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## SKYWARN Recognition Day December 4

## Christmas Party - December 14



David Glenn, NWS, General Forecaster



Bill Dawson, **WA4SLC**, John Hopkins, **KJ4JPE**, and Camilla Dawson.

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Covered dish meal will be served at 7 PM followed by awards being announced. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*The next board meeting will be December 28 at 7:30 PM at 631-B Dickinson Avenue - entrance at back of the building. All members invited.*

The 12th Annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) Special Event took place Saturday, December 4, 2010. 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. Amateur Radio operators visited their local participating NWS office, and worked as a team to contact other hams across the world throughout the 24 hour event.

The NWS at Newport participated again this year. Several club members had other commitments this year so only Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, and Dave Langley, W4YDY, were there from the club. It was the first chance W4YDY had for the trip and it was enjoyable. Visitors had a chance to see the NWS operation in Newport and operate WX4MHX. PSK equipment was set up and contacts were made with other Amateur Radio opera-

tors in other NWS facilities. Activity was brisk on SSB and PSK.

The Newport NWS furnished a noon time meal of BBQ, slaw, baked beans, ice tea and chocolate chip cookies for desert. That just put icing on the trip!

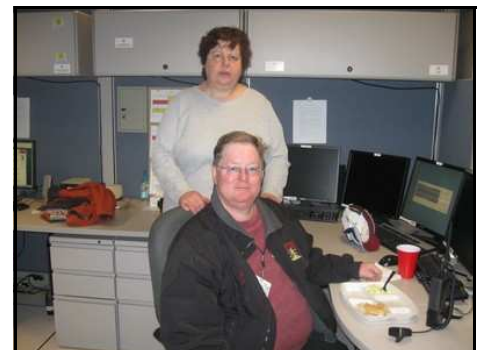
The NWS staff were very helpful in answering any questions the visitors had. Looking forward to next year.



Ron Civils, **KC4WVW**, Deep Run, NC operating **WX4MHX** at the National Weather Service in Newport, NC



Pat Maloney, **KD1XX**, Swansboro, NC and Jerry Jones, **KF4ASE**, Jacksonville, NC, operate PSK.



Janice Hopkins, **KJ4EJH**, and John, **KJ4JPE**, Swansboro, visit the National Weather Service in Newport, NC

## 2011 BARC Officials elections held at November meeting

Elections for 2011 BARC Officers were held at the November 9 club meeting. Since there were no competitions, the slate put together by the nominating committee were elected. They are;

President: John Prokop, **N8MPX**  
 Vice Pres: Richard Campbell, **KG4SNE**  
 2nd V. Pres: John McCoy, **K4KBB**  
 Treasurer: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**  
 Secretary: Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**  
 2 Yr Trustee: Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**  
 1 Yr Trustee: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**

Incoming officers shall be installed at the conclusion of the December meeting according to the constitution, Article II: Officers, Section 2.

## BARC Dues

Annual dues are due on January 1, 2011. See updates on [w4amc.com](http://www.w4amc.com). More details next month.



*Happy  
Birthday*

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

2 W2YBN John Mentha  
 2 W4ZRA Rick LaMonica  
 11 KG4CCX Tod LeMoine  
 13 KC4RBE June Highland  
 14 KJ4LMW Alex Bridgman  
 16 N8FF Ken Graf  
 19 K4FWL Bob Connelly  
 20 WA4TMN Tim Nelson

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

## 2010 Reindeer Dash for Cash

On Sunday, December 5, Greenville played host to the annual Reindeer Dash for Cash. The 5k / 10 mile road race started and ended at the Greenville Town Common. Amateur Radio provided communications the entire 10 miles of the route. The event was attended by hundreds of participants. This was the 2nd year that we provided communications for this event.

Pitt County ARES members participating were Byron Highland, **K4BMH**; Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**; John McCoy, **K4KBB**; John Prokop, **N8MPX**; and Dave Pulver **KG4CZV**. Bill Price, **KJ4WNS** rode his motorcycle and acted as the medical assistant to the race.

The event was run using hand-held equipment, as well as tactical call signs. This served as an exercise for future emergency communications deployments.

Dave Lovelace of the Reindeer Dash for Cash passed along their thanks to all who participated for their time and effort. He also indicated that they plan to have the same event again next year, and look forward to our continued participation.

