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## Paul Copeland, K4KCS, Silent Key



Paul will be greatly missed by Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members. He was always active in the annual Field Day and was missed in the last one in June. The club members send condolences to his family and friends.

Below are excerpts from The Commercial Appeal published on August 31, 2011 in Memphis, TN.

Paul Wayne Copeland, 71, of Greenville, NC, formerly of Memphis, passed away on Thursday, August, 25, 2011. He was a member of Collierville Primitive Baptist Church and attended Church of Christ in Winterville, NC. He

was a retired field engineer for the Voice of America in Greenville, and proudly served the Navy for 10½ years. He was a HAM radio operator for more than 56 years using call sign K4KCS. He was trained in classical piano, a member of The Dixie Bluegrass Boys, and member of the Memphis Area Bluegrass Association. He was a former Boy Scoutmaster and proud foster parent to more than 21 children. He is preceded in death by his parents Paul Washington Copeland and Tillie Barnett Copeland. He leaves his loving wife of 39 years Charlotte Henley Copeland, three children Daniel B. Copeland, Elizabeth H. Copeland, and Paul C. Copeland, all of Greenville, NC, one brother Gary M. Copeland of Memphis, two sisters Nancy C. Leitschuh of Adamsville, TN, Pamela Copeland of Littleton, CO, and grandson, Gabriel M. Copeland of Greenville. Services were held at 10 a.m., on Thursday, September 1, 2011, at Collierville Primitive Baptist Church. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to the Memphis Area Bluegrass Association. Family Funeral Care (901)761-8000 [www.familyfuneralmemphis.com](http://www.familyfuneralmemphis.com)

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## Next Meeting September 13, 2011

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program will be by Vern Wenger, Manager of Batteries Plus in Greenville. Nominations for 2012 BARC officers will be held. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.



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

## Will BARC VE Sessions end in Greenville?

No one came to the August 16 VE session to take an Amateur Radio exam. It's a good thing because only two VE's were at the session. Three are required to give exams. General Class VE's can give Technician exams. General can be given by Advanced or Amateur Extra class but only Amateur Extra Class can give Amateur Extra exams. We need more VE's or Amateur Radio exams in Greenville will be a thing of the past! BARC membership is not required to help with BARC VE Sessions. For information on becoming a VE, <<http://www.arri.org/ve-manual>> has the answers. It's not hard to do.

The VE's that attended were VE Liaison Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, and Dave Langley, W4YDY.

The next regular VE session will be October 18, 2011

## Hurricane Irene causes damage to some BARC members property

Some BARC members had a lot of damage to property with the high winds. W4MOK reported that house of Leland Tucker, WB4RQG, Winterville, was destroyed when a large tree fell on it. He had to move out until repairs can be made if possible.

Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, reported 17 trees fell in his backyard and destroyed

his tower and beam. Also his vertical was down but it can be set back up.

Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, had his long wire on the ground and he took the beam down until he can clear the down tree in his backyard.

My inverted V's went down when trees fell and the HF beam lost parts and is now tilted. Got some work to do. W4YDY

## Vanity Call Sign Fee to Go Up in September

On August 10, the FCC announced via a Final Rule in the Federal Register that the cost of an Amateur Radio vanity call sign will increase 90 cents, from to \$13.30 to \$14.20. The new fees take effect 30 days after publication, making September 9, 2011, the first day the new fee is in effect. Earlier this year, the FCC released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM), seeking to raise the fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs.

“The Commission tries to keep the regulatory fee for Vanity call signs as minimal as possible,” explained the FCC in its Final Rule. “Between FY 2007 and FY 2010, the regulatory fee for Vanity call signs increased from \$1.17 (per year) to \$1.33 (per year), an increase of \$0.16 per year or \$1.60 over a ten-year license period. We do not believe this increase is inequitable, and the Commission will continue its efforts to keep this fee as minimal as possible. The fees that are collected from Vanity



call signs are used to offset the cost of monitoring and researching new call sign requests to prevent the issuance of duplicate call signs.”

The vanity call sign fee has fluctuated over the 14 years of the current program -- from a low of \$11.70 in 2007 to a high of \$70 (as first proposed in the FCC’s 1994 Report and Order). In FY 2011, the FCC expects to grant 14,600 vanity call signs, bringing in \$207,320 from the vanity call sign program, and looks to recover a total of \$336,599,048 in fees from all the Services that it regulates.

