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Get In on the VHF Fun in the 2012 ARRL September VHF QSO Party

September is here -- and according to ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X, the VHF+ bands have been getting a workout: "If you've never experienced the fun of VHF+ operating, the 2012 ARRL September VHF QSO Party the weekend of September 8-10 is a great place to start. With many HF radios now offering at least 6 meter SSB/CW capabilities -- and some offering 2 meters and 70 cm as well -- any amateur with a Technician class license or higher can experience long-haul communication on the VHF bands."

Kutzko explained that September -- as opposed to June with its sporadic-E openings -- is known for good tropospheric propagation. "In the past week, there have been some good tropo openings in the mornings on 2 meters along the Eastern seaboard and in the Midwest. There's even been a touch of sporadic-E propagation on 6 meters this week, primarily in the western half of the US. Couple the recent openings with talk among the VHF Hopeful of some F2 propagation on 6 meters (due to the upswing of Solar Cycle 24), and the potential for enhanced propagation during the contest looks favorable."

While there will be some contest activity on FM simplex -- especially near large population centers -- Kutzko said that most long-distance VHF+ QSOs are conducted on CW or SSB, which means you need to use horizontally polarized antennas: "A dipole for 6 meters is only 9 feet, 4 inches long, and is an easy construction project," he explained. "Try to get the dipole in the air as high as possible, but even 15 feet off the ground will make some QSOs. If you have an antenna tuner that

can handle 6 meters, you can try loading up another of your antennas on 6 meters with reasonable success. For 2 meters and 70 cm, a horizontal loop will work nicely for SSB and CW contacts." But remember: SSB and CW QSOs use horizontally-polarized antennas, while FM uses vertical polarization. You can find plans for simple VHF antennas at the Technical Information Service area of the ARRL Web site, in the Antennas chapter of The ARRL Handbook, or in the VHF and UHF Antenna Systems chapter of The ARRL Antenna Book.

Because VHF+ antennas are relatively small, Kutzko said that many amateurs operate from portable locations, such as a hilltop or a campground. "Find some high ground and put up an antenna; you'll be amazed at the difference operating from a high-terrain locale will make," he said. "Others operate the contest as a 'rover,' operating from their car or truck while transmitting from multiple grid squares over the contest period. Tracking rovers during the contest is almost as much fun as the contest itself."

Activity will be centered on 50.125, 144.200, 222.100 and 432.100 MHz. These are the calling frequencies; it's bad etiquette to monopolize them. But Kutzko said that most SSB activity will take place between 50.125-50.250 MHz, and CW between 50.100-50.080 MHz. If conditions are exceptional, you may even hear signals above 50.250. But Kutzko advised that the frequencies between 50.100-50.125 MHz are a "DX Window," meaning it is reserved for QSOs between W/VE and DX stations, so please do not make

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Next Meeting September 11, 2012

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program will be by Peter Van Houten, KG4WEZ, about the Buddipole antennas.



All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be September 25 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. All members invited.

August 21, 2012 BARC VE Session Results

Four applicants took and passed exams at the August 21 BARC VE session. David Hutchins, **KK4LHO**, and his son, Austin Hutchins, **KK4LHN**, 14, Virginia Beach, VA, Bruce Clements, **KK4LHM**, Grifton, and Jonathon O'Quinn, **KK4LHL**, Bell Arthur, all took Technician exams and were successful. They received their new call signs on August 28, 2012. Jonathon joined BARC. Congratulations to all for their accomplishment.

The VE's that attended were VE Liaison Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, Thomas Styron, **KB7L**, Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, Tom McLaughlin, **KE4NQP**, Dan Wallace, **K4HMW**, and Dave Langley, **W4YDY**.

The next regular VE session will be October 16, 2012.

September VHF Contest

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stateside-to-stateside QSOs in that range.

The 2012 ARRL September VHF QSO Party runs from 1800 UTC Saturday, September 8 through 0300 UTC Monday, September 10. Complete rules and entry

forms may be found here. All logs must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than 0300 UTC on Wednesday, October 10, 2012. While electronic logs are preferred, paper logs can be sent to September VHF Contest, ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, CT 06111. - *via ARRL.COM*

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held **Tuesday, October 16** 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.