*Dave Pulver, KG4CZV,*

## Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

**Tim Nelson, WA4TMN**  
**Charlie Wells, K4SKI**  
**Tom Parsons, W4TEP**  
**Bob Moore, N4USB**  
**John Prokop, N8MPX**  
**Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV**

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 **December 17**. 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](mailto: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 .
- ◆ 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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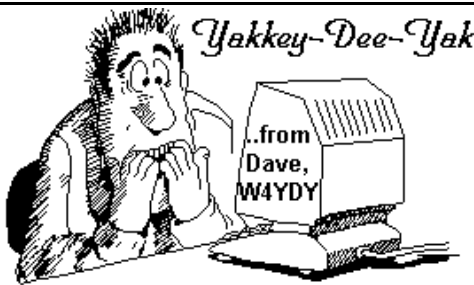
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*Yakkey-Dee-Yak* **Pitt County ARES News – December 2010**

**Skywarn Training Courses:**

John Cole of the National Weather Service Newport office will be coming to Greenville to conduct Skywarn courses on the following dates:

**BASIC SKYWARN TRAINING:**

10:00 am, Saturday, January 22, 2011

**ADVANCE SKYWARN TRAINING:**

10:00 am, Saturday, February 19, 2011

Both training classes will be held in the Greene Room of the Hampton Inn, located at 307 Greenville Blvd SW, next to the Greenville Convention Center.

the car to return, a very strong signal was on 40 meters. It was WX4MHX just yards away! So as I got down the road, I called and talked to operator Ron, KC4WVW, for a couple of minutes. Many stations were calling him. It was a good trip. Looking forward to next year.

Merry Christmas from W4YDY.

All people interested in learning about Skywarn are invited to attend.

**Pitt County ARES Meeting:**

**2011 meeting schedule** – The consensus of the group was that we should maintain the quarterly meetings, but keep the meeting night on one day of the week. Thursday was the day of the week that was chosen. The dates chosen for 2011 are:

- Thursday, February 17
- Thursday, May 19
- Thursday, August 18
- Thursday, November 17

**Simulated Emergency Tests** – The plan for 2011 is to conduct two SET's. The first one will be in May, which will take the form of a table top exercise. The second one will be in September, which will be a field exercise.

**Equipment Trailer** – There will be a trailer workday scheduled during the first quarter of 2011. The date and time will be announced sometime in January.

**Operations Manual** – An operations manual is being developed using samples of other organizations manuals as a guide. The final product will be available for review before the February meeting.

**Net Control Operators:**

On the home page of the Pitt County ARES web site, there is a link for "Schedule of Net Control Operators". This page shows who has signed up for net control through the end of January. Please check out the list and consider volunteering to be a net control operator. If you are interested in signing up, please contact me.

**Web Site:**

If you haven't had a chance to do so, please check out the Pitt County ARES website at [www.pittares.com](http://www.pittares.com). This web site continues to be a work in process. However a lot of information has been added to it since it came on line earlier this year. Suggestions for additional resources to be placed on the web site are welcome. Thanks to those of you that have made suggestions that have helped make it better.

If you have any suggestions or questions regarding Pitt County ARES, please contact me at [kg4czv@gmail.com](mailto:kg4czv@gmail.com).

73, Dave KG4CZV

My, where has the year gone? Seems like we just had a Christmas party! If you have never attended the BARC Christmas party in December, try to make it this year. It's a great time to socialize and have some great food.

I enjoyed my first trip to the National Weather Service in Newport for the Annual SKYWARN Recognition Day. The weather stations had Amateur Radio operators at their facilities to help operate the stations that are set up. They tried to contact anyone and especially other stations in other NWS facilities. On the way down to Newport, I contacted WX1BOX in Boston on 20 meters and when I got in

**BARC Honorary Life members  
Mike Langley, KD4MTT, and John McCoy, K4KBB**



Mike Langley, KD4MTT



John McCoy, K4KBB

Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**, and John McCoy, **K4KBB**, were conferred as Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club Honorary Life members by the club members at the November 9 club meeting. According to the By-Laws of the BARC Constitution, "... Honorary Life Membership may be conferred upon an adult member who shall have rendered notable service to the organization. These persons have all rights of Regular Members except they are not expected to pay dues."

Mike and John have given many, many hours and days of their time for the betterment of the club with service as officers in different categories over the years and many behind the scenes projects. They are always happy to help any way they can. They unselfishly donate their time and materials that has help the club to become one of the best for its size. They both have been in the club for over 10 years and have done very much to further the club objectives. This is a well deserved award for both.