The vanity call sign regulatory fee is payable not only when applying for a new vanity call sign, but also upon renewing a vanity call sign for a new term. The first vanity call sign licenses issued under the current Amateur Radio vanity call sign program that began in 1996 came up for renewal five years ago. The FCC is authorized by the Communications Act of 1934, As Amended, to collect vanity call sign fees to recover the costs associated with that program. - via arrl.org 08/10/2011

## Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held **Tuesday, October 18**. VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road 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/>

## Pitt County ARES

<http://www.pittares.com/>



# Happy Birthday

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

- |    |        |                     |
|----|--------|---------------------|
| 1  | KG4NSC | Pat Williams        |
| 1  | KC4ROR | Rose Wainwright     |
| 2  | W4JCS  | John Sutherland     |
| 2  | N4USB  | Bob Moore           |
| 5  | KQ2V   | Bro. Simon Jaworski |
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| 14 | WA4DAN | Murray Adams        |
| 20 | W4FA   | John Schultz        |
| 24 | W4OZV  | Hassell Bailey      |
| 29 | WA7FXB | Albert Sanchez      |
| 29 | KC3X   | Hollis Thigpen      |

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

## Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

- Charlie Wells, K4SKI**  
**Tom Parsons, W4TEP**  
**Bob Moore, N4USB**  
**John Prokop, N8MPX**

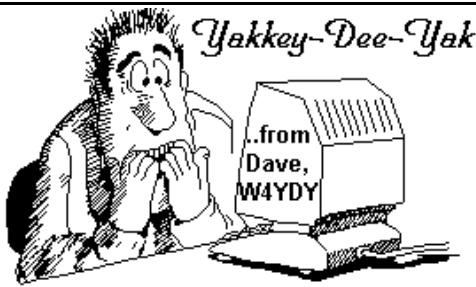


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*Yakkey-Dee-Yak* **Special Event Stations Mark Tenth Anniversary of 9/11**

Another Shelby Hamfest is history. Taylor Miller, **W4WTM**, and I went together this year and had a good time. It was Taylor's first trip to the Shelby Hamfest. The weather was in the middle 90's, about 10 degrees hotter than in Greenville. We were looking forward to the air conditioned building where the major dealers were, but a thunderstorm came through on Friday night and blew out the air conditioner. By noon, the building was hotter inside than under the shade trees outside. The workers said they would have it working for Sunday. Taylor and I headed back to Greenville Saturday afternoon

As usual, I mostly enjoyed seeing long time friends and several from Western NC when I lived there. Several BARC members were there. Sat a while with John, **K4KBB**, at his camper. Also saw my daughter, Susan, **WA4AKB** and her husband, Dale, **WA4JCK**. He upgraded to General at the hamfest. Congratulations Dale!

Picked up a few connectors that one can always use. The Yaesu company had a big display, but Icom and Kenwood did not. Didn't see Tarheel Antennas except on many cars and trucks. There sure was a big flea market and some interesting equipment and boat anchors. One had a big sign that read, "Boat Anchors".

I know Bernie will be disappointed the he was not with me. The first person I saw when I was getting out of the car was a county hunter from Myrtle Beach, Bob, **N4XML**. Later got up with another from Henderson, Jim, **NW6S**.

This was the 55th Shelby Hamfest. They started in 1957 and I have been to at least 25 to 30 of them. But there was a small hamfest at Shelby in the spring of 1954. I was in Tech school in Gastonia and several of us went over to a big parking lot on US 74 and there was eyeballing and 'junk in the trunk'. Probably 50 to 75 there. That was before there was a Shelby Amateur Radio Club. - **W4YDY**

In remembrance of those who died in the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, several Amateur Radio Special Event Stations are being planned.

\* The Pentagon Amateur Radio Club, **K4AF**, will be on the air 7 AM-9 PM Saturday, September 10 (1100-0100 UTC, Saturday, September 10 through Sunday, September 11). Active operating frequencies will be posted during event on the **K4AF** website. This Special Event is to honor all those lost on September 11, 2001, with special remembrance of the 184 people who lost their lives at the Pentagon and on board American Airlines Flight 77.

