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## ARRL Board Welcomes Greenville Resident, Rick Niswander, K7GM, as New Treasurer



**Rick Niswander, K7GM, Greenville, North Carolina, was elected as the sixth ARRL Treasurer at the 2012 ARRL Annual Meeting.**

When ARRL Treasurer Jim McCobb, K1LU, announced last year that he would retire after more than three decades of volunteer service to the ARRL, ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, appointed a search committee to find a suitable replacement. The committee received many resumes from League members, and after interviewing several applicants, selected Rick Niswander, K7GM, of Greenville, North Carolina. At the 2012 ARRL Annual Meeting, Niswander was elected by the Board of Directors as the sixth Treasurer of the ARRL.

Niswander -- an ARRL Life Member -- has been the Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance for East Carolina University since 2010, where he is the senior executive responsible for all

financial, administrative, and operational activities at the university. Prior to that appointment, he served as ECU's Assistant Dean for Graduate Programs and Dean of its College of Business. He is also a Professor of Accounting at the university. Niswander is also the Executive Treasurer for the ECU Foundation, the ECU Medical Foundation, the ECU Alumni Association and the Pirate Club. A Certified Public Accountant since 1981, he holds a BBA in Accounting from Idaho State University and a PhD in Accounting from Texas A&M University.

"I am very excited to have been elected ARRL Treasurer," Niswander said. "The ARRL has been an integral part of my ham radio life since I was first licensed in 1967 and has been critically important to the success of our hobby for almost 100 years. I am looking forward to playing a role in our future success as we start our second century.... The ARRL is, indeed, a very special organization. I am extremely proud to have been a ham and to have been associated with the ARRL. Starting as a high school student, working in Newington on the Contest Desk, becoming a Life Member many years ago and as an active contester for decades, Amateur Radio and the ARRL have been important parts of who I am."

"As ARRL Treasurer," Niswander said, "I am proud to give back to this extraordinary hobby and to work with the Board of Directors, Headquarters staff and scores of other hams to honor our history, strengthen our present and collectively plan for our future." More at <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-board-welcomes-rick-niswander-k7gm-as-new-treasurer>

## Next Meeting

**February 21, 2012**

**DELAYED ONE WEEK!  
Due to Valentines Day on the 14th.**

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program will be Radios in Aviation. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*The next board meeting will be February 28 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Note new location for board meetings. All members invited.*

## W4EHF on Fox News



CENTEN-  
NIAL BIRTHDAY  
GREETINGS to Bill Finch, W4EHF, of Greenville. Bill is the most spry 100 year old you'll ever meet. Not only can you hear him most

days on the North Carolina Morning Net at 7:45 AM at 3927 KHz, but Bill is also a star athlete. He is the national badminton champion in his age bracket, and he plans to go to the Senior Olympics in Cleveland, Ohio next year to win the title of the fastest man over age 100. Catch the national video Fox News which aired about him at <http://foxnewsinsider.com/tag/bill-finch> Happy Birthday Bill, and thanks for all you have done to make Ham Radio better in the Tar Heel state! - via NC Section News, January 2012 - Photo by W4YDY of Bill enjoying cake and ice cream at his birthday party at the January BARC meeting.

## US District Court for Maine Issues Order Granting Summary Judgment against Glenn Baxter, K1MAN

On January 10, the US District Court for Maine issued a ruling in the FCC's lawsuit to collect monetary forfeitures issued to Glenn Baxter, K1MAN, of Belgrade Lakes, Maine. The FCC had assessed forfeitures in the amount of \$21,000 against Baxter on three asserted violations of the Communications Act of 1934 and its regulations: Failure to respond to an FCC inquiry in violation of Title 47, Section 308 of the US Code, willful or malicious interference with other radio transmissions in violation of Section 97.101(d), and engaging in communications in which he has a pecuniary interest in violation of Section 97.113(a)(3).

