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John Prokop, N8MPX, SK



John Prokop, N8MPX, right, receiving 2011 BARC Ham of the Year plaque from Mike Langley, KD4MTT, at the December 2011 Christmas party

John Michael Prokop, N8MPX, 58, past president of Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club and 2012 board member, passed away on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 after a courageous battle with cancer.

The Funeral Mass was conducted March 17 at St. Gabriel's Catholic

Church.

A native of Ohio, John and his family have made their home in Winterville for the past 19 years. For more than 20 years John worked as an Engineer with US Cellular. He was a member of St. Gabriel's Catholic Church.

John was very active in the radio club. He always set up his satellite equipment at Field Day. He can be seen setting up and operating the

antennas and equipment in the BARC Field Day videos and pictures on the w4amc.com web site. John was one of the most popular, helpful and active members of the club.

John was preceded in death by his parents, John and Lois Gallatin Prokop; and a sister, Susan P. Fridrick.

Next Meeting April 10, 2012

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program will be The Great Ham Radio Trivia Challenger. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be April 24 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. All members invited.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Susan L. "Sue" Prokop; sons, Matthew J. Prokop, of Cary and Joseph E. "Joey" Prokop, of Winterville; daughters, Allison R. Prokop, of Greenville and Amanda Rose Prokop, of Cleveland, OH; brothers, James and George Prokop; sisters, Patricia Poole, Judy Cronin, Karen Smith, Rose Jackson and Barbara Brewer; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Some of this article is from the Wilkerson Funeral Home obituary.

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members extend their condolences to John's wife and family.

A reprint of the April 2007 "Meet the Member" article about John is on page 2.

BARC's Bill Finch, W4EHF, to receive Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award

Governor Beverly Perdue has bestowed the Order of The Long Leaf Pine Award to Greensboro's Weldon Fields, W4AJT, and Bill Finch, W4EHF, of Greenville. The award is among the most prestigious in North Carolina, and is akin to the title of Colonel in Kentucky and the Order of the Palmetto in South Carolina. Weldon and Bill now share the award with past recipients like UNC President Bill Friday, CBS journalist Charles Kuralt, preacher

Billy Graham and NBA and UNC basketball star Michael Jordan. Both Bill and Weldon were founders of the Tar Heel Emergency Net (THEN) in 1947 and remain active in emergency communications and traffic. 98 year old Weldon has been licensed since 1930, and 100 year old Bill since 1935. They will receive their awards at the ARRL Forum at RARSFest on April 7th. - via *North Carolina Section Newsletter - March, 2012, Bill Morine, N2COP*

Fred Maia, W5YI, Silent Key

The holder of one of the best-known US Amateur Radio call signs, Frederick (Fred) Maia, W5YI, died of cancer Wednesday, March 28. He was 76 and was a resident of Arlington, Texas.

Fred was a leading Amateur Radio journalist for nearly 35 years and a pioneer of the volunteer examining program adopted by the FCC in 1984.

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John Prokop, N8MPX, SK

John Prokop, N8MPX, was fixing radios before he had his Amateur Radio license.

He got interested the hobby through some guys he worked with. He helped fix their ham equipment and got to talk on their radios at the same time.

In 1990 he tested for and received his Amateur Radio license. He currently holds an Advanced class license.

John grew up outside of Pittsburg in Ohio. He attended Kent State University where he got an associates degree in electrical engineering and later got into the telephone business. For the past 15 years he has been an engineer with U.S. Cellular. It's that job that brought him to Pitt County 14 years ago.

Unfortunately, the company car he drives for work isn't equipped for Ama-



N8MPX

teur Radio use, he notes. At home, he has a Kenwood 850 and a Kenwood 790. He also has four or five different Motorola mobiles.

John has a particular interest in satellite communication. He's looking forward to the launch of the latest Amateur Radio satellite. In the past he's done some packet work as well as

sideband voice on AO-52. He has also talked to the space station Mir. Although his equipment isn't up currently, among his tools is satellite tracking software on his computer that keeps his antenna following the path of the satellite.

He says he also enjoys working HF, but currently doesn't have antennas up for it.

John also enjoys building much of his own equipment.

"I probably build more than I talk," he joked.

John and his wife Sue and have four kids aged 27 to 17- Matt, Amanda, Allison and Joey. - Amanda Karr, K14IWS
Reprint from April 2007 Ham Chatter

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held **Tuesday, April 17** 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. 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 **April**.