\* The Blair Amateur Radio Society, **W3PN**, will be operating **N3U/FLT93** from September 8-15 in memoriam of United Flight 93 that crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. This year's activity will take place during tenth anniversary and the Memorial Dedication for the Victims of United Flight 93. To receive a QSL card, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Blair Amateur Radio Society, **W3PN**, 112 E Wopsononock Ave, Altoona, PA 16601.

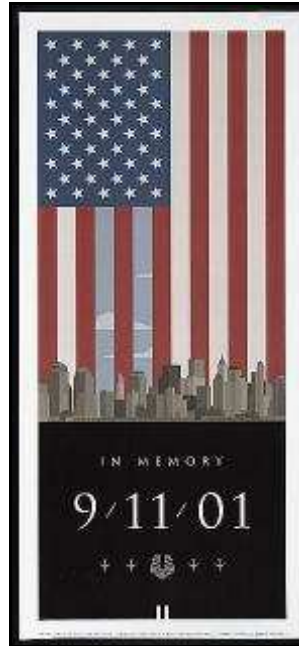
\* The Northeast Wireless Radio Club, **N2WC**, will be on the air Sunday, September 11 from 12 noon until 6 PM EDT (1700-2300 UTC). **NWRC** members will be operating in the General class bands on Phone, CW and Digital; please check the clusters for frequency updates. You can receive a Special Event QSL card when you send a \$2 donation to

Northeast Wireless Radio Club, 213-37 39th Avenue, Suite 175, Bayside, NY 11361.

\* The Kings County Repeater Association, **KC2RA**, will be on the air 9 AM-5 PM EDT (1300-2100 UTC) on Saturday, September 10. Look for **KC2RA** on 7.250 and 14.295 MHz, as well as Echo-Link node 132967 (**KC2LEB-R**) and the **KC2RA** repeater at 146.430 (CTCSS 136.5). **KC2RA** members will be offering a special QSL card for the event. To receive a card, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to **KC2RA** 9/11 Memorial Event, PO Box 280288, Brooklyn, NY 11228-0288.

\* The Symbol Technologies Amateur Radio Club, **W2SBL**, will be on the air September 10-11 on the following frequencies: 3.911, 7.240, 14.070 and 50.135 MHz, as well as **D-STAR REF10C**. **STARC** members will read the name of a person killed in the attacks with every QSO. A Special Event QSL card is available when you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Symbol Technologies Amateur Radio Club, **W2SBL**, One Motorola Plaza, B-13, Holtsville, NY 11742.

The dates, times and frequencies of these Special Event Stations are listed as they were reported to the ARRL, and as such are subject to change. This list will be updated as more Special Event Stations notify ARRL HQ of their plans. We recommend that you bookmark this page and check back periodically for any additions. For a listing of all Special Event Stations, please see the ARRL Special Event Stations web page. - *via arrl.org 08/30/2011*



**Special Event Station K5B – Plano Balloon Festival**

September 18, 2011 – Plano, Texas Celebrating the 31st annual Plano Balloon Festival, members of the Plano Amateur Radio Klub (**PARK**) and area amateur radio operators will be **QRV** as **K5B** during the festival. Frequencies plus or minus **QRM**: 7.255, 14.255, 21.355 and

on the club repeater, **WD5ERD** on 147.180 + **PL 107.2** and via Echolink at **K5PRK**. QSL with **SASE** to **K5PRK**.

More information formation will be available on our website at [www.k5prk.net/](http://www.k5prk.net/), [**AE5NO Ron**]



# Paul Copeland, K4KCS, Silent Key

The following article was published in the August 2006 issue of Ham Chatter.



**Paul Copeland, K4KCS, SK**

Radio hasn't just been a hobby for Paul Copeland, K4KCS, it's been his career. Paul first got his ham license in 1956 when he was in high school in Memphis, Tenn. He bought a surplus military transmitter that had never been used for about \$5, bought parts to build a power supply and constructed a receiver from scratch.

"It didn't work too well, but it did work," he remembers.

At that time, licensed as KN4KCS as a novice, Paul had a year to upgrade his license. With help from a cousin who was in the Army Signal Corp,

Paul learned Morse Code one letter at a time by listening to the stations relaying news stories overseas that were transmitting at 20-25 wpm. The next day he would check his work against the newspaper.

He succeeded in getting his General License the next year and in 1984 received his Extra Class.

By that time, he had operated across the world. During his more than ten years in the Navy he operated out of Morocco, Hawaii and Japan.