The signed recommendation required by the constitution was made by Dave Langley, W4YDY, and seconded by Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK.

## FCC Issues Report and Order on Vanity and Club Station Call Signs



In November 2009, the FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) -- WT Docket No. 09-209 -- seeking to amend the Commission's Amateur Radio Service rules to clarify and codify existing procedures governing the vanity call sign system. The NPRM also sought to revise certain rules applicable to club stations. The ARRL submitted its comments to the FCC on March 26. On Monday, November 8, 2010, the FCC issued a Report and Order (R&O) with its decisions. These new rules will take effect 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

In the Report and Order, the FCC amended and clarified its rules with respect to Amateur Service vanity call signs "in order to promote processes that are more equitable and administratively efficient." The FCC has amended its vanity call sign rules to clarify the date on which the call sign associated with a license that is canceled due to the licensee's death becomes available for reassignment and clarifies the exceptions to the general rule that a call sign is unavailable to the vanity call sign system for two years after the license terminates. As for club stations, the FCC has placed limits on who can file applications on behalf of a club, how many vanity call signs a club can hold and how many clubs can have the same license trustee.

According to the FCC, almost 80,000 licensees have replaced their sequentially issued Amateur Radio call signs with a vanity call sign since the program began in 1996. When the program began, the Commission established what they called "the broad outlines" of the vanity call sign system, concluding that call signs generally should not be available for reassignment for two years following the death of a licensee, or expiration or termination of the license for that call sign. In doing so, the Commission made exceptions for former holders of the call sign, close relatives of a deceased former holder and club stations of which a deceased former holder was a member.

Here are the highlights of the Report and Order (read the complete R&O here):

### Availability of Call Signs Assigned to Stations of Deceased Licensees

\* The FCC has codified that a signed request for license cancellation accompanied by a copy of a death certificate, an obituary or data from the Social Security Death Index [SSDI] that shows the date of death is necessary to cancel the license of a deceased amateur.

\* The FCC clarified the rules to provide that the two year waiting period starts on the licensee's date of death.

\* A call sign that is canceled due to the death of a licensee more than two years earlier, or within 30 days before the second anniversary of the licensee's death, will remain unavailable to the vanity call sign system for 30 days following the date the staff takes action to cancel the license.

### Exceptions to the Two Year Waiting Period

\* Former Holders of the Call Sign: A former holder of the call sign is exempt from the general rule that a call sign shown on an expired, surrendered, revoked, set aside, canceled or voided license is unavailable to the vanity call sign system for two years.

\* "Close Relatives" of the Licensee: The term "in-law" includes "only a parent, step-parent, sibling, or step-sibling of a licensee's spouse; and the spouse of a licensee's sibling, step-sibling, child, or stepchild; or the spouse of a licensee's spouse's sibling or step-sibling." The other "close relatives" are the deceased former holder's spouse, children, grandchildren, stepchildren, parents, grandparents, stepparents, brothers, sisters, stepbrothers, stepsisters, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

\* "In Memoriam" Call Signs: One exception to the two year waiting period applies to licenses for club stations who request the call sign of a deceased licensee when the club station trustee has the written consent of a close relative of the deceased. The FCC codified that the decedent's club membership need not be current at the time of his or her death, as long as the decedent was a bona fide member of the club at some time during his or her life.

### Ineligible Applicants

\* When a vanity call sign for which the most recent recipient was ineligible is surrendered, cancelled, revoked or voided, the two year requirement does not apply; however, the call sign will not be made available to the vanity call sign system for 30 days after information regarding the acknowledgement or determination of ineligibility is posted to the license in the Commission's licensing system.

### Other Club Station Licensing Issues

\* Club Trustee Issues: Applications requesting a change in trustee are required to include documentation signed by an officer of the club when the application is submitted to the Club Station Call Sign Administrator (CSCSA), in order to "prevent a departing trustee from making off with the club license and call sign or refusing to agree to a change in trustee" and "address instances in which a trustee becomes incapacitated."

\* Class of Trustee: Novice class licensees may now serve as club station trustees, "for frequency and operating privileges are determined solely by the class of operator license held by the control operator, rather than the license held by the club station trustee." (However, cumbersome identification procedures are required when a control operator is using privileges that exceed those of the station licensee.)