Chief US District Judge John A. Woodcock Jr, in writing for the Court, agreed with the FCC on the first two counts -- willful or repeated failure to respond to FCC requests for information, and willful or malicious interference -- and granted summary judgments to the FCC in the amount of \$3000 and \$7000, respectively. On the third claim -- communications in which an amateur station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest -- the Court declined to grant a summary judgment to the FCC, holding that there were issues of material fact to be litigated in the Court in later proceedings. - *via arrl.com 01/13/2012*

## Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held **Tuesday, Feb. 21** at the 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.

## Amateurs Asked to Listen for RS-39 Satellite

The Chibis-M microsatellite, also known as RS-39 (RadioSputnik 39), was jettisoned from the Progress M-13M cargo spacecraft Tuesday evening (UTC). The satellite is designed to study atmospheric phenomena such as Terrestrial Gamma Ray Flashes (TGFs) associated with light-

ning. RS-39 has CW beacons on 435.315 and 435.215 MHz and amateurs are asked to submit reception reports via email to the Space Research Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences at [amateur-rs39@chibis.cosmos.ru](mailto:amateur-rs39@chibis.cosmos.ru). Each report will be acknowledged with a special QSL. Telemetry decoding software can be downloaded at : <http://www.dk3wn.info/files/rs39.zip> - *via arrl.com 01/25/2012*



# Happy Birthday

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

5	KI4CRC	Sandy McLaughlin
9	NC4RR	Neal Sumrell
15	KE4JZU	Gene Underwood
16	KG4WEZ	Peter Van Houten
17	K4ROK	Doug Ferris
20	WD4JAD	George Dale
22	K4HMW	Dan Wallace
25	N4GVK	Tom Forrest

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**  
**Bill Finch, Jr. AI4TN**  
**Stanley Barney, KG4GDR**  
**Phyllis Nobles, wife of Bernie, WA4MOK**



Please inform **John McCoy, K4KBB**, [k4kbb@earthlink.net](mailto:k4kbb@earthlink.net) of any changes.

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## Pitt County ARES

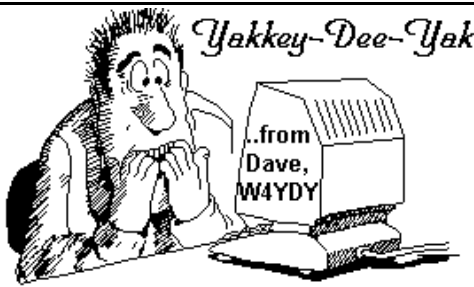
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## Yakkey-Dee-Yak Logbook of The World to Now Support CQ Awards

A good friend recently became a Silent Key. Bob Sherrill, **W4FR**, ex-**W4WCG**, passed away in early January. Our first contact on the radio was in May 1956 when he was in Williamston. We were using AM back then as SSB was just beginning to show up on the bands. Probably less the 5% were on SSB at that time.

It was years later in 1967 when we contacted on the radio. We were neighbors in Raleigh and he lived 3 houses up the street from us. But we had met and seen each other after we were both in Raleigh in the late 1950s. Bob moved to Durham for a few years and moved in our neighborhood in 1965.

We were both using the came type setups, Collins KWM-2, 30L-1 and Mosley TA-33 antennas on telephone poles. We hardly were on the air at the same time so we didn't cause much interference to each other except his wiped out our stereo and mine didn't 7 feet away! Never could figure that one out.

A few months after we moved to Catawba County, Bob called me on the phone. "Where are you?" I said. He was from Maiden and was visiting. A few years later he moved to Maiden and we went out to dinner often with our wives. After we moved to Greenville, I spent Labor Day weekends with Bob and we went to the Shelby Hamfest together. We also had a schedule on 75 or 40 meters almost every week.

Bob retired from ATF in the 1970s due to a back injury that happen while chasing bootleggers through the woods. He had a lot of interesting stories to tell. One was that he was assigned to guard Hubert Humphrey during the 1968 elections. He would sit in Humphrey's hotel room with him at night and exchange stories.

Bob is survived by his wife, Betty and daughter, Betty Ann. Bob will be missed by many. :- ( **W4YDY**

The ARRL and CQ Communications, Inc have signed an agreement to begin providing support for CQ-sponsored operating awards by the ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW) electronic confirmation system. The agreement was announced jointly today by ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, and CQ Communications President Richard Ross, K2MGA.