"I got a chance to be the DX and see what it sounds like to be on the other end," he said.

It was a bit of a role reversal for someone who is now an active country chaser himself. Paul currently has 231 confirmed countries and hopes to pick up nearly a dozen more with a recent batch of QSL cards he turned into the ARRL.

With a total of 337 countries recognized by ARRL, Paul still has his

Work cut out for him, but it's an activity he enjoys.

"It's very much of a challenge. Here I am with 100 watts

and an antenna that works but is not the greatest thing, and I'm in there fighting these guys that are running kilowatts and huge antennas, and I'm able to work the same guys that they can, but I can't just barge in on top of them. I listen for awhile and see if their signal strength goes up or down and try to get in when propagation is right. I usually hang in there," he said.

Paul primarily uses a Icon 746Pro and a GAP Challenger DX-VIII vertical he recently put up in his yard. He also has a 10-meter antenna mounted about 30 feet up on his roof. He says a large number of trees on his property prevents him from putting up a tower.

Paul says he likes working most any bands and enjoys checking into some nets on 40 meters and trying to contact some of his friends back in Mississippi on 80 meters.

Paul lived in Mississippi for more than a decade after he got out of the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. He was chief engineer of WNJC-FM operated by Northwest Mississippi Junior College in Senatobia from 1972 to 1984. The station was Mississippi's first National Public Radio affiliated radio station and the first public radio station in Mississippi to receive programming via satellite.

In 1985 Paul went to work for the Voice of America, a job that brought him to Greenville. He was a transmitter technician, operating and maintaining high-power shortwave transmitters until he retired in 2005.

"It's sort of like a big ham shack, except with a lot more power," he said.

Retirement has given Paul more time to talk on the radio, but it's an activity he balances with working on his house and his other passion-playing the Dobro, a steel-guitar. Paul has been playing since about 1974 and enjoys bluegrass music.

He also enjoys spending time with his wife of 34 years, Charlotte, and his three children. He also has one grandchild.

Paul has radio awards for working all continents and two for working all states- one all bands and all modes and one 10 meters only.

He has participated in the club Field Day and the Farmville Dogwood Festival and did work on the ARES trailer.

You can hear him calling the 2 meter net some Monday nights. - Amanda Karr, K14IWS

# 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)

**FOR SALE:** Acer Model D255E, 10.1" screen with carrying case. --\$200.00 N455 Processor 1GB DDR memory, 250GB hard drive, 3 USB ports, 1 VGA, Head phone and microphone ports, Microsoft Home & Student 2007 loaded, Yaesu FT 897/857, FT8800R software loaded --\$200.00. Bernie Nobles,

**WA4MOK,** [wa4mok@embarqmail.com](mailto:wa4mok@embarqmail.com)

**FOR SALE:** TH3MK3 Hy-Gain 3 element 10-15-20 meter beam antenna, older antenna but never assembled - \$150. Hustler CGT-144 2 meter collinear mobile antenna, 5.2 db gain, 200W, trunk lip mount, 7 ft. high - \$35. Bob Workman, **WA4ZZN.** [WA4ZZN@ARRL.net](mailto:WA4ZZN@ARRL.net) or (252) 726-8828.

**FOR TRADE ONLY:** TS-520 and/or FT-101E for trade. both rigs working ok. Need HF beam of some type. David Gaytko, Washington, NC, [wd4kpd@suddenlink.net](mailto:wd4kpd@suddenlink.net): Ph# 402-6765

# Heathkit Returns to the Kit Business

A notice on the Heathkit website announces that the venerable kit manufacturer, well-known to all Amateur Radio operators of a certain age, will be reentering the kit business in late August. The notice states, in part: "Heathkit will debut their new line of Do-it-Yourself kits for common around-the-house items. The first kit will be a Garage Parking Assistant (GPA). The Garage Parking Assistant kit lets you build your own system that uses ultrasonic sound waves to locate your car as it enters the garage. The system signals to the driver using LED lights mounted on the wall when the car is detected and in the perfect spot for parking.

"The GPA-100 kit consists of two primary assemblies --


the LED Display in kit form and the pre-assembled ultrasonic range module. The kit will include everything you need to complete the project except a soldering iron and hand tools.