BARC 2013 Officer Nominees

The Nominating Committee has nominated the following for 2013 BARC Officers.

- President: Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, (I)
 First Vice President: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, (I)
 Second Vice President: Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, (I)
 Secretary: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**
 Treasurer: Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD**
 Board Member: Thomas Styron, **KB7L**, (I)
 Board Member: Byron Highland, **K4BMH**

(I) Incumbent

The nominations will close at the end of the September 11 regular meeting. Anyone wishing to be nominated for an office, please let the nominating committee know or make the request at the September 11 meeting. If someone wants to nominate another, get their permission and make the nomination at the September meeting or contact the nominating committee. Election will be at the November Regular meeting.

NC ARES Internet

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

Pitt County ARES

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



The Nominating Committee members are John McCoy, **K4KBB**, Chairman; Bernie Nobles, **WA4MOK**; Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**; Thomas Styron, **KB7L**; and Dave Langley, **W4YDY**.



Happy Birthday

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

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| 1 | KG4NSC | Pat Williams |
| 1 | KC4ROR | Rose Wainwright |
| 2 | W4JCS | John Sutherland |
| 5 | KQ2V | Bro. Simon Jaworski |
| 6 | KD4MTT | Mike Langley |
| 7 | KG4ZVM | Brad Brechtelsbauer |
| 14 | WA4DAN | Murray Adams |
| 20 | W4FA | John Schultz |
| 24 | ex-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:

Lucy Adams, WA4BVH

Charlie Wells, K4SKI

Tom Parsons, W4TEP

Hollis Thigpen, KC3X

Phyllis Nobles, wife of Bernie, WA4MOK

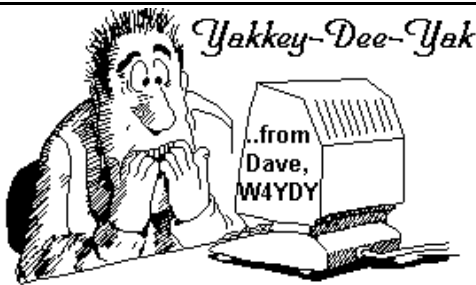
Please inform John McCoy, K4KBB, k4kbb@earthlink.net of any changes.



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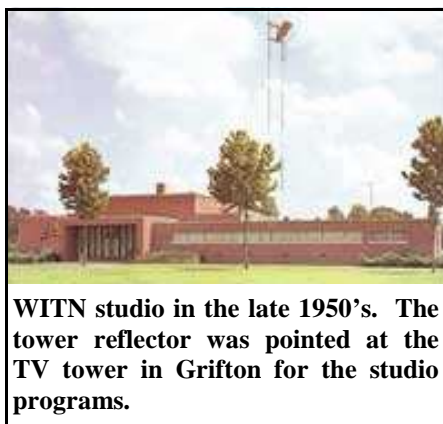


This is a true story of some of the trials and tribulations of the 1955 beginning of WITN, Channel 7, Washington, NC. At the time, the only station in Eastern North Carolina was WNCT-TV. Most of the story is on the WITN history page at <http://www.witn.com/station/misc/27442154.html>. There are some additions about Amateur Radio to the story in Ham Chatter. The story will be in several chapters in Ham Chatter over the next few months. Do to space requirements, it may not be in continuous months. - W4YDY

How WITN-TV went on the air in 1955 by W4YDY

Chapter 1

After over a year at WNCT-TV, on August 26, 1955, I went to work for WITN. It was not WITN-TV then. The station was just a shell of a couple of buildings, the studio in Chocowinity and the transmitter site near Grifton. The engineering staff consisted of Lou Hiland, Chief Engineer, Ed Piligard, transmitter supervi-



WITN studio in the late 1950's. The tower reflector was pointed at the TV tower in Grifton for the studio programs.

sor and Harvey Mason, studio supervisor. I was the first Staff Engineer and I had just turned 20 years old. For three weeks, I continued working at WNCT-TV on the

evening shift and helping to get Carl, WA4TEP, my replacement, started in TV. During the day, I worked at WITN installing the electronic equipment.