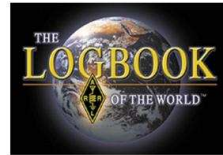
CQ's awards will be the first non-ARRL awards supported by LoTW and will be phased in beginning with the CQ WPX award, with additional CQ awards to follow.

The ARRL's LoTW system -- an interactive database recording contacts between radio amateurs -- was created in 2003 and has been adopted by 47,500 radio amateurs worldwide. It already has records of 400 million contacts and is growing weekly. The target date for beginning LoTW support for WPX is April 1, 2012. Amateurs will be able to use LoTW logs to generate lists of confirmed contacts to be submitted for WPX credit. Standard LoTW credit fees and CQ award fees will apply.

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, observed that this step gives radio amateurs throughout the world an inexpensive and convenient means of gaining credits toward CQ's popular operating awards: "LoTW has significantly increased interest and participation in the ARRL's DXCC, Worked All States and VUCC awards programs. We anticipate a similarly positive response to the addition of the CQ WPX award. Amateurs will be able to spend more time operating and less time chasing QSL cards."

CQ President Richard Ross, K2MGA, said he is very pleased to be able to move forward with LoTW support for CQ awards. "We have had excellent results with electronic confirmations for several years," he explained. "I am glad that we are now able to begin expanding that convenience to those participants in our award programs who use Logbook of The World. We look forward to a smooth launch for WPX and to the expansion of LoTW support to include the rest of our award programs, as well."

Yaesu is the Principal Sponsor of the LoTW website. - via [arrl.com](http://arrl.com) 01/24/2012



## 2012 Membership Dues

It's that time of the year once again. Membership dues for BARC are due

January 1. Membership dues are as follows and are the same as 2011:

Regular Member	\$20.00
Family Member	\$2.00
Associate Member (Non-Licensed)	\$5.00
Life Member	\$0.00
New Hams: 18 and younger (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	\$5.00
New Hams: 19 and older (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	\$10.00

If you have changes, we are requesting that you send the application form in, so that we can have your correct information on file. The form can be downloaded at <http://www.w4amc.com/application.pdf>.

Please mail your dues, along with the member application form to:

**Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club**  
**P.O. Box 8387**  
**Greenville, NC 27835**

Those who have not renewed their dues by March 1, 2012 will be removed from the roster and the Ham Chatter mailing list. Membership will be reinstated upon receipt of 2012 dues.

If there are any questions concerning membership status or dues, please contact Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, (2010 Treasurer) at <[bertrandb@ecu.edu](mailto:bertrandb@ecu.edu)> or (252) 756-3734. Thank you for your continued support and participation in BARC.

## FCC Denies ARRL Petition on Vanity, Club Call Signs



On January 11, the FCC issued a Memorandum Opinion and Order, denying an ARRL Petition for Reconsideration concerning vanity and club call signs. Filed with the Commission in January 2011, the ARRL's Petition was in response to the FCC's Report and Order (R&O) that detailed rule changes to the vanity call sign system and call signs for Amateur Radio clubs. These new rules went into effect on February 14, 2011.

The ARRL found that most changes made by the R&O were "reasonable codifications and clarifications of existing policies." But it asserted that several amended Sections of Part 97 -- including Sections 97.5 and 97.19 -- were unclear. In its Petition, the ARRL urged the FCC to reconsider and modify these portions "in order to reflect the intent of the Report and Order."

In the R&O, the FCC pointed out that it had "amended and clarified its rules with respect to vanity call signs and club station licenses to promote processes that are more to limit club stations to holding only one vanity call sign and to limit an individual to being the trustee for only one club station license." It said that the purpose of the rule change was "to prevent club stations from obtaining an unfair share of desirable call signs, given that individuals are limited to holding one operator/primary station license (and, therefore, one call sign), while there was no limit on the number of licenses a club could hold."

