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Special Event Station, N4S, at the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow Conclave - April 17

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club set up a Special Event Station at Camp Boddie in Beaufort County, NC using the call sign N4S coordinated by Dave LeMoine, KV4CN. A couple of Yaesu 897 transceivers were used along with a Carolina Windom and a Tarheel Model 75A Stubby antenna. Amateur Radio operators were Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, John McCoy, K4KBB, Taylor Millar, W4WTM, Murray Merner, K4MHM, David Landry, W4DWA, Dave Langley, W4YDY and Dave Price, K4KDP. Stations in the USA and Europe were contacted.

"The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). It uses American Indian-styled traditions and ceremonies to bestow recognition on scouts selected by their peers as best exemplifying the ideals of Scouting." (Boy Scout web site)

Over 1000 Boy Scouts and their leaders attended the 2010 Order of the Arrow Conclave at Camp Boddie near Blount's Creek, NC. There were many exhibits on display from 9 AM to 2 PM on April 17, 2010. The Boy Scouts observed the exhibits and received stickers for their participation.



Scouts checking out the radio setup. Sitting at table from left, John McCoy, K4KBB, on 40M, Eagle Scout David Landry, W4DWA, passing out stickers, and Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, in the red shirt, on 20M.

The location was ideal with the Pamlico River back of the BARC display, plenty of trees to put up the Windom antenna and perfect weather. To see pictures and video of the event, go to the [w4amc.com](http://www.w4amc.com) web site.

Pictures:

<http://www.w4amc.com/fd/n4s2010.html>

Video:

<http://www.w4amc.com/fd/n4s2010.wmv>

A special thanks goes to BARC Member Jeff Wainwright, NW4S, for getting BARC in touch with Brian Snow, OAX Advisor for the Order of the Arrow Conclave. Brian was most helpful with information to Dave, KV4CN, for BARC to prepare the exhibit. They also furnished a tasty lunch for the exhibitors.

Next Meeting May 11

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, May 11 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program will be by Dave Langley, W4YDY. A couple of short videos will be shown including the BARC 2009 Field Day. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

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

Pitt County ARES Meeting Rescheduled

The Pitt County ARES meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2010 was postponed due to illness. It has been rescheduled for **Thursday, May 20**. The location has also changed. The new location will be at Peter Van Houten's office located at 2501 Stantonsburg Road at the corner of Stantonsburg and Johns Hopkins Drive. The name of his business is East Carolina Retina Consultants. Parking is behind the building. The meeting will start at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in ARES is invited to attend.

If you have any suggestions or questions regarding Pitt County ARES, please contact me at kg4czv@gmail.com.

Dave, KG4CZV

BARC raffle tickets available

It's that time of the year again - time for the annual BARC raffle. This year instead of one prize up for grabs, there will be a choice of three prizes. The winner of the raffle will have a choice between (1) a Nintendo Wii; (2) a Garmin GPS; or (3) \$250 in cash.

The winning ticket will be drawn at Field Day on Saturday June 26, 2010.

Raffle tickets will be available at each of the club meeting before Field Day. Tickets are stapled in groups of 10 each. Members who sell tickets are asked to turn the ticket stubs for all tickets issued (sold and unsold), along with the money for tickets sold before the drawing on June 26.

Anyone who would like to pick up tickets between club meetings, or has questions regarding the raffle should contact Dave Pulver at kg4czv@gmail.com.



Happy Birthday

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

- 5 W4DWA David Landry
- 14 W4TEP Tom Parsons
- 25 Anna Edwards

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

President's Corner John Prokop, N8MPX

Field Day is fast approaching and we are looking for everybody to pitch in and make this a repeat of past great outings. Terry Monday will co-chair with me and we are looking for your help in making this another fun Field Day. Please feel free to contact us and let know where you would like to help with our outing.

What is 112 inches long and is the key to the magic band?

The 6 meter sporadic E season is about to get under way. The month of May starts the season with the peak occurring in June and slowly drops down in August. The openings usually start around 8 am local time and a peak occurs between 10 am and noon with another peak from 6 am to 8 am. (Info from article by Pat Dyer WA5IYX) A lot of us have HF radios equipped with 6 meters and all you need is a good old dipole to get us on the air. The 112 inches is the length of a dipole that will get you on the air and working the magic band. Beware though working the 6 meter band can be addicting but a lot of fun.