Since the studio was not ready for equipment the first week, Harvey and I went to the Dr. Pepper plant warehouse owned by Roberson Beverages. W. R. Roberson, Jr., was majority owner and manager of WITN. The new GE studio equipment was stored among the stacks of Dr. Pepper, orange, grape and other flavors of soft drinks. Harvey and I unpacked the 2 studio cameras and assembled them on the tripods. When we finished all we could do there, the studio was finished enough to take them from Washington to Chocowinity. We put them in the back of Harvey's pickup and he drove the three miles to the studio while I sat on one of the tripods under a camera and held the other one steady. We had a lot of folks watching us going slowly down US-17 as that was a rare sight seeing the big TV cameras going down the highway. I fired up the cameras for the first time a few days later and got them set up ready for the WITN live shows. I continued working at the studio installing the control room equipment until September 15.

On September 14, I worked my last day at WNCT. Lou told me that we were going to Winston Salem to get the old WSJS-TV transmitter on Thursday September 15 and would leave after working most of the day at the studio. WITN had bought the old GE Channel 12 WSJS-TV (now WXII-TV) transmitter located on US-70 between Winston Salem and Greensboro. WSJS had recently installed a new transmitter and tower on Sauratown Mountain.

Lou Hiland, Ed Piligard and I got to Winston Salem about 11 PM on Thursday night with me driving a green Ford station wagon with WITN lettering on the doors. I was surprised when I saw the WSJS engineer waiting for us. It was Beacham Leonard, W4RXG, who had known me all my life. He and my mother grew up next door to each other in Nash County. I had talked to Beacham a few times on 75 meter AM.

We all started to work removing the wiring harness, disassembling the transmitter and get it ready to load in a truck. We finished about 8 AM on Friday morning and called several trucking companies. They had nothing available that day and we would have to wait until Saturday to load it and take it back to Grifton. Lou, Ed and I got a motel room and got some sleep during the day.

As a side note, on Friday, Lou, Ed and I drove up to the new WXII-TV transmitter site on top of Sauratown Mountain in Stokes County North of Winston Salem. It was late in the day when we went there and the sun was going down when we left. After looking over their new facility, we headed back to Winston Salem to the motel. At the bottom of the mountain, a fellow standing beside his car that was in the ditch, waved us down. I was driving and Ed was in the front seat with me. Lou was sitting behind Ed. Lou rolled down his window and the man stuck his head in the window and asked us to help get his car out of the ditch. You could tell from his manner and speech that he had probably been partaking of the local "white lightning" that the county was known for. Lou told him we couldn't help but we would call for a wrecker for him. He then pulled a big switchblade knife and quickly put it up to Lou's throat. It had about a 6 inch blade. He said we were going to help or he would cut Lou's throat. Lou talked to him a couple of minutes and then the fellow looked over at me. I couldn't drive off because he had his head and arms in the car window and the knife against Lou's throat. When he looked over at me, he said, "You're the driver, what are you going to do, help or not?" At first I didn't know what to say, but then I said, "Okay, we will help you. Move so I can park the car in front of yours." When he backed out, I put the pedal on the floorboard and left as fast as that station wagon would go. We didn't know if he had a gun, but we didn't stick around long enough to find out. Lou and Ed said they couldn't figure out what to do to get the man to get out of the way, but it came to me that he might back off if I told him that we would help and needed to park the car. I haven't stop to help anyone at night since then!

To be continued - W4YDY

FCC Releases Congressionally Mandated Study on Amateur Radio

On August 20 -- in response to a Spring 2012 Congressional directive -- the Federal Communications Commission released its findings on the Uses and Capabilities of Amateur Radio Service Communications in Emergencies and Disaster Relief: Report to Congress Pursuant to Section 6414 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012.

This report contains the FCC's "review of the importance of emergency Amateur Radio Service communications relating to disasters, severe weather and other threats to lives and property in the United States; and recommendations for enhancements in the voluntary deployment of Amateur Radio operators in disaster and emergency communications and disaster relief efforts; and recommendations for improved integration of Amateur Radio operators in the planning and furtherance of initiatives of the federal government." It also required "that the study identify impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications and provide recommendations regarding the removal of such impediments."