\* Limits on Club Station Licenses: Club stations may hold only one vanity call sign, but may hold an unlimited number of sequential call signs. Club stations currently holding more than one vanity call sign may renew or modify their existing station license grants, but not obtain any additional vanity call signs. The prohibition on obtaining additional vanity call signs includes in memoriam call signs formerly assigned to deceased members of the club.

\* Who May Serve as Trustee: An individual may be the trustee for only one club station license grant. Individuals who currently serve as trustee for more than one club may continue to serve as


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# BARC Meeting Minutes - November 2010

## BARC Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2010

**Call to Order:** 7:30 pm

John Prokop, **N8MPX**, opened the meeting by thanking all veteran's present for their service.

**Introductions were made.**

**There were 28 members and 3 guests as recorded in the sign in book.**

**Minutes:** The minutes were amended with a correction to Bill All's call sign as **N3KKM**.

**Secretary's report:** Bonnie Pulver, **KG4CZV**, reported that BARC received an application to the Dogwood Festival in the mail. Also, copies of the information on the Alabama Historical Radio Society were on the table for those interested.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, gave the report. Further information regarding the treasurer's report is available to members upon request. Copies of the proposed budget were given to the membership and the budget was unanimously approved.

**Public Service:** Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, discussed the Reindeer Dash for Cash on Sunday, December 5. Last year was BARC's first year helping them with communications at rest stops. A minimum of 6 people are needed.

**VE:** Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, announced that the next VE exam is on December 17 at 6:30 pm at St. Peter's School.

**Pitt County ARES:** Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, sent around a sign up sheet for Monday night net control operators.

On Wednesday, November 17, a Pitt County ARES meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at Peter Van Houten's, **KG4WEZ**, office.

On Saturday, November 13, there will be the State Simulated Emergency Test from 9 to 11 am. This will be a different test than in previous years.

Saturday, December 4 is Skywarn Recognition Day. The National Weather Service holds a national radio contest from midnight to midnight. The Newport facility will be giving tours. Lunch will be provided. This is an opportunity to meet other hams from the region.

**Programs:** John McCoy, **K4KBB**, announced that the next meeting will be the annual holiday party. The January meeting will be a program by Robert Young of Tarheel Antennas.

**Old Business:** There was no old business presented for discussion.

**New Business:** Brother Simon Jaworski, **KQ2V**, discussed the Pioneer Technology Day on Saturday, November 13 from 10 am to 4 pm. A presentation will be given concerning the development of Amateur Radio. He is looking to borrow some old equipment and is willing to pick it up and return it. Volunteers are welcome.

Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, read the BARC rules for presenting Honorary Life Memberships. He presented Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**, and John McCoy, **K4KBB**, for approval. They were approved as Honorary Life Members.

The slate of officers announced at the September meeting and published in the newsletter were elected in by acclimation. The slate was: President John Prokop, **N8MPX**; 1st Vice President Richard Campbell, **KG4SNE**; 2nd Vice President John McCoy, **K4KBB**; Secretary Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**; Treasurer Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**; Trustee Dave Langley, **W4YDY**; Trustee Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**.

Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, handed out peer award ballots to be filled out and given to Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**, at the end of the meeting.

Announcements: Paul Copeland discussed that on November 22, Chili's will donate 10% of your bill to Give to the Troops. A coupon, which will be emailed out to everyone by Paul, is to be presented to your server. Give to the Troops is always seeking volunteers.

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

**Program:** Kevin Suggs of North Pitt High School gave a presentation on constructing printed circuit boards.

Adjourn:

Respectfully Submitted:

*Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV, Secretary*

# BARC Board Minutes - November 2010

**Date:** November 30, 2010

**Call to Order:** 7:30 pm

**Board Members Present:** President John Prokop, **N8MPX**; 1st VP Bill All, **N3KKM**; 2nd VP John McCoy, **K4KBB**; Treasurer Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**; Trustee Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**; Trustee Bob Moore, **N4USB**

**Others in Attendance:** Dave Langley, **W4YDY**; Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**; Pat Williams, **KG4NSC**.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the October Board Meeting were approved as published in Ham Chatter.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV** reported on the current condition of the club's finances. He also reported that there were no new members to be approved by the Board.

**Health and Welfare:** Bill All, **N3KKM**, reported that he had

not received any new notices of members who were in poor health.