"Next on the market will be a Wireless Swimming Pool Monitor kit followed by many more. Heathkit wants to continue to bring to its customers interesting, unique Heathkit products. Heathkit is interested in learning what types of products kit builders would like to build. Kit builders can submit their suggestions through this website using the Contact Us email."

Although there's no indication that Heathkit Educational Systems is planning to reenter the Amateur Radio market, the St Joseph, Michigan-based company is actively looking for kit suggestions.

After several decades of successful kit manufacturing, Heathkit left the kit business in 1992. Heath sold Amateur Radio equipment, at first only kits and later its own line of non-kit products, from 1954 to 1992. The company has been sold a number of times since its founding back in 1912 as an aircraft company. - *via arrl.org*

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# BARC Meeting Minutes - August 2011

## BARC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 9 August 2011

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

**Pledge of allegiance was said.**

**Introductions were made..**

**21 Members and 8 Guests were present and recorded in the sign in book.**

**Program:** The program was given first and presented by David Sawyer, chief meteorologist at WNCT-TV, Storm Team 9

**50/50 Drawing Winner:** Richard Cox, **K4CRD**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** John Prokop, **N8MPX**, presented the report, as prepared by Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**. Further information regarding the treasurer's report is available to members upon request.

**VE:** Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, announced that the next VE exam is on Tuesday, August 16 at 6:30 pm at the VFW Hall. He also announced that they could use more Volunteer Examiners and if anyone is interested to please see him.

**Health and welfare:** Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, reported that he has no additions to what is printed in the Ham Chatter. Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**, said that he had seen Charlie Wells and that he should be added to our Well Wishes list.

**Ham chatter:** Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported that in the Awards column in the August CQ Magazine, the first subject was about donations to Hollis Thigpen, **KC3X**, from BARC members and County Hunters. The headline is "County Hunters Aid Tornado Victims."

**Publicity:** Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, reported that the announcement about tonight's meeting was in Sunday's paper. The VE session notice will be published on Sunday's too.

**ARES:** Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, announced that the ARES 1 & 2 meeting will be in Plymouth at the Country Skillet, on Saturday, August 13. The speakers are Tom Brown, **N4TAB**, State Emergency coordinator and Lt. Matt McMahon, **N2RPO**, Greenville Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue.

The next Pitt County ARES meeting is Thursday, August 18 at 7:30 pm at the office of Peter Van Houten, **KG4WEZ**.

**Programs:** John McCoy, **K4KBB**, announced that the September program will be presented by Vern Wenger from Batteries Plus.

**Old Business:** There was no old business to be discussed.

**New Business:** John Prokop, **N8MPX**, announced that Bernie Nobles, **WA4MOK**, has agreed to head the nomination committee.

**Announcements:** Rick LaMonica, **W4ZRA**, discussed that he has taken several Internet courses on Meteorology through [greatcourses.com](http://greatcourses.com). He highly recommends the courses. He shared a recent catalog of their offerings with us.

Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, reminded everyone of the Monday night BARC Rag Chew net at 8:00 pm, and invited all to participate.

Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, reminded everyone of the 8:30 pm ARES net, following the BARC net. Dave also reported that we are very fortunate as a club to have the meeting space at the VFW hall. We donated \$ 200.00 to them for this. When Dave presented the check, the Commander said that this money would go directly towards helping local needy veterans.

Adjourn: 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

*Bonnie Pulver*, **KG4CZW**

# BARC Board Minutes - August 2011

## BARC Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** August 30, 2011

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

**Board Members Present:** President John Prokop, **N8MPX**; First VP Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**; Second VP John McCoy, **K4KBB**; Trustee Dave Langley, **b**; Trustee Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**.

**Other in attendance:** Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**; Bernie Nobles, **WA4MOK**; Josh Steele, **KB3VKH**.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the July meeting were accepted as published.

**Secretary Report:** None

**Treasurer Report:** John Prokop, **N8MPX** gave the report. Further information is available to members upon request.

**VE Sessions:** Dave Langley, **W4YDY** reported that nobody showed up to take an exam at the August session. We also need more VE's in the club as only two were present at the August session, which isn't enough to conduct testing. Those who are interested in becoming as VE should contact either Ted, **KI4PWX** or Dave, **W4YDY**.

**Equipment:** No item to discuss this month.

**Health and Welfare:** The passing of Paul Copeland, **K4KCS** was noted.

**Publicity:** Taylor Millar, **W4WTM** reported that an announcement for the September meeting is for the Sunday before the meeting in The Daily Reflector.