"There are many positive things included in the FCC report to Congress," said ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND. "We are pleased that the Commission highlighted the existing Amateur Radio infrastructure to provide disaster and time-critical communications. They also recognized the flexibility of the Amateur Service in working with federal, state, local and tribal emergency service agencies to supplement existing communications. The affirmation of the value that Amateur Radio brings to the communities across the country is underscored by the suggestion that 'DHS work with state, local, and tribal authorities so they may develop disaster area access or credentialing policies for trained amateur operators, including a means for documenting their qualifications...'"

While the FCC did hold Amateur Radio in a positive light in its discussion of emergency Amateur Radio Service communications, the FCC report was not as favorable in the portion of the study that addressed impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications. In the comments provided to the FCC as they prepared the study, the ARRL -- as well as numerous individuals -- cited the proliferation of specific land-use restrictions, such as deed restrictions and homeowners associations covenants, that prohibit the erection of even modest Amateur Radio antennas.

The ARRL cited that such restrictions now apply to tens of millions of homes and condominiums. In communities across every state, these restrictions make finding suitable living arrangements that would also allow amateurs to participate effectively in providing support communications nearly impossible to find. The FCC disagreed with that assessment stating "...our review of the record does not indicate that amateur operators are unable to find homes that are not subject to such restrictions. Therefore, at this time, we do not see a compelling reason for the Commission to revisit its previous determinations that preemption should not be expanded to CC&Rs."

When considering any current rules that serve as impediments to enhanced Amateur Radio Service communications, the report did agree with the ARRL's position, stating that

"Commission rules that may be an impediment to enhanced Amateur Service emergency communications can, as the ARRL notes, be considered through the Commission's rulemaking process. Consequently, we do not believe that Congressional action is necessary to address any of these issues."

In the report, the FCC recommended that "DHS consult with the public safety, emergency management and Amateur Radio emergency communications associations and groups to identify training opportunities that will support better utilization of Amateur Radio operators for emergency communications, and to solicit views on how Amateur Radio capabilities could be further incorporated into response plans or initiatives. We also recommend that OEC include these recommendations in the NECP."

Henderson noted that it is significant "that the FCC recommends efforts be continued by DHS to facilitate the training and utilization of Amateur Radio across the emergency and disaster response spectrum -- from the public sector through to the various groups and organizations which provide support communications via the Amateur Service, including ARES, RACES, MARS or locally organized support groups. When served agencies and amateur groups plan and train cooperatively, it only enhances our abilities to serve our communities and the public."

With the delivery of the FCC's report to Congress, the ARRL will determine its next step in its efforts to find relief for amateurs who live under unduly restrictive private land-use regulations. "Our review of the FCC report shows that there is a lot to be done if amateurs living in deed-restricted properties are to receive even the limited relief they enjoy under the Commission's PRB-1 ruling or the limited relief given to deed-restricted properties given by the FCC's OTARD ruling," Henderson said. "This means continuing ARRL's efforts on Capitol Hill and continuing to seek a Congressional directive to the Commission to extend those limited preemptions to include prohibition of effective Amateur Radio antennas and support structure that are imposed by private land use restrictions. The FCC report to Congress is not the final action in this fight. It merely lays the groundwork for the next steps to be taken by the ARRL," he concluded. - *via ARRL*

ITU Assigns New Prefix for Niue: E6A-E6Z



On August 3, the ITU updated its Table of International Call Sign Series to reflect a call sign change for Niue. The island will now have the entire E6 prefix block. Niue -- an island approximately 1500 miles northeast of New Zealand -- is a self-governing island nation that has been in free association with New Zealand since 1974. Prior to the change, the island used ZK2. According to the CIA

World Factbook, Niue is about 1.5 times the size of Washington, DC, and has a population of almost 1300 people. -- *Thanks to The Daily DX for some information - via ARRL 08/06/2012*

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14 year old Margaret McGuire, **KJ4RGQ**, of Washington became licensed at age 11 as a Technician and soon after upgraded to a General Class license. During Hurricane Irene, she served as the communications operator at the Washington High School shelter relaying traffic to the American Red Cross. She routinely serves as net control station for the Downeast Hospital Net, and participates in local public service events such as MS Walk. Margaret has completed ICS courses 100, 200, 700 and 800 and is active in ARES®. She has built an Elecraft K2 receiver and her own antennas, and she has used radio telemetry via Amateur Radio to track turtle migrations for a school science project. Margaret is an inspiration and a role model to all young Hams. - via *NC Section News, Bill Morine, N2COP, NC SM*



BARC Member Margaret McGuire, KJ4RGQ.