73,
John Prokop, N8MPX

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

- Tim Nelson, WA4TMN**
- Charlie Wells, K4SKI**
- Tom Parsons, W4TEP**
- Taylor Millar, W4WTM**
- Gene Underwood, KE4JZU**



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 **June 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. bertrandf@ecu.edu. Please bring the following **required**:

- ◆ **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

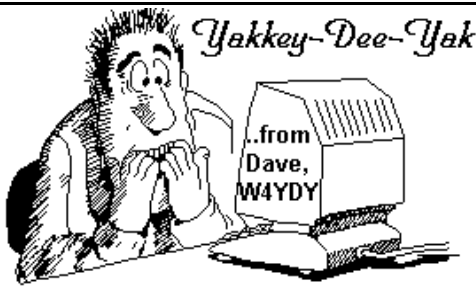


<http://www.ncarrl.org/ares/>

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BARC exhibit enjoyed the experience. It would be great if we could do that every year, but the Conclave rotates to other areas of North Carolina each year.

Field Day is fast approaching and it a good time for everyone that can to pitch in and help. We hope all of our new BARC members and recently licensed Amateur Radio operators will participate. It's an outstanding chance to get to know club members, get experience setting up and operating the radios and having a great fellowship. There's always the Saturday evening potluck meal with the club furnishing the main course and beverages.

For newly licensed operators and for visitors, you can get on the air. Class of license does not matter because the club call sign, W4AMC, will be used. There will always be an Amateur Extra control operator on site. Our most notable non-licensed operator for the past 2 years is Greenville Mayor Pat Dunn. She's an experienced contest operator now and plans to operate again this year. - W4YDY

FCC Seeks Comments on Newly Proposed Rules for Amateur Radio Operators and Emergency Drills

In March, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that proposed to amend the Part 97 rules governing the Amateur Radio Service. The new rules would provide that, under certain limited conditions, Amateur Radio operators may transmit messages during emergency and disaster preparedness drills, regardless of whether the operators are employees of entities participating in the drill.

On April 22, a summary of the NPRM was published in the Federal Register and the FCC is seeking comments on it. Comments must be filed on or before May 24, 2010 (30 days after publication in the Federal Register); reply comments must be filed on or before June 7, 2010 (45 days after publication in the Federal Register). Instructions on how to file comments are listed beginning on page 5 of the NPRM. The NPRM is available on the web in PDF format at, http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-10-45A1.pdf. - via ARRL 4/26/10

As you can see from the front page of this newsletter, BARC had a very successful exhibit at the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow Conclave at Camp Boddie in April. The setting was perfect with a great view of the Pamlico River behind our station setup. Many Boy Scouts and their leaders came to view the stations and exhibit.

Thanks to Dave Price, **K4KDP**, from Goldsboro, for his exhibit of his Morse code keys and sounders. The Boy Scouts had a chance to try their hand at sending code. Dave also had his Icom 706 and power supply on display.

Everyone that participated in the

BARC Field Day Chairmen on board

The BARC Field Day will be on June 26/27 and is less than 2 months away. Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, and John Prokop, **N8MPX**, are the Co-Chairmen this year. They have a lot of work to do and are looking for club members and others to assist them and they will be calling on you. It has been decided to operate as a 4A entry and the GOTA station. If you want to participate, contact Terry, tamonday@embarqmail.com or John, president@w4amc.com.

They want more young people to come out to make some contacts and learn more about Amateur Radio. It's

extra contest points for those under 18 that operate.

Field Day is one of the top activities of BARC with many participants. There will be a meal served about 6 PM on Saturday for members, families and visitors.

For the last two years, Greenville Mayor Pat Dunn has participated and operated one of the stations. Her plans are to do the same this year.

Field Day will be held at the same location next to Wendy's on Arlington Boulevard near Firetower Road. Below is an aerial view of the FD site.

Spunky?



Who is the young fellow in the picture with his dogs? Hint: He is an active Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club member and Spunky is not his name!

This picture was in last month's Ham Chatter but nobody knew who it was except the owner of Spunky! There were several guesses but they were all wrong.

You'll have to check out Page 7 for the answer.