The FCC said that it had heard from radio amateurs who urged the FCC to limit the number of club stations for which an individual could serve as trustee, "pointing out that limiting the number of vanity call signs that a club can obtain would accomplish nothing if an individual could bypass the rule by creating multiple clubs."

The FCC noted that the ARRL supports its efforts to prevent club stations from obtaining an unfair share of desirable call signs, but expresses concern that the specific rule language adopted by the Commission "does not preclude the abuses that the Report and Order intended to preclude." In its Petition, the ARRL stated that if a club has multiple station trustees, each of these trustees could obtain a vanity call sign for the club, thereby allowing the club to obtain multiple vanity call signs. The ARRL also argued that a club could "gam[e] the club station vanity call sign system" by obtaining multiple FCC Registration Numbers (FRNs) and applying for a vanity call sign under each FRN. "We do not believe that the vanity call sign system is subject to the abuses identified by the ARRL," the FCC said, "or that its suggested rule changes are necessary."

In denying the ARRL's Petition for Reconsideration, the FCC maintained that a club may have only one license trustee at a time: "Section 97.5(b)(2) of our Rules states, in part, 'A club station license grant may be held only by the person who is the license trustee designated by an officer of the club.' Consequently, we believe that Section 97.19(a), which provides that 'the person named in a club station license grant that shows on

the license a call sign that was selected by a trustee is not eligible for an additional vanity call sign,' effectively implements the Commission's decision to limit club stations to holding only one vanity call sign. Any application from a club for an additional vanity call sign when the club already is assigned a vanity call sign will be dismissed because the trustee is not eligible for an additional vanity call sign. Accordingly, we decline to revise Section 97.19(a) as ARRL requests."

With regard to the ARRL's concern that a club could obtain multiple FRNs and thereby obtain multiple vanity call signs, the FCC asserted that vanity call sign applications from club stations are checked not only with respect to whether the FRN on the application matches the FRN on the grant of a vanity call sign to any club station, but also with respect to whether the club name on the application matches the club name on the grant of a vanity call sign to any club station: "Therefore, even if a club obtains or holds multiple FRNs, if an application is received from a club and the database shows that a club with the same name already has a vanity call sign, the application will not be granted, absent further review. We accordingly conclude that the change that ARRL requests to Section 97.5(b)(2) is not necessary."

The FCC maintained that the ARRL's Petition for Reconsideration "does not provide any grounds for reconsidering the Commission's decision in the Report and Order. The concerns expressed by the ARRL about licensees attempting to evade the rules adopted in the Report and Order are already addressed by our licensing rules and processes. We therefore deny the Petition for Reconsideration." The FCC also noted that while ARRL suggests that it take the matter up again in a future proceeding, "we have no plans to revisit the issue at this time."

Commenting on the Memorandum Opinion and Order, ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, observed: "We believe the FCC has been too hasty in denying the ARRL's Petition for Reconsideration. In footnote 6, the FCC assures amateurs that 'Club stations may continue to obtain multiple sequential call signs.' However, this is inconsistent with the Commission's interpretation of 97.5(b)(2), as preventing a club from having more than one trustee, because 97.5(b)(2) applies to all club station licenses and not simply to those with vanity call signs. Coupled with 97.17(d), this appears to make it impossible for clubs to obtain more than one sequential call sign, contrary to the Commission's intent as stated in footnote 6."

*Via arrl.com 01/11/2012*

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**Wanted**  
**New Ham Chatter Editor**  
**The old one is not going to**  
**last much longer!**

# Ham Ads

*Ham Ads* will be run, free of charge in Ham Chatter for three months for each renewal. Ads must be received by the last week of the month to be included in the following issue. Send ads to: **Ham Chatter, PO Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835, ATTN: Dave Langley** or email to: [barc@w4amc.com](mailto:barc@w4amc.com) (no spaces)  
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**WANTED:** AB577 military mast system. Does anyone have one of these in reasonable condition (able to put up an antenna without major problems) that is no longer needed? Please contact Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD** 756-4102. [gclayton4@suddenlink.net](mailto:gclayton4@suddenlink.net)  
**WANTED:** Sony 2010 and a Kenwood RA-5 VHF/UHF Telescoping HT Antenna.  
 Neal, **NC4RR**, Ph: 946-3840, Email; [nscsrr@centurylink.net](mailto:nscsrr@centurylink.net)

## Board member change

Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, had resigned from the BARC board due to the illness of his wife, Phyllis. Mike Langley, KD4MTT, was appointed to fill the interim term.