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BARC Meeting Minutes - August 2012

BARC Meeting Minutes

Date: August 14, 2012

Call to Order: 7:34 pm

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

There were 17 persons present as recorded in the sign in book.

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

Visitors: Ben Collins-Sussman, NN9S/4, visiting from Chicago

Minutes: The minutes from the July 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, August 21 at 6.30 pm at the VFW Lodge. Further information can be found on the BARC website.

Health and Welfare: Our well wishes continue to be extended for the recovery of Phyllis, wife of Bernie Nobles, **WA4MOK**.

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, had nothing to report.

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**, reported that there was a meeting in Plymouth this past Saturday. An Eastern Branch meeting in Williamston is being planned. Bill will let us know when that is finalized.

Public Service: Nothing to report.

Future Programs: Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, reported that anyone interested in presenting or who has program ideas for future meetings should contact him.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Announcements: As reported by Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, the nominating committee is listed in the July Board Meeting minutes. Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported that the deadline for additional nominations is the September club meeting.

Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, reported that hams might be interested to google Ham Nation, which is on TWiT.TV, live on Wednesdays. The schedule can be found online. There is a net after the show on 40 and 20 meters.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Al Mullis, **K4GOE**

Program: A program about The Hams Wide World was presented by Dave Langley, **W4YDY**.

Adjournment: 8:24 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Brenda Bertrand, KJ4GDS

BARC Board Minutes - August 2012

BARC Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 28, 2012

Call to Order: 7:35 pm

Members Present: Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**; John McCoy, **K4KBB**; Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**; Brenda Bertrand, **KJ4GDS**; Dave Langley, **W4YDY**; Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**; Albert Sanchez, **WA7FXB**.

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

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.

VE: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported that the next VE session is October 16 at the VFW Lodge at 6:30 pm. Four applicants took and passed Technician exams at the August 21 BARC VE session, including David Hutchins, **KK4LHO**, and his son, Austin Hutchins, **KK4LHN**, 14, Virginia Beach, VA, Bruce Clements, **KK4LHM**, Grifton, and Jonathan O'Quinn, **KK4LHL**, Bell Arthur. Congratulations :o)

Equipment: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported that a new Equipment Manager is needed! Please contact Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, if you are willing to do this.

Health and Welfare: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, reported that Well Wishes are as published in the Ham Chatter.

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported that the BARC website has been updated with new call signs and up-

coming VE session.

Publicity: Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, reported that announcements for upcoming club meetings and VE sessions are posted in the Daily Reflector.

Pitt County ARES: Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, had nothing to report.

Programs: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, reported that Peter Van Houten, **KG4WEZ**, will be presenting the September club program on Buddipole – it is sure to be a good one – come and enjoy!

New Members: The board approved Jonathan O'Quinn, **KK4LHL**, for membership in the club, as presented by Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**.

Old Business: Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, had nothing to report.

New Business: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, reported that the Nominating Committee has nominated the following for 2013 BARC Officers: President, Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, 1st Vice President, John McCoy, **K4KBB**, 2nd Vice President, Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, Secretary, Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, Treasurer, Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD**, Board Members, Thomas Styron, **KB7L**, and Byron Highland, **K4BMH**.

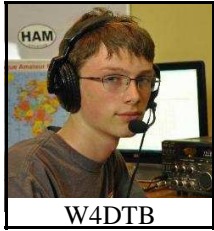
Announcements: Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, had nothing to report.