W4EHF receives BARC Honorary Life Membership



Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, presents a certificate to Bill Finch, W4EHF, while Honorary Life members Brother Simon Jaworski, KQ2V, left, and Dave Langley, W4YDY, look on. (W4WTM photo)

Bill Finch, W4EHF, was surprised when he was bestowed an Honorary Life Membership by the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club. There was a unanimous vote by the club members before he arrived at the meeting. Bill was probably wondering why his son, Bill Finch, Jr., AI4TN, was so slow getting him to the meeting.

Bill was honored for his 75 years of contributions to Amateur Radio including serving as North Carolina ARRL Emergency Coordinator (EC) in the 1970's. Bill got his license in 1935 when he was 23 years old. He is one of the most active BARC club members and hardly ever misses a monthly meeting. For more about Bill, see the July 2000 issue of Ham Chatter when he was featured in the Meet the Member column.

April VE Session Results



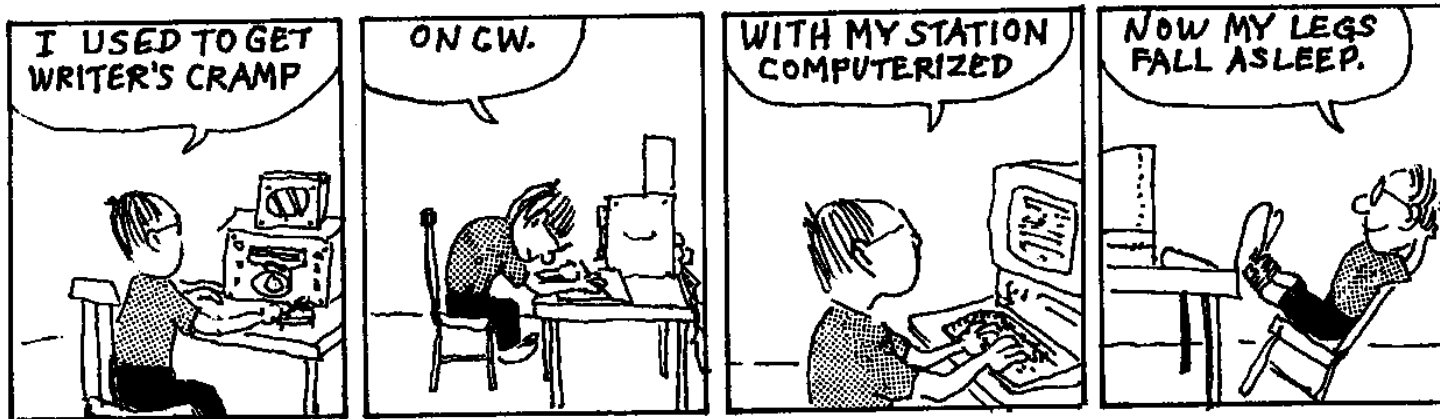
BARC members Cheryl McGuire, KJ4RGP, and daughter Margaret McGuire, KJ4RGQ, Washington, passed the General Class exams at the BARC VE session.

Seven candidates passed exams at the April 16 BARC VE session. Two candidates, Clifton Wilhelm, KJ4UKD, Greenville, and James Turnage, KJ4UKE, Greenville, passed the Technician exam to earn their Amateur Radio license. The new call signs were issued 4/20/10.

Cheryl McGuire, KJ4RGP, Washington, Margaret McGuire, KJ4RGQ, Washington, James Lyle, KJ4SHO, Roper, and Joshua Andrews, KJ4UAX, Williamston, all upgraded to General. Thomas Pender, KJ4UBI, Washington, upgraded to Amateur Extra. KJ4RGP, KJ4RGQ and KJ4UBI are BARC members. BARC congratulates all for their achievement.

The VE's were VE Liaison Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, Bob Moore, N4USB, Thomas Styron, KB7L, Neal Sumrell, NC4RR, Byron Highland, K4BMH, and Dave Langley, W4YDY.

The next regular VE session will be June 11, 2010.




Ham Ads

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For Sale: Hallicrafters SX-62A General Coverage Receiver. Listed in Fred Osterman's "Receivers Past and Present" (3rd edition, see page 169) as "scarce." Frequency coverage is from the standard AM band to 109 MHz. Six positions selectivity switch, 10 watts audio out, AM, CW, and FM. Outstanding audio fidelity. Two toned gray metal cabinet. 16 tubes. Production year 1955-63.