**ARES:** Dave Pulver reported that after the board meeting, the response to Hurricane Irene would be discussed. There will also be a separate article for Ham Chatter as well.

**Programs:** John McCoy, **K4KBB** reported that Vern Wenger of Batteries Plus would be giving the program in September and Dave Pulver would be giving the program in October.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Bernie Nobles, **WA4MOK** suggested that the club purchase batteries and accessories for Pitt County ARES to use with the 6 jump kits it has. The subject will be discussed at the September club meeting.

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted by

*Dave Pulver*, **KG4CZV** substituted minute taker



## Pitt County ARES Responds to Hurricane Irene



On August 27, 2011, Hurricane Irene came ashore east of Morehead City, at Cape Lookout as a category 1 storm. In anticipation of this event, Pitt County activated three shelters – D.H. Conley High School, Farmville Central High School and Wellcome Middle School.

Pitt County ARES was active for 16 hours during the day, providing communications between the shelters, Red Cross, PCMH and Pitt County EOC. The following ARES members participated at the following locations:

- Charlie Ingle, **KI4DEE** – D.H. Conley High School
- Byron Highland, **K4BMH** – Farmville Central High School
- Josh Steele, **KB3VKH** – Wellcome Middle School
- Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX** – Red Cross Main Office
- Paul Fletcher, **KS4YF** – Pitt County Memorial Hospital
- Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV** – Pitt County Emergency Operations Center
- Albert Sanchez, **WA7FXB** – Backup Net Control Operator

The day presented many challenges. First, we had a large, slow moving storm, which did not weaken as it moved through North Carolina. This caused the heavier rain and wind over the area to persist for a longer period than was anticipated.

The second challenge that was faced was power outage at each of the shelters and the Red Cross. Generators at each location were not functioning due to lack of exercise of the equipment or lack of gas. Commercial power was restored to each location (except Farmville Central) during the storm.

Wellcome Middle School had to shut down earlier than the other stations due to flooding in the building near where the station was operating.

In the end, each of the challenges that was faced by the various operators was worked with or around and the mission was successfully completed.

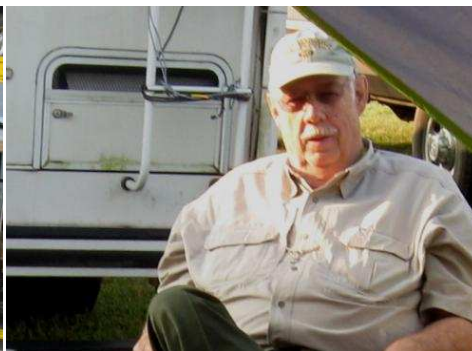
Many thanks go out these operators who took time away from their families and property to serve the community. Thanks also to the many ARES operators who checked into the net and provided storm information to those operating in these locations who were lacking the ability to get storm information.

Dave, KG4CZV  
Pitt County Emergency Coordinator

## Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club at the Shelby Hamfest



Taylor Millar, W4WTM, checking out the large flea market and all the goodies.



John McCoy, K4KBB, relaxing at his camper with some of his goodies for sale..

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## NETS

### 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, Thursdays @ 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

### HF

- ◆ 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

Sep 13.....	<b>Regular Meeting - Nominations</b>	Nov 26/27.....	CW WW CW DX Contest
Sep 24/25.....	CQ WW RTTY Contest	Nov 29.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Sep 27.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Dec 1.....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>
Sep 29.....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>	Dec 3/4.....	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
Oct 9.....	<b>Maysville Hamfest</b>	Dec 10/11.....	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Oct 11.....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Dec 13.....	<b>Regular Meeting - Christmas Party</b>
Oct 18.....	BARC VE Session – <b>TUESDAY</b>	Dec 20.....	BARC VE Session – <b>TUESDAY</b>
Oct 25.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Dec 27.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Oct 27.....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>	Jan 7/8.....	ARRL RTTY Roundup
Oct 29/30.....	CQ WW SSB DX Contest	Jan 10.....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Nov 5/6.....	ARRL CW Sweepstakes	Jan 20/22.....	CQ WW CW 160M Contest
Nov 8.....	<b>Regular Meeting - Elections</b>		<b>Regular Meeting</b> - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
Nov 19/20.....	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes		<b>Board Meeting</b> - 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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