**Ham Chatter:** Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported that he did not have any current contact information for BARC Life Member Hassell Bailey, **W4OZV**. The address listings publicly available are no longer valid according to the post office. His last know e-mail address and phone number no longer work. If anyone has any information on the Mr. Bailey's current status, please let Dave know.

**Publicity:** Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, reported that he will be putting a notice in The Daily Reflector in regards to the Christmas social, in lieu of the normal meeting notice.

**Public Service:** Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV** talked about the Rein-

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## BARC Board Minutes - November 2010

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deer Dash for Cash that 5 or 6 club members will be participating in on December 5, 2010.

**VE:** Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, noted that the next VE session is scheduled to begin at 6:30 pm Friday, December 17, 2010 at St. Peter's School. Ted has also drawn up a tentative 2011 VE schedule that he needs to clear with St. Peter's School. Once that has happened, it will be posted on the BARC web site.

**Programs:** John McCoy, **K4KBB** has Robert Young from Tarheel Antennas coming to give us a program in January. In February, Vern Wenger from Batteries Plus will be talking with the club about batteries. Anyone who has ideas for a program can contact John with their ideas.

**ARES:** There was a meeting on November 17 attended by 5 members. The topics discussed were: decline in participation of nets and meetings; 2011 meeting schedule; Skywarn training on January 22 and February 19; simulated emergency tests for 2011; training for Monday night nets and development of an operations manual. More details are available at [www.pittares.com](http://www.pittares.com).

**Old Business:** John Prokop, **N8MPX** has information regarding an education fund that could be sponsored by BARC that he will be presenting the Board in early 2011.

**New Business:** Bob Moore, **N4USB** made a suggestion that a calendar be developed that spelled out when certain functions within the club had to be performed according to our Constitution and By-Laws so that items would not be overlooked. Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV** agreed to put one together.

John Prokop, **N8MPX** expressed a desire to put together a Technician Class in the first quarter of 2011.

Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, noted that at the Christmas Party on December 14, volunteers would be needed to make sure the following functions were done: pick up paper supplies from the storage room; cover the tables at the VFW hall (this will make clean up easier); purchased 6 Poinsettias to be raffled off; and purchase soft drinks and ice.

**Time of Adjournment:** 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by *Dave Pulver, KG4CZV*  
Substitute Minute Taker

## FCC Issues Report and Order on Vanity and Club Station Call Signs

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trustee of those clubs, but may not be designated the trustee of any additional clubs.

### Conforming Rule Changes

\* The FCC amended Part 97 to remove obsolete references to Technician Plus class operator licenses, as all Technician Plus class operator licenses have now either expired or been renewed as Technician class operator licenses.

\* In 2000, the FCC decided not to renew Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) station licenses. Now that the last RACES license has expired, the FCC amended Part 97 to remove references to RACES station licenses.

\* The FCC revised Section 97.21 to reference Section 1.949 of the rules that requires that renewal applications be filed no sooner than 90 days prior to expiration of the license.

### Proposals Not Adopted

\* The FCC chose to not adopt proposals from the ARRL that would have expanded the pool of available call signs and would have limited Group A vanity call signs to United States citizens.

\* Also not adopted were proposals from other commenters to limit vanity call signs to the call area of the applicant's residence and to eliminate the fee to renew a license with a vanity call sign. - *via ARRL Letter Online 11/10/2010*

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## NETS

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- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
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# BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 11-12 . . . . .	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	Feb 12/13 . . . . .	CQ WPX RTTY Contest
Dec 14 . . . . .	<b>Christmas Party</b>	Feb 19/20 . . . . .	ARRL CW DX Contest
Dec 17 . . . . .	BARC VE Session	Feb 22 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Dec 28 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Feb 24 . . . . .	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>
Dec 30 . . . . .	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>	Feb 25/27 . . . . .	CQ WW SSB 160M Contest
Jan 1 . . . . .	ARRL Straight Key Night	Mar 5/6 . . . . .	ARRL SSB DX Contest
Jan 8 . . . . .	ARRL RTTY Roundup	Mar 8 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Jan 11 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Mar 26/27 . . . . .	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest
Jan 22/23 . . . . .	ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes	Mar 29 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Jan 25 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Mar 31 . . . . .	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>
Jan 27 . . . . .	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>		
Jan 28/30 . . . . .	CQ WW CW 160M Contest		
Feb 8 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting - Birthday</b>		

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

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