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Pending Amateur Service Rule Changes Are Not on Back Burner, FCC Assures VECs

**Next Meeting
September 10, 2013**



Speaking in late July at the 28th annual National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) meeting, Bill Cross, W3TN, of the FCC's Mobility Division within the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), assured attendees that pending proposals to modify the Amateur Service Part 97 rules are not on the back burner but still under review. FCC personnel addressing the teleconference were unable, however, to predict when the Commission would take action on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order (NPRM) in WT Docket 12-283.

Among the FCC proposals: Granting exam credit for expired and beyond-the-grace-period licenses; shortening the grace period during which an expired ham ticket may be renewed; correspondingly revising the time a call sign remains unavailable to vanity applicants; and reducing the number of volunteer examiners needed to administer examinations. The docket also seeks comment on amending the rules to permit remote test administration and proposes allowing Amateur Radio stations to transmit certain emission types.

FCC Program Analyst Rebecca Williams of the FCC's Gettysburg Office told meeting participants that the FCC will not remove or conceal a licensee's name or address from its public database. She said

she's received numerous complaints from licensees about their information being public. According to §97.23, licensees must provide a valid mailing address, but as Williams pointed out, that can be any US address where the licensee can receive mail, such as a work address or a post office box. Licensees can protect their privacy and remain within the rules, she said.

She also reminded her audience that since February 14, 2011, a radio amateur can serve as a trustee for only a single club and may not also be a club license trustee for another club. The rules further

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prohibit clubs from having more than one vanity call sign. Amateurs who served as trustees for more than one club, and clubs holding

more than one vanity call sign before the change may continue to do so, she said. NCVEC Chair Larry Pollock, NB5X, presided over the teleconference. ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, Assistant Manager Perry Green, WY1O, and Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, represented the ARRL VEC for the session. Representatives from 12 of the nation's 14 VECs took part in the meeting.

NCVEC Question Pool Committee (QPC) Chair Roland Anders, K3RA, told the gathering that the QPC has been working to update the Technician question pool. The new Tech question pool will go into effect next July 1. Anders said the QPC has been reviewing the entire question pool with a goal of fixing and remov-

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 10 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program: The Gibson Girl Story, the evolution of Search and Rescue as understood by Peter Van Houten, KG4WEZ. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.



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

ing outdated or poorly worded questions and to develop questions as new technology is introduced. He said the most difficult part of the job is coming up with distractors — incorrect answers — for the multiple-choice exams that are reasonable but also absolutely incorrect.

The gathering re-elected by acclamation the current leadership slate, including Pollock, who will serve a fifth term as chair. Other officers are Vice Chair Mark Erbaugh, N8ME; Treasurer Willard Sitton, W4HZD; Assistant to the Treasurer Ray Adams, W4CPA; Secretary and Custodian of Records Michele Cimbala, WK3X, and Assistant to the Custodian of Records Gene Wright, WA6ZRT. The rules reporter position remains vacant. - via ARRL.ORG

There's nothing to fear but fear itself. Well, that and poor propagation and a high K Index." -- AB7RG

Higher FCC Vanity Call Sign Fee was Effective August 23

The new FCC regulatory fee of \$16.10 to apply for an Amateur Radio vanity call sign went into effect Friday, August 23, when the new regulatory fee schedule will appear in the Federal Register. Earlier this year the FCC had proposed upping the vanity call sign fee from its current \$15 to \$15.20, but in the Report and Order in MD Docket 13-140, released August 12, the Commission offered no explanation for the higher fee.

In another change, starting in FY 2014, the FCC will require that all regulatory fee payments be made electronically.

The R&O ordered a broad schedule of new fees and waived the usual 30-day waiting period following Federal Register publication, because it feared there would not be time for FY 2013 fees to become effective before the start of the new federal fiscal year on October 1.

The FCC says it expects \$230,230 in revenue to cover the costs of administering the vanity call sign program. It anticipates 14,300 vanity call sign applications.



Happy Birthday

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

- 1 KG4NSC Pat Williams
 - 1 KC4ROR Rose Wainwright
 - 2 W4JCS John Sutherland
 - 5 KQ2V Bro. Simon Jaworski
 - 6 KK4HHZ Roger Knapp
 - 6 KD4MTT Mike Langley
 - 7 KG4ZVM Brad Brechtelsbauer
 - 8 N4JNC Joe Swigert
 - 14 WA4DAN Murray Adams
 - 20 W4FA John Schultz
 - 24 x W4OZV Hassell Bailey
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Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Charlie Wells, K4SKI

Tom Parsons, W4TEP

Stan Barney, KJ4GDR

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



Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held **Tuesday, October 15** 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.**

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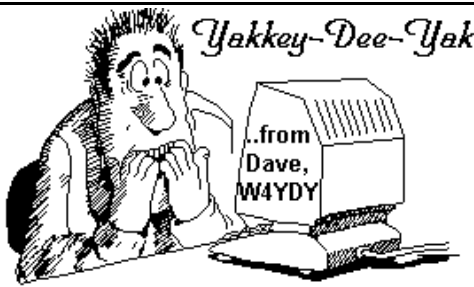
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Yakkey-Dee-Yak **BARC programs**

As usual, Robert Young, **NC4RY**, founder of Tarheel Antennas, gave another outstanding program and answering questions at the August meeting. Peter Van Houten, **KG4WEZ**, looks to have an interesting program about the Gibson Girl story.

Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, wants your help for a couple of programs before the end of the year. Of course the December meeting will be the Christmas party always enjoyed by all with the good food and the awarding of certificates to members that have contributed to the operation of the club in 2013 along with the BARC Ham of the Year plaque.

FCC happenings!

The FCC has increased the vanity call sign fee and didn't even give anyone a chance to comment on the final total. It was only 90 cents more than they had published but it increased from \$15 to \$16.10. They had published \$15.20. Guess the folks in Washington need our money more than we do (they think!).

Also starting in FY 2014 (October 1, 2013), the FCC will require that all regulatory fee payments be made electronically. Those with vanity calls and no computer, may have to renew through the ARRL or another service for a fee plus the FCC vanity fee. At least it's only every 10 years for renewals! - 1001001, W4YDY

2014 BARC Officer nominations

The Officer nominations for 2014 will be announced at the September meeting by the nomination committee. Anyone wishing to be added for a position may contact a committee member or make your desires known no later than the close of the September meeting.

The committee list is just a starting point. If any office has more than one candidate for a position, there will be an election at the November meeting with ballots. If there is a contest for a position and a member wants to vote and will not be able to be at the November meeting, a request for an absentee ballot can be requested no later than the October meeting.

It there is only one candidate for each position, there will be a voice vote to approve the committee list. The committee members are WA4MOK, K4KBB, K4ZYD and W4YDY.

August 20, 2013 BARC VE Session Results

All three applicants passed their exams at the August BARC VE session. Two passed the Technician exam and one upgraded to General.

Lewanna Locke, **KK4SFG**, Greenville, pass the General. She passed the Technician exam at the June VE Session. Sam Norris, **KK4TOM**, Chocowinity, and Spencer Freeman, **KK4TOL**, Greenville, passed the Technician exam. Sam and Spencer's new call signs were granted by the FCC on August 27.

The VE's that attended were Acting VE Liaison Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, Thomas Styron, **KB7L**, Dan Wallace, **K4HMW**, James Lewis, **AK4MU**, Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, and Dave Langley, **W4YDY**.

The next regular VE session is scheduled for October 15, 2013.

Hams Continue to Support Rim Fire Response



One of the Expedition 36 crew members aboard the International Space Station used a 50 mm lens to record this view of the massive drought-aided Rim Fire in and around California's Yosemite National Park and the Stanislaus National Forest on August 26. (NASA photo)

ham community," and volunteers have been putting in "some long days." The Red Cross is sheltering on the order of 100 evacuees.

Other ARES-RACES volunteers are helping to handle telephone traffic in the county emergency operations center. Tuolumne County ARES EC Carl Croci, **NI6Z**, said volunteers from Calaveras County ARES also have been pitching in. "We are still staffing the Red Cross Shelter and the community information phone lines with four ARES/RACES operators on the phones and two in the shelters," Croci said August 28. "There are now there shelters open at the Tuolumne County Fairgrounds, and the Red Cross is using FRS radios between the shelters, so the shelter ops are also monitoring those radios as well. The EchoLink system has seen a decrease in traffic asking about friends and relatives."

Fish has described the terrain in Tuolumne and Mariposa counties as "very, very, very rugged." According to the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC), the Rim Fire now covers nearly 184,500 acres, with 23,500 acres burned over in the past 24 hours. The Rim Fire has now has claimed more than 110 structures. The NIFC says the fire has been crowning. The communities of Tuolumne City, Twain Harte and Long Barn and the Hetch-Hetchy watershed are threatened, as are power lines in the region. Evacuations and road and area closures are in effect. - via *ARRL.ORG*

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES) volunteers are continuing to fill communication gaps for local emergency managers and responding agencies, as part of the response to the gigantic Rim Fire.

Tuolumne County RACES Radio Officer Phil Fish, **WB6GGY**, told ARRL that with telephone circuits overloaded and cell service spotty, ham radio is keeping open the lines of communication. ARES-RACES members are helping to support communication between local government and the American Red Cross shelter. "They were just hungry for hams," Fish said of local emergency management officials. "We've had a great response from the local

Another CB Retailer Comes Under FCC Scrutiny



For the second time this month the FCC has cited a retailer — Radio Master, a CB shop catering to truckers — for illegally marketing unauthorized RF devices. According to a Citation and Order released August 20, FCC agents from its Dallas office in February inspected the Radio Master shop at a truck stop in Rockwall, Texas, where they observed a used Palomar 250 RF amplifier offered for sale.

