and has helped over 300 Scouts and Scout leaders nationally and in North Carolina get licensed. He served as the first chairman of CARES, the Carolinas Amateur Radio Emergency Services, from 2001 to 2006, implementing a 220 MHz network in southeastern North Carolina dedicated to public health traffic in disasters. Since 2008, he has served as head of communications for the Beach 2 Battleship triathlon, the only full iron distance (140.6 miles over 17 hours) triathlon in the Roanoke Division. Bill and his wife run an independent financial planning practice in Wilmington. - *Story via the January NC Section News by N4IB*

Silent Key: CQ Magazine Columnist Dave Ingram, K4TWJ (SK)



passed away January 20 from complications due to a heart attack late last year. He was 67.

A writer and columnist at CQ since 1981, Ingram -- an ARRL member -- began his career at the magazine writing the amateur television "World of Video" column that later morphed into the "World of Ideas," covering code keys, stealth antennas, building "new vintage" tube gear, mobiling and more. Ingram also served as CQ's QRP Editor. "His enthusiasm for whatever caught his interest was contagious and spread widely through his informal, yet educational writing style," recalled CQ Managing Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU. Ingram also wrote for RadCom -- the Radio Society of Great Britain's member journal -- and other international ham magazines.

Information provided by CQ Magazine - via ARRL Letter Online

Dave Ingram, K4TWJ, who penned the "World of Ideas" and "How It Works" columns in CQ Magazine,

Marlin Brian Hardee, KF4MTL, SK


Former BARC member, Marlin Brian Hardee, KF4MTL, 26, passed away January 4, 2010. Brian, son of Linda and Marlin Hardee, KF4MHV, was a lifelong resident of Pitt County. He is also survived by his wife, Regina D. Hardee, children, Mary Beth, Timothy-James Randall, all of the home; grandmothers, Mary Moore "Me ma", and husband, "Papa Jim", of Belvoir, and Jewel Smith, of Winterville; and aunt, Pat Buck, of Greenville.

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members send their condolences to Brian's family.

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BARC Meeting Minutes - January 2010

BARC Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2010

Call to Order: 7:40 pm
Pledge of allegiance was said.
Introductions were made.

28 members were present and 1 guest as signed in the book.

Program: The program was given before the meeting. It was presented by Robert Young, NC4RY, on Tarheel Antennas.

After the program, there was a drawing for a free antenna. Taylor Millar, W4WTM, won it.

50/50 raffle: \$ 23.00 to Bob Hanrahan, AF4QY

Congratulations were given to Bill Finch, W4BHF, on his 98th birthday!

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

Secretary's report: no 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, reported that Murray Merner's, K4MHM, mother was ill.

Publicity: Taylor Millar, W4WTM, reported that the meeting announcement was in Sunday's Daily Reflector.

Volunteer Examiners: The next exam will be held on Friday, February 12, at St. Peter's School at 6:30 pm. A family of 3 is now new hams and 2 hams were upgraded.

Equipment: no report

Ham chatter: no report

Public Service: no report

History: no report

Programs: Program will be by Peter Van Houten, KG4WEZ, John McCoy, K4KBB, and Murray Merner, K4MHM, on the Elecraft transceiver kits. BARC's birthday is in February. Cake and ice cream will be served.

State ARES: Bernie Noble, WA4MOK, reported.

This morning at 4:45 am in Morehead City, 7 barrels of PETN were punctured. HWY 70 was closed off and there was a voluntary evacuation of Morehead City. No activations were needed.

The ARES Area 1 and 2 meeting will be held on Saturday, February 13, at the Golden Skillet in Plymouth.

There are 2 statewide ARES meetings this year. The dates being considered are in April in Raleigh and late May or early June around Morganton.

The hurricane forecast has already been issued and predicts a higher than usual season.

A statewide database of ICS certificate holders is being organized. Each EC (Emergency Coordinator) will have a 2 tier membership of one list containing names of ICS certified in the 100, 200, 700 and 800 courses, and 1 list of members not certified.

Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, announced a 7 magnitude earthquake hit Haiti today at 6 pm.

Bernie, WA4MOK, said that the Salvation Army network with a frequency of 142.65 will help out in times of disasters and needs.

Pitt County ARES: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, reported.

There were 6 BARC volunteers that helped with communications in the December event, Reindeer for Cash. They are definitely interested in us providing communications for next year.

Volunteers are needed for the MS Walk on May 1. The status of background checks is unknown. Messages have been left for further information but nothing has been heard as of yet.

A Pitt County ARES meeting is to be held on Wednesday, January 20, in the Green Room at the Hampton Inn on Greenville Blvd. The meeting will be at 7:30.

ICS 100,200, 700 and 800 courses are needed for qualification. All ARES members are urged to complete this training.

The Coastal Carolina Search and Rescue Team out of Belhaven will be holding classes on the first two weekends in March. On the 1st weekend, the classes will be held on Friday the 5th from 7 pm to 10 pm, Saturday the 6th from 8 am to 7 pm., and Sunday the 7th from 8 am to 4 pm. An exercise will be held on March 13th and 14th. Hams are being invited to help with communications on Saturday, March 13th.

Old Business: none

New Business:

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, handed out copies of the upcoming year's budget. Discussion ensued and the budget was passed. Ideas for the BARC raffle for 2010 were discussed. Some of the items suggested were a Garmin GPS, Blue Ray, Digital Multimeter, VISA gift card, cash and a Wii System. The board will discuss this at their next meeting. The drawing will be held at Field Day.