- 3 K4KBB John McCoy
- 15 KJ4GDS Brenda Bertrand
- 18 WB4PMQ Macon Dail

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

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Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Lucy Adams, WA4BVH

Charlie Wells, K4SKI

Tom Parsons, W4TEP

Bob Moore, N4USB

Phyllis Nobles, wife of Bernie, WA4MOK

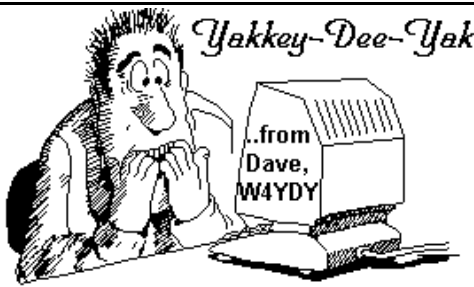
Please inform John McCoy, K4KBB, [k4kbb @ earthlink.net](mailto:k4kbb@earthlink.net) of any changes.



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Yakkey-Dee-Yak **Update addresses at FCC site**

There are some BARC members that do not have their correct address on the FCC database. It could be one of the reasons you have not received Ham Chatter at some time. If you have changed your mailing address or home address and have not updated your information with the FCC, you could be in trouble if the FCC tried to contact you and they just get return mail. It could mean a cancellation of your license and/or a fine.

When I update my records for the roster, etc., I many times check them out on QRZ.COM or the FCC site if it does not check out on QRZ. There are some that are incorrect now. It is a simple matter to update the address on the FCC site using the FCC Universal Licensing System (ULS) at <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index>.

htm?job=home>. Renewals and changes can also be made by using Form 605 and sending by mail to: FCC, 1270 Fairfield Rd., Gettysburg PA 17325-7245. - *W4YDY*

Correction! March Birthdays

9	WB4RQG	Leland Tucker
9	NW4S	Jeff Wainwright
15	KJ4GDP	Gene Alexeff
16	KE4UUT	Michael Martin
17	KG4CZV	Dave Pulver
20	K4MHM	Murray Merner
30	KJ4RGP	Cheryl McGuire

The April birthdays were listed in the March Ham Chatter. The editor apologizes for the error. **It's time for a new editor!**

N8MPX, SK

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members were very saddened by the passing of John Prokop, **N8MPX**. John was president of the club for the past 2 years and was on the board as a Trustee when he passed. He was very active in club activities and really enjoyed the Field Day activities every June. He was very generous when it came to helping others with technical problems. John will be greatly missed by BARC.

W4EHF, Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award.

BARC member, Bill Finch, **W4EHF**, will be presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award at the Raleigh Hamfest during the ARRL forum at 10 AM on June 7. It is awarded by the Governor of North Carolina.

Study on Emergency Communications by Amateur Radio and Impediments to Amateur Radio Communications

Important Note: As we go to press with this edition of the monthly section newsletter, the FCC is about to announce its plans for collecting data as part of the "Study on Emergency Communications by Amateur Radio and Impediments to Amateur Radio Communications" which was enacted February 22nd. This study is expected to have a 45 day window beginning in April during which Hams can provide examples of antenna restriction language in neighborhoods governed by CC&Rs, "Covenants, Codes and Restrictions". In addition, the study will want accounts of Hams whose requests to install antennas were denied because of CC&Rs. The study does not cover areas under the jurisdiction of only municipal ordinances – just neighborhoods with CC&Rs embedded in their deeds or through contracts with their homeowners associations. The final study report will be turned over the Congress in August. One possible outcome might be a recommendation for a federal exemption for antenna relief which could override CC&Rs. Please see the "QUA" column at the bottom of this newsletter for commentary, and be on the lookout for instructions on how to submit information and data when announced. - *via North Carolina Section Newsletter – March, 2012, Bill Morine, N2COP*



Bill Finch, W4EHF, left, and Weldon Fields, W4AJT, meet for the first time at

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, which was created in 1965, is the highest civilian honor that can be granted in North Carolina. Some of the guidelines by which recipients are selected are contributions to their communities, extra effort in their careers, and many years of service to their organizations.