Phyllis has been in the hospital since early November and Bernie has been with her most of the time. She had a heart operation and that went fine but she has had problems with her lungs and has been on a ventilator most of the time. She is in the process of getting off the ventilator so she can leave the hospital.

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## BARC Meeting Minutes - January 2012

BARC Meeting Minutes

Date: January 10, 2012

Call to Order: 7:38 pm

President Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, opened the meeting.

There were 19 members and 1 guest present as recorded in the sign in book.

Pledge of Allegiance: was lead by Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**.

Visitors: Ervin Davis.

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

Secretary's Report: Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**, had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, gave the report. Further information regarding the Treasurer's Report is available to members upon request.

Equipment: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, had nothing to report.

VE: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported that the next VE session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21 at the VFW hall at 6.30 pm. Further information can be found on the BARC website.

Health and Welfare: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, reported that the Well Wishes are as published in the Ham Chatter. We wish Stanley Barney, **KJ4GDR**, a successful upcoming surgery and quick recovery.

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported that he has resigned as Ham Chatter editor, and requests someone take over as soon as possible. Dave reports that he will help with the transition.

Publicity: Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, reported on behalf of Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, that our club meetings are reported in Sunday edition of Daily Reflector.

Pitt County ARES: Bill Dawson, **WA4SLC**, reported that there

will be a SkyWarn training session sponsored by Pitt County Emergency Management at the Heart Institute. Contact Bill if you are interested.

There is an Area 1 and 2 ARES meeting in Plymouth on February 11 at the Golden Skillet at 10.30 am.

Future Programs: Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, reported that the February meeting will be on avionics. If you have any program ideas,

Old Business: Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**, presented a Webmaster and Ham Chatter Editor Recognition plaque to Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, for his 14 years of meritorious service.

New Business: Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**, reported that a new Field Day site needs to be identified, as the site we have been using is no longer available.

Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, reported that a Field Day chair needs to be identified. Contact Richard if you are interested.

Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, encourages everyone to participate in the Monday night nets, as participation has been low.

Paul Fletcher, **KS4YF**, encourages those interested to participate in the NC QSO Party, scheduled for February 26 and 27.

Announcements: Nothing to report.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Doug Ferris, **K4ROK**.

Program: Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, reported a social program tonight in honor of Bill Finch, **W4EHF**, who will be 100 years old on January 15.

Adjournment: 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted by

*Brenda Bertrand, KJ4GDS*

## BARC Board Minutes - January 2012

BARC Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 31, 2012

Call to Order: 7:32 pm

Board Members Present: President Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**; 1<sup>st</sup> VP John McCoy, **K4KBB**; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**; Secretary Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**, Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**.

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

Secretary's Report: Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**, had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**, gave the report on behalf of Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**. Further information regarding the Treasurer's Report is available to members upon request.

VE: On behalf of Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**, reported that the next VE session is scheduled for February 21 at the VFW Lodge at 6:30 pm.

Equipment: On behalf of Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**, had nothing to report.

Health and Welfare: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, reported that the

Well Wishes are as published in the BARC newsletter.

Ham Chatter: Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, had nothing to report.

Publicity: Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, reported on behalf of Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, that the announcement of the next club meeting will be posted in the Daily Reflector.

Pitt County ARES: Nothing to report.

Programs: Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, will present the February meeting on Aviation and Radios, March will be Robert Young of Tar Heel Antennas. Anyone with program ideas is encouraged to contact Terry.

New Members: The board approved the new membership application for Tim Snyder, **N4TSS**.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, and Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**, directed a discussion about possible Field Day locations.

Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, made a motion to move the next club meeting to February 21 at 7.30 pm, the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**, and unanimously approved by

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## BARC Board Minutes - January 2012

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the Board.

Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, directed discussion about the NC QSO Party, which is February 26, and need for assistance of site clean up preceding this event.

Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, reported that Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**, will be substituting as Board Member for Bernie Nobles, **WA4MOK**, until Bernie is able to return.

**Announcements:** Nothing to report.

**Adjournment:** 8.30 pm

Respectfully submitted by

*Brenda Bertrand, KJ4GDS*

**New BARC member: Tim Snyder, N4TSS, Greenville, NC.**

## North Carolina QSO Party

Get your equipment ready. The annual North Carolina state QSO Party will be Sunday, February 26th, from 12 Noon to 10:00 PM local time. Dedicated teams of rovers will be trying to get all 100 counties on the air. This is the one time each year North Carolina is showcased to the world, and many operators across the globe will be trying to reach NC stations. To see details and rules, go to the website of the QSO Party sponsor, the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club of Winston-Salem, at [http://www.w4nc.com/qso\\_party\\_2012.htm](http://www.w4nc.com/qso_party_2012.htm) I hope to work many of you on the air. - *via NC Section News, January 2012*

## End of BPL in North Carolina?

Many Hams will remember the uproar almost a decade ago about internet access through Broadband over Power Lines, or "BPL". Some BPL systems caused interference, especially on 20 meters and other HF frequencies. ARRL's position remains that it is not opposed to BPL, but just to those systems which cause interference in Amateur Radio spectrum. BPL has turned out not to be an economical way to deliver residential internet service. IBEC, manufacturer for what is believed to be the only BPL system in North Carolina, announced it is ceasing operations. However, no mention of IBEC's demise is cited on the website of the French Broad Electric Membership Corporation, which is supplying BPL in western North Carolina. Hams continue to report BPL interference in the Mars Hill area north of Asheville. Details on the French Broad Coop's BPL system at: <http://www.frenchbroademc.com/bpl/index.cfm> - *via NC Section News, January 2012*

## FCC Sets Date for Medical Devices on 70 cm

In November 2011, FCC Commissioners unanimously agreed to allocate spectrum and adopt service and technical rules for the utilization of new implanted medical devices that operate on 413-457 MHz (70 cm). These devices will be used on a secondary basis as part of the Medical Device Radiocommunication (MedRadio) Service in Part 95 of the FCC rules. In the Federal Register for Friday, January 27, the FCC announced that the effective date for these new rules is Monday, February 27. The new rules expand the existing MedRadio Service rules to permit the use of new wideband medical implant devices that employ neuromuscular microstimulation techniques to restore sensation, mobility, and other functions to paralyzed limbs and organs. These medical devices hold enormous promise to advance the state of medical care, lower health costs, and improve the quality of life for countless Americans. The rules will allow these new types of MedRadio devices to access 24 megahertz of spectrum in the 413-419 MHz, 426-432 MHz, 438-444 MHz, and 451-457 MHz bands on a secondary basis. - *via arrl.com 01/27/2012*

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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

### Pitt County Repeater Association

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

# BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 11/12 .....	CQ WPX RTTY Contest	Mar 29.....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>
<b>Feb 21.....</b>	<b>Regular Meeting-Delayed 1 week</b>	Apr 7.....	RARSFest - Raleigh
Feb 18/19 .....	ARRL CW DX Contest	Apr 10 .....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Feb 21.....	BARC VE Session – <b>TUESDAY</b>	Apr 17 .....	BARC VE Session – <b>TUESDAY</b>
Feb 24/26 .....	CQ WW SSB 160M Contest	Apr 24 .....	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Feb 26/27 .....	NC QSO Party	Apr 26 .....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>
Feb 28.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>	May 8.....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Mar 1.....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>	May 26/27 .....	CQ WW CW WPX Contest
Mar 3/4 .....	ARRL SSB DX Contest	May 29.....	Board Meeting
Mar 13.....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	May 31.....	<b>HAM CHATTER DEADLINE</b>
Mar 24/25 .....	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest	Jun ?? .....	Down East Hamfest - Kinston
Mar 27.....	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Jun 23/24.....	ARRL Field Day

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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