BARC will get tables at the Kinston and Raleigh Hamfests in order to sell raffle tickets and to help members sell radio items. The tables cost \$ 10.00 at the Kinston Hamfest and \$ 18.00 at the Raleigh Hamfest.

Announcements: Terry Monday, K4ZYD, reminded members that Field Day is coming up in June. Everyone needs to consider how they can help.

Adjourn: 9:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, Secretary

BARC Board Minutes - January 2010

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 26, 2010

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

Board Members Present:

John Prokop, President, N8MPX; Billy All, 1st Vice-president, N3KKM; John McCoy, 2nd Vice-president, K4KBB; Bonnie Pulver, Secretary, KG4CZV; Dave Pulver, Treasurer, KG4CZV; Ted Bertrand, Trustee, KI4PWX and Bob Moore, Past President and Trustee, N4USB

Others in Attendance:

Dave Langley, *Ham Chatter* Editor, W4YDY; Taylor Millar, Publicity Chairman, W4WTM and Murray Merner, K4MHM

Minutes: The minutes were approved as published 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. BARC's bank account has been switched to Southern Bank.

Health and welfare: no report

Ham Chatter: no report

Publicity: Taylor Millar, W4WTM, reported that the notices of the meetings are published in the community section in *Daily Reflector*. Cable 7 will give us air time when we want it. A field day informational would be good just before field day. We could also purchase an ad for field day in the *Daily Reflector*.

Public Service: Billy All, N3KKM, spoke to us about the International Festival at St. Gabriel's, and that it might be a good venue for us. He will get more details.

Dave Langley, W4YDY, reminded us that we have the Boy Scout of America event in May.

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, reminded us that the MS Walk is May 15 and that he is still checking into the status of any requirements for background checks.

History: no report

VE: Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, said that the next VE session is on February 12, 2010 at St. Peter's School. He raised the question about whether a reader needs to also be a VE. It was decided that the safest answer was yes. ARRL made a mistake and put in "No Walk Ins" for our VE Sessions. Ted is getting that corrected.

Equipment: Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, reported that we need a future trailer clean up before field day, when temperatures warm up.

ARES: Dave, KG4CZV, reported that the Pitt County ARES meeting was held on January 20, 2010. A Constitution and By-Laws were adopted. Mark Webb from Coastal Carolina Search Team came to the meeting and discussed upcoming training. They would like to invite hams to participate on March 13. The main activity will be between 6 pm to midnight but they would also like to be covered from Noon to 6 pm.

Improving the Monday night ARES Net was also discussed. It was decided that beginning March 1, 2010, the ARES net will be moved to 8:30 pm from 9:00 pm. This will be a trial basis for the next 3 months and then will be reconsidered.

Programs: John McCoy, K4KBB, reported that the next program will be by Peter Van Houten, KG4WEZ, John McCoy, K4KBB, and Murray Merner, K4MHM, on the Elecraft transceiver kits. The March program will be given by Billy All, N3KKM, on contesting.

New Members Presented: New hams, Cheryl McGuire, KJ4RGP; Margaret McGuire, KJ4RGQ, and Timothy McGuire, KJ4RGO were approved for membership. There are now a total of 95 BARC members.

Old Business:

The purchase of a projector was discussed and approved. Further information will be gathered and then the brand of projector will be chosen.

Ideas for prizes for the raffle include a Garmin GPS, gift card, Kestrel Weather Instrument, VOM, Nintendo Wii or \$250.00 cash. It was decided that a choice between the GPS, Wii and Cash will be printed on the tickets and purchased after the winning ticket has been chosen.

New Business: John McCoy, K4KBB, brought a thank you card for the board to send to Robert Young, NC4RY, from Tarheel Antennas for giving the last program. Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV, said that she will take on the duties of thank you cards to any non-club member who gives a program.

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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.

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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

Pitt County Repeater Association

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

Bill Overton's cousin sold their property and left a very large tower. The new owner does not want it and has asked if we can remove so she can sell it. The question of liability was discussed. Due to our current insurance policy, the board decided that BARC would not be able to help take down the tower. John Prokop, N8MPX, will discuss this with the new owner.

Announcements: Scholarships are being offered to North Carolina collage bound hams in the amount of \$ 500.00 to \$ 1,000.00. The web site for more information on this is www.outdoorhams.org.

Adjournment: 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV
Secretary

BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 6	Frostfest Richmond VA	Apr 3	RARSfest , Raleigh, NC
Feb 9	Regular Meeting - BARC BD	Apr 13	Regular Meeting
Feb 12	BARC VE Session	Apr 16	BARC VE Session
Mar 13/14	CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest	Apr 27	Board Meeting
Feb 20/21	ARRL CW DX Contest	Apr 29	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
Feb 23	Board Meeting	May 11	Regular Meeting
Feb 25	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	May 14/16	Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH
Feb 26/28	CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	May 25	Board Meeting
Feb 28/Mar 1	NC QSO Party	May 27	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
Mar 6/7	ARRL DX Contest, SSB	May 29/30	CQ WWCW WPX Contest
Mar 9	Regular Meeting	Jun 19	Down East Hamfest, Kinston, NC
Mar 13/14	Charlotte Hamfest, Concord, NC	Sep 4/5	Shelby Hamfest, Dallas, NC
Mar 27	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest	Nov	JARSfest, Benson, NC
Mar 30	Board Meeting		Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
Apr 1	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE		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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February 9

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