At the same time, it will also be awarded to Weldon Fields, **W4AJT**, from Greensboro. Both are well deserving. Congratulations Bill and Weldon! - *W4YDY*

Chapel Hill Cell Phone ban ignores Amateur Radio

Many thanks to Hams in Chapel Hill for trying to work with Town of Chapel Hill officials in adding an exemption for Amateur Radio in the municipality's new ordinance which bans cell phone, mobile electronics and civilian two-way communications use while vehicles are in motion inside town limits. The ordinance is the most sweeping in North Carolina, and was passed March 26th in a controversial 5-4 vote. The language in the new ordinance, which takes effect June 1st, prohibits use of any portable electronics and two-way communications, including Blue Tooth. Local Hams headed by Dan Eddleman, **KR4UB**, alerted Chapel Hill town officials about federal preemption for Amateur Radio and supplied sample Amateur Radio exemption language used in other municipal ordinances. Although one of the councilmen directed staff to include AR exclusion wording, the adopted version makes no specific reference to Amateur Radio, and whether Amateur Radio is excluded under a general provision in the ordinance is unclear. Should a citation be issued for Amateur Radio use under such an ordinance, such violations have usually been dismissed by courts. The response of Chapel Hill and Orange County Hams to this measure was exemplary, but underscores that NC Hams need to be vigilant in identifying and working with municipalities in making sure Amateur Radio not be subjected to ordinances like this in the future. - *via North Carolina Section Newsletter – March, 2012, Bill Morine, N2COP*

Online DXCC Application Debuts April 2



Beginning
April 2 at 12:01 AM
EDT (0401 UTC),
the ARRL's new
Online DXCC tool
will be ready to ac-

cept applications, allowing hams to supply the data from traditional paper QSLs in a digital form to apply for a new DXCC award or endorsement. Submitting a DXCC application using Online DXCC is easier than making a paper application, saving both time and money.

Using the Online DXCC Application, the user can select the cards that he or she would like to have checked by a card checker and, at his or her convenience, type that data into a form (which can be saved and retrieved at any time until submitted) and make an application for DXCC. When the application is finished, the participant will be able to print the list of cards and take the list and the cards (in the same order that they are entered into the form) to a card checker who will check the cards, note any changes and send the form to ARRL HQ. The card checker's job is exactly the same as before, except he or she does not need to collect a payment (unless the participant has worked that out with the card checker), as the client can pay online. Once submitted, DXCC staff can access the file submitted by the client, quickly make any changes noted by the card checker and process the application. The Online DXCC Application will have rates that are half those of a traditional paper QSL application that is sent to ARRL HQ.

Advantages of submitting your DXCC application using Online DXCC include:

Cost: The application fees are lower when submitting a DXCC application through Online DXCC. In particular, the application fee and the extra QSO fee for Online DXCC are half those of a traditional paper application.

Accuracy: Making a DXCC submission with Online DXCC is more accurate than a paper application that is filled out by hand because typographical errors are eliminated (except for the call sign). There will be no data entry errors at ARRL HQ because the contents of an Online DXCC application are transmitted directly to the DXCC system at HQ.

Speed: Making a DXCC submission using Online DXCC speeds up the processing of an application because the information on the DXCC Award Application and the DXCC Record Sheet do not have to be manually entered into the DXCC system by ARRL HQ staff. The more applicants who use this system means there is a smaller backlog of applications and a faster turnaround for all DXCC program participants.

Convenience: The Online DXCC system will save the entered QSL card and application information for future access. You may enter information from your QSLs as you receive them and then submit your cards for checking when you are ready to apply for a DXCC award or endorsement. Cards no longer need to be in band or mode order.

Keep in mind that QSL cards will still need to be checked if you use the Online DXCC Application, either by a DXCC Card Checker or sent to ARRL HQ for checking.

Any radio amateur in the world -- ARRL member or non-member -- may use the Online DXCC Application. If you are applying for a DXCC award:

With a US call sign -- you must be an ARRL member. If you are not yet a member, you can create an Online DXCC account, begin entering your QSL card information right now and then join the ARRL when you are ready to submit your application.

With an overseas portable US call sign (like TF/NN1N) -- you must be an ARRL member.

With a non-US call sign -- you do not need to be a member of ARRL. - *via ARRL.COM 03/28/2012*

Coming Soon: New ARRL Membership Benefits



introduced in June 2012.

In addition to the print copy of QST, all members will have access to an online digital edition of QST -- at no extra cost. You will be able to access QST from anywhere -- on nearly any computer, laptop, mobile device, smartphone and tablet (including Apple iPad, iPhone, iTouch and devices using the Android operating system).

Members will also gain access to archived issues of QST from December 1915 to the present; previously, only issues through 2007 have been available to members. If you are familiar

with the current periodicals archive, that platform will be expanded to include all of QST from December 1915 through December 2011. A second, new archive will be introduced for issues beginning January 2012, featuring enhanced functionality including full-text search.

Members must have a valid ARRL website login to access the current digital edition of QST and the archived editions. Please follow these step-by-step directions to log in to the ARRL website:

Go to www.arrl.org

At the top center of the page in "Site Login," enter your username and the password you selected during registration.