This receiver has been stored away for over 30 years so some work will be required to restore it. Price negotiable. Call Jay Ritzer at (252) 756-9176.

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BARC Meeting Minutes - April 2010

BARC Meeting Minutes

Date: April 13, 2010

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

Pledge of allegiance led by John Prokop, N8MPX

Introductions were made.

34 Members were present and 1 guest as recorded in the sign in book.

Special Business: The membership unanimously approved conferring Honorary Life Membership upon Bill Finch, **W4EHF**, for his dedication and contributions to BARC and Amateur Radio.

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

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: Tom Parsons, **W4TEP**, broke a rib and is undergoing therapy. Tom McLaughlin, **KE4NQP**, had a pace-maker put in two weeks ago.

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, visited Heber and Lucy Adams, **W4GDF** and **WA4BVH**, at room 27 in the Golden Living Center.

Publicity: Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, placed a meeting notice in the Sunday edition of *The Daily Reflector*.

VE: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, announced that the next VE exam is on Friday, April 16 at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's School. John Sprouse, **N4VJJ**, who is the Emergency Coordinator of Beaufort County, is offering a radio class. There are still spots open in the class. They anticipate having a special VE session in May for those in the class.

State ARES: Bill Dawson, **WA4SLC** reported that the State ARES meeting will be held on April 24 at 10:30 am at the State EOC in Raleigh. On May 4 and 5, there will be a hurricane exercise in which WinLink will primarily be used. Bertie County is now in Area 2.

Pitt County ARES: Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, reported that on April 1, Many EC's attended a meeting at the Red Cross in Greenville. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Red Cross needs and how ARES will interact during activations. An Eastern North Carolina Red Cross Ham yahoo group will be set up and a net operation will be held once a month. The Red Cross will accept local law enforcement checks and do not need full background checks.

April 22 is the next Pitt County ARES meeting. It will

be held at the Hampton Inn.

Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, has set up an informational website for Pitt County ARES at www.pittares.com. There is also a link from the BARC website.

Net control operators are to sign up in advance. A sign up sheet was sent around. Everyone is urged to try being net control.

ARES needs help in paying the \$400.00 fee for the filing for 501C3 status. An invitation was extended to members.

Eastern Branch ARES: Bill Dawson, **WA4SLC**, mentioned an article that was published in the Washington newspaper about Margaret, **KJ4RGQ** and Cheryl McGuire, **KJ4RGP**.

Programs: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, reported that the May meeting will be Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, showing videos of last year's Field Day. The June meeting will be on Field Day and will include a training session on the logging software.

Old Business: The board has approved to transfer possession of the newly acquired trailer and equipment to ARES as initially planned.

Raffle tickets are available. All members are urged to see Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, to get tickets for sale.

New Business: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, discussed the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow Experience to be held on Saturday, April 17 at Camp Boddie. BARC will set up at least one table at the event with operating radios. Those interested in helping are asked to meet at the 10th Street Bojangles near Hasting Ford and will carpool from there, leaving at 7 am.

John McCoy, **K4KBB**, discussed a fundraiser walk to be held by Koinonia Church on June 5. He is looking for several hams to assist in monitoring stations.

Murray Merner, **K4MHM**, discussed access to the Amateur Radio room at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. To access the amateur radio room, an ID needs to be issued. Contact Murray if you are interested in gaining access.

Announcements: The 20th annual Down East Hamfest will be Saturday, June 19 at Lenoir Community College from 8 am to 3 pm. For more information, visit www.downeasthandfest.org.

Donations toward the repair work that has recently been completed on the 220 repeater are being accepted.

50/50 Drawing Winner: John Prokop, N8MPX won \$ 27.00.

Program: Vern Wenger, the owner of Batteries Plus on Greenville Blvd. presented the program. His website is www.bp167@batteriesplus.com.

Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, presented Richard Cox, **K4CRD**, with his certificate of recognition for participating as a VE examiner **during** 2009.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, Secretary

BARC Board Minutes - April 2010

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 28, 2010

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

Board Members Present: President, John Prokop, **N8MPX**; 2nd VP, John McCoy, **K4KBB**; Secretary, Bonnie Pulver, **KG4CZW**; Treasurer, Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV** and past president, Bob Moore, **N4USB**.