Adjournment: 8.20 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Brenda Bertrand, KJ4GDS

ARRL Hiram Percy Maxim Award to Derek Brown, W4DTB -15 year old



Chapel Hill Extra class operator Derek Brown, W4DTB, is the 2012 winner of ARRL's Hiram Percy Maxim Award. Named after the founder of the American Radio Relay League, the Hiram Percy Maxim Award is bestowed by the ARRL board of directors to an operator under the age of 21 who best exemplifies the spirit of Amateur Radio. Derek was selected from many other qualified nominees from across the nation. First licensed in 2010, Derek has confirmed over 140 countries, has earned his DXCC, and is closing in on his WAS award. He also completed NIMs/ICS courses 100, 200, 700 and 800, and serves as an Asst. Emergency Coordinator (AEC) for Orange County ARES®. Of particular interest to Derek are digital modes and satellites. He is also the founder of the Youth Amateur Radio Club of America (YARCA.ORG), which aims to further youths in Amateur Radio. The website offers Amateur Radio training for affinity groups such as Boy Scouts. When not doing Amateur Radio, Derek attends Durham Academy where he is on the debating team. Congratulations Derek on being this year's Hiram Percy Maxim winner. - via NC Section News, Bill Morine, N2COP, NC SM

IARU Supports Proposal for .radio Domain Name

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) has expressed public support for a .radio top-level domain name. Under the proposal as put forth by the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), registration will be available via the EBU to all eligible radio representative organizations and broadcasters, Internet radios, radio amateurs, radio professionals and their respective representative organizations, as well as companies providing radio-specific products and services in order to create a worldwide radio community.

The proposal must be approved by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN); this organization is responsible for the coordination of the global Internet's systems of unique identifiers and, in particular, ensuring its stable and secure operation. Much of its work has concerned the Domain Name Space (DNS) policy development for internationalization of the DNS system and introduction of new generic top-level domains (TLDs), such as .com, .edu, .org, .net and the new .aero, .xxx and .travel.

In a letter to ICANN Chairman Steve Crocker, IARU President Tim Ellam, VE6SH, said that "the IARU believes that the .radio proposal submitted by the EBU provides a unique opportunity to standardize radio domain names on the Internet. The use of a specific global online name such as .radio can help create a unique space worldwide, a place where the global radio community can gather. In my capacity as the IARU President, I recommend that the .radio Top Level Domain (TLD) proposal of the EBU be approved by ICANN."

EBU Director General Ingrid Deltentre welcomed the IARU's expression of confidence: "The EBU believes its application matches ICANN's exacting criteria and best serves the collective interests of the global radio community. These kinds of comments confirm that belief."

Earlier this month, ICANN issued a progress report on the initial evaluation process for the .radio proposal. Applications have now been assigned to the relevant geographic, string similarity and DNS stability evaluation panels. According to the EBU, many people and organizations have expressed a desire for more time to comment publicly. The formal period for public comment has been extended to September 26, 2012 to meet the demand of individuals and organizations. Comments received by September 26 will be forwarded to the evaluation panels to review and consider as part of their evaluations.

The EBU serves 74 Members in 56 countries in and around Europe. It represents its members and promotes the values and distinctiveness of public service media in Europe and around the world. The Eurovision and Euroradio networks deliver news, sports, events and music to EBU members and other media organizations. -- Thanks to the European Broadcasting Union for some information

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- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- ◆ Pitt County Emergency Communications Net, Mondays, 2030 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

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BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 11 **Regular Meeting**
 Sep 25 **Board Meeting**
 Sep 29 **HAM CHATTER DEADLINE**
 Sep 29/30 CQ WW RTTY Contest
 Oct 9 **Regular Meeting**
 Oct 14 Maysville Hamfest
 Oct 16 BARC VE Session – **TUESDAY**
 Oct 27/28 CQ WW SSB DX Contest
 Oct 30 **Board Meeting**
 Nov 3 **HAM CHATTER DEADLINE**
 Nov 3/4 ARRL CW Sweepstakes
 Nov 13 **Regular Meeting**
 Nov 17/18 ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
 Nov 18 Benson Hamfest
 Nov 27 **Board Meeting**

Dec 1 **HAM CHATTER DEADLINE**
 Dec 1/2 ARRL 160 Meter Contest
 Dec 8 ARRL 10 Meter Contest
 Dec 11 **BARC Christmas Party**
 Dec 26 (Wed) **Board Meeting**
 Dec 29 **HAM CHATTER DEADLINE**
 Jan 1 ARRL Straight Key Night
 Jan 5/6 ARRL RTTY Roundup
 Jan 8 **Regular Meeting**
 Jan 25-27 CQ WW CW 160M Contest
 Jan 29 **Board Meeting**
 Feb 2 **HAM CHATTER DEADLINE**

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

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