Questions? Please visit the Digital QST FAQ page <<http://www.arrl.org/digital-qst-faq>>. You can also contact Member Services via e-mail <circulation@arrl.org> or by telephone at 860-594-0200 or 888-277-5289 (US only). - *via ARRL.COM 03/20/2012*

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FT8800R software loaded --\$200.00. Bernie Nobles, **WA4MOK**, wa4mok@embarqmail.com

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

WANTED: Sony 2010 and a Kenwood RA-5 VHF/UHF Telescoping HT Antenna. Neal, **NC4RR**, Ph: 946-3840, Email; nscsxrr@centurylink.net

FOR SALE: Realistic Pro 2006 Programmable Scanner for \$125.00. Grundig Satellit 700 Communications receiver also for \$125.00. Richard Campbell, W4JNC 252-758-1244 or email at richardecu@gmail.com.

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BARC Meeting Minutes - March 2012

BARC Meeting Minutes

Date: March 13, 2012

Call to Order: 7:35 pm

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

There were 28 members and 2 guests present as recorded in the sign in book.

Pledge of Allegiance: was recited by the club at large.

Visitors: Jonathan O'Quinn, Bell Arthur; Camilla Dawson, Washington.

Minutes: The minutes from the February 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, April 17 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.

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, encouraged club members to pay their dues. Contact Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, if you are interested to take on the role of Ham Chatter editor.

Dave reports that he will help with the transition.

Publicity: Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, reported that club meetings and upcoming VE sessions are reported in Sunday editions of the Daily Reflector.

Pitt County ARES: Bill Dawson, **WA4SLC**, had nothing to report.

Public Service: Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, reported that Sunday, April 22 is the MS Walk. Anyone interested in providing radio support for this event should contact Richard.

Future Programs: Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, reported that the April meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Ham Challenge Bowl. Contact Terry if you have program ideas.

Old Business: Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, reported that the Board is still reviewing Field Day sites, which will be discussed with the club at a later meeting.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Announcements: Nothing to report.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**.

Program: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, introduced the program presented by Robert Young, **NC4RY**, from Tarheel antennas.

Adjournment: 8:57 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Brenda Bertrand, KJ4GDS

BARC Board Minutes - March 2012

27 March 2012 BARC Board Meeting

In Attendance: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, Mike Langley, **KD4MTT**, John McCoy, **K4KBB**, Taylor Miller, **W4WTM**, Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**.

Secretaries Report: Nothing to reported, reported by Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, on behalf of Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**.

Treasurer's Report: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported. More details available upon request.

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

VE Session: Next VE session will be April 17, 6:30 pm VFW Lodge.

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported. Still looking

for a new editor. Please step up to support your club.

Public Service: Taylor Miller, **W4WTM**, reported that the announcement for the VE session would run in the Daily Reflector the Sunday before.

Health & Welfare: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, as reported in Ham Chatter.

Old Business: Discussion of Field Day site. Board recommends the use of VOA site C for Field Day (ECU West Research Campus). Permission from ECU has already been obtained.

New Business: Discussion of rental fees regarding use of the VFW Lodge.

Respectfully submitted by **KI4PWX** on behalf of **KJ4GDS**

ARRL Warns Members to Be Aware of Bogus E-mails

ARRL members with arrl.net e-mail accounts have recently received bogus e-mails, notifying them of a bill that needs to be paid. The e-mail instructs the reader to click on a link to view the bill; clicking on the link could release a virus that can infect your computer.

Please be aware that these e-mails are not coming from the ARRL. "If you receive an e-mail like this and it looks like it originated from ARRL, please do not respond," explained ARRL IT Manager Michael Keane, **K1MK**. "The best thing you can do when receiving bogus e-mails is to simply add them to the Spam list in your computer's e-mail program and delete it. Please don't forward it to ARRL HQ -- we will have already seen it and are already responding to it." - via *ARRL.COM 03/12/2012*

DID YOU KNOW?

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club needs someone to be a leader for the BARC participation in the ARRL Field Day on June 23/24. You do not need experience for the position of Field Day Chairperson. There will be plenty of assistance from members that have participated on Field Day for many years. It really does not take that much time for the event planning. This is an excellent chance for some of the newer members to get involved in the club and not just have a few plan the club activities. Much of the planning is routine from past Field Days. There is even a planning book composed by a former club chairman. Step up and enjoy the fellowship. BARC President Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, is waiting for your participation. His phone number is on page 2 of *Ham Chatter* or email president@w4amc.com.

Researchers predict less-active hurricane season

Meteorologists with Colorado State University predict that the 2012 Atlantic basin hurricane season will have reduced activity, compared with the average season between 1981 and 2010.