Others in Attendance: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**; Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**; and Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**.

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

Secretary's Report: Bonnie Pulver, **KG4CZW**, received 3 notices of upcoming hamfest. June 13 is the Manassas Hamfest; July 10 is the Firecracker Hamfest in Salisbury, NC and the World Radiosport Team Championship is being held in Russia. See Bonnie for more information.

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

Health and welfare: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported that Gene Underwood, **KE4JZU**, had neck surgery.

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley: **W4YDY**, posted pictures and a video on the BARC website of the demonstration for the Order of the Arrow. It was a very popular event with a lot of participation and interest.

Publicity: Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, reported that the meeting announcement will be in the *Daily Reflector* on May 9th.

Public Service: Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, discussed the MS Walk on May 15. John McCoy, **K4KBB** discussed a fundraiser walk given by Koinonia Church on June 5.

VE: The special VE session that was scheduled for Beaufort County has been cancelled.

ARES: Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, announced that he had cancelled last weeks meeting due to illness. The replacement meeting will be on May 20. The location is to be announced when it has been finalized.

At the beginning of March, the ARES net was changed from 9 pm to 8:30 pm. This has increased active participation. Members are signing up to call nets. Dave is giving training materials on the net.

Programs: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, reported that the May meeting program will be given by Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, where he will show a video of the last field day. Dave Pulver, **KG4CZW**, will discuss the ICS 213 traffic handling form. The June meeting will be on Field day.

Old Business: A motion was made several months ago at the board meeting that BARC will help pay for the ARES application fee for non-profit status. A motion will be made at the next general meeting as to the amount of the needed.

New Business: The field day coordinators are Terry Monday, **K4ZYD** and John Prokop, **N8MPX**. Field Day will be at the same site. Discussion was held about the layout of the site. Postcards will be sent to local hams that do not belong to BARC to invite them to the Field Day event.

Adjournment: 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW
Secretary

KQ2V back in town!

It was very good to see Brother Simon Jaworski, **KQ2V**, at the March club meeting. He even came at the right time to get to be in the presentation of the Honorary Life Membership to Bill Finch, **W4EHF**. Picture of the presentation are on page 4 of this issue.

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HF

- ◆ Tar Heel Emergency Communications Net on 3923 kHz Nightly 1930.

NTS CW Nets

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Pitt County Repeater Association

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The young fellow
with Spunky is

K4KBB!

Can anyone help KC2CJJ?

Email sent to BARC.

Hello,

I am KC2CJJ op. Noel and looking for a repair shop that may have experience in repairing ranger radios. I have a 2950dx I use on 10 mtrs and the transmit went out. tks

NOEL LETOURNEAU

<nl32pro@yahoo.com>

Noel lives in Rocky Mount.

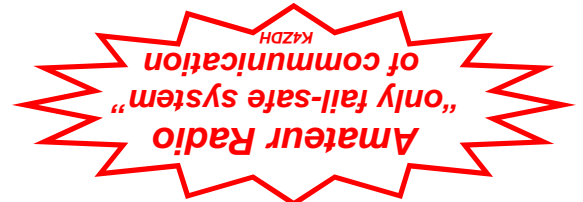
BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 11	Regular Meeting	Jul 17	Cary Swapfest qsl.net/n4nc/
May 14/16	Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, OH	Jul 17/18	CQ WW VHF Contest
May 25	Board Meeting	Jul 27	Board Meeting
May 27	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Jul 29	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
May 29/30	CQ WWCW WPX Contest	Aug 10	Regular Meeting
Jun 8	Regular Meeting	Aug 13	BARC VE Session
Jun 11	BARC VE Session	Aug 31	Board Meeting
Jun 19	Down East Hamfest, Kinston, NC	Sep 4/5	Shelby Hamfest, Dallas, NC
Jun 26/27	ARRL Field Day	Nov	JARSfest, Benson, NC
Jun 29	Board Meeting		
Jul 1	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE		
Jul 10/11	IARU HF World Championship		
Jul 13	Regular Meeting		

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

BARC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone
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Next Meeting
May 11

May 2010

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