"The combination of a warming tropical Pacific and a cooling tropical Atlantic are leading us to think that the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season will have less activity than the average 1981-2010 season," Philip Klotzbach and William Gray wrote in a report.

"However, we stress the need to realize that there is inherent uncertainty in seasonal [tropical cyclone] prediction. In addition, hurricanes can make landfall in inactive seasons and do major damage (e.g., Alicia in 1983 and Andrew in 1992)."

A full discussion of the outlook for the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season will be available with the first quantitative forecast issued on April 4. This forecast will include predictions for numbers of named storms, hurricanes and major hurricanes.

Last year, 19 tropical storms were tracked between June 1 and Nov. 30. Seven became hurricanes and four reached "major" status. In a typical year 11 storms are named, with six becoming hurricanes and two becoming major hurricanes.

The strongest hurricane was Ophelia, which maxed out at 140-mph sustained winds.

However, on Aug. 27 Hurricane Irene became the first hurricane to make landfall in the U.S. mainland since Ike in 2008. The slow-moving, rain-intensive storm was responsible for widespread flooding, 56 fatalities and more than \$10 billion in damage.

Thanks Mike Langley, KD4MTT

Fred Maia, W5YI, Silent Key

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Maia published "The W5YI Report," dubbed "America's Oldest Ham Radio Newsletter," from 1978 to 2003, and has been a CQ contributing editor since 1985. His regulatory affairs column, first titled "Ticket Talk," then "Washington Read-out," offered news and perspective on FCC Regulations and ITU actions. His final column will appear in the May 2012 issue of CQ.

After the FCC adopted volunteer examining for all levels of Amateur Radio licensing in 1984, Fred became the first Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) appointed by the FCC. Fred subsequently founded The W5YI Group in 1986 to develop, publish and sell amateur and commercial radio license study materials. In the realm of FCC commercial radio licensing, Fred formed National Radio Examiners to provide examination services.

Maia served as President of the W5YI-VEC until his retirement in October of 2000 when he sold The W5YI Group study material products to Master Publishing, Inc. The retail operations were purchased by General Manager Larry Pollock, NB5X, newly appointed President of the W5YI-VEC and National Radio Examiners organizations. Maia continued writing "The W5YI Report" newsletter until July 2003.

A graduate of the US Air Force Radio Operators School, Fred was an avid CW operator. He was first licensed as a teenager as W1NTK in Brockton, Massachusetts, where he grew up. Maia was later licensed as W5UTT, and held DXCC CW awards and EU-PX-A CW. He was a member of QCWA and Life Member of the ARRL.

For several decades, Maia also served on the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) as a member of the Question Pool Committee that oversees the development and maintenance of the Amateur Radio license examination question pools.

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, commented: "Amateur Radio is healthier today because of the tireless efforts of Fred Maia. While Fred did not always see things quite the same way as the ARRL, in my experience he always had the best interests of Amateur Radio at heart. He was a major figure who will be sorely missed."

He is survived by his wife, Doris, and two daughters. A memorial service was held March 31 in Arlington, TX. - *via ARRL.COM*

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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

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

NTS CW Nets

- ◆ 3.571 2000 hours, slow speed (5-8 wpm) Carolinas Slow Net
- ◆ 3.573 1900 hours, high speed (20 wpm)
- ◆ 3.573 2200 hours, slow speed (12-14 wpm), South Carolina/North Carolina

Pitt County Repeater Association

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BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 7.....	RARS <i>Fest</i> - Raleigh	Jun 26.....	Board Meeting
Apr 10.....	Regular Meeting	Jun 28.....	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
Apr 17.....	BARC VE Session – TUESDAY	Jul 10.....	Regular Meeting
Apr 24.....	Board Meeting	Jul 14/15.....	IARU HF World Championship
Apr 26.....	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Jul 21.....	Cary Midsummer Swapfest
May 8.....	Regular Meeting	Jul 31.....	Board Meeting
May 26/27.....	CQ WW CW WPX Contest	Aug 2.....	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
May 29.....	Board Meeting	Aug 14.....	Regular Meeting
May 31.....	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Aug 21.....	BARC VE Session – TUESDAY
Jun 12.....	Regular Meeting	Aug 28.....	Board Meeting
Jun 19.....	BARC VE Session – TUESDAY	Aug 30.....	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
Jun ??.....	Down East Hamfest - Kinston	Sep 1/2.....	Shelby Hamfest
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
PCEC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:30 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone
BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATIONS

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Next Meeting
April 10

April 2012

To:



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