“The unit did not have an FCC identification number to confirm that the model had been granted an FCC certification,” the Citation said, noting that under its Part 2 rules, external RF power amplifiers capable of operating below 144 MHz “may not be offered for sale unless they have first been authorized in accordance

with the Commission’s certification procedures.” Radio Master website says the shop carries “a variety of 10 meter & citizen band radios.” In addition to its website Radio Master operates another bricks-and-mortar shop at a truck stop in Weatherford, Texas, the FCC said.

One dealer advertised 8200 watt CB amplifiers that also included 10 and 12 meters!

The Commission cautioned Radio Master that, pursuant to its Part 15 rules, “intentional radiators” such as CB transmitters may not be marketed in the US or its territories “unless they have first been authorized in accordance with the Commission’s certification procedures. In addition, the FCC pointed out, its Part 95 rules proscribe making “any internal modification to a certificated CB transmitter.”

The FCC ordered Radio Master to immediately remove all unauthorized RF devices from display — including online display — and to cease marketing such devices in the US, or face possible fines and seizure of equipment.

The Commission directed Radio Master to provide certain information to it within 30 days of the Citation’s release, regarding the online store of Radio Master. “A failure to respond in writing, or an inadequate, incomplete, or misleading response, may subject Radio Master to additional sanctions,” the FCC said.

On August 15 the FCC issued a Citation and Order to DNJ Radio of Fremont, California, for violating its rules by marketing non-certified amplifiers and kits via its Internet website. In June, the FCC issued a Citation and Order to a Nebraska-based online retailer for illegally marketing unauthorized RF devices — including 10 and 12 meter amplifiers capable of putting out up to 8200 W. - via ARRL.ORG 08/21/2013

ISS Astronaut Savors Random “Messages in a Bottle” via Ham Radio

Amateur Radio recently offered a means for European Space Agency Astronaut Luca Parmitano, KF5KDP, to reconnect with Earth from the ISS during a period when it was difficult to see the planet from space. His experience, recounted in his online blog, also gave him a greater appreciation for the ham radio gear aboard the station as well as for the greater ham radio community on Earth. As Parmitano explains, the space station’s “beta angle” had resulted in long periods in sunlight, putting Earth in shadow and making him feel a little isolated.

“It’s like looking out of the window at night when you have the lights on in the room, and there’s not one streetlight lit outside,” he said. “We’ve been traveling immersed in completely black space.” With no available photo opportunities, Parmitano thought about the ESA Columbus module’s ham radio gear, which he described as “sometimes a little neglected by

us astronauts.”

Parmitano has used ham radio to chat with student groups on Earth as part of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program, but he concedes that he has “never been into Amateur Radio.” Yet he found himself sitting at the radio looking for the first time “to establish some kind of ‘contact’ between the station and Earth.” Not knowing what to expect, he set the radio in simplex mode while somewhere above Europe. “Suddenly, a voice surfaced above the other sounds.” It was a man’s voice calling NA1SS, the US Amateur Radio call sign for the ISS.

“I was taken aback by the emotion that rose in me as I tried to reply to the call, using the Italian call sign IRØISS,” Parmitano recalled. “But my excitement was nothing compared to the sheer astonishment and disbelief I heard in that voice, thousands of kilometres away. Speaking English with a beautiful Portuguese accent, the radio operator on the other side of the signal only managed to say a few words — ‘I don’t know what to say. This is a dream come true for me!’ — before our conversa-

tion was interrupted and buried by swarms of other calls.”

For the next 15 minutes as the ISS passed above Western, Central and Eastern Europe, he tried to reply the dozens of other callers “sending their messages into the ether with the hope that, thousands of kilometres away, the Space Station antennae would pick up their signal and that I’d be able to decipher what they were saying,” he said.

The different voices from different countries soon “became members of one family, scattered over thousands of islands and in contact with each other through nothing but these ‘messages in a bottle,’” as Parmitano characterized the radio calls.

The larger Amateur Radio community, he found, had “wrapped me in a warm blanket of friendship and gratitude, oblivious to the fact that I’m the one who should be thanking them for opening up the doors to an experience that began with that young man in Portugal, and that crossing space and time, reaches the heart of each and every Amateur Radio operator even before it reaches their ear.” - via arrl.org

Ham Ads

Pacific Island DXpeditions to Fire Up this Fall



The Daily DX reports that two Pacific Island DXpeditions are preparing to activate in October and November. The much-anticipated K9W Wake Island DXpedition has announced its tentative operating schedule, with times based on Wake Island times and dates (Wake is 12 hours ahead of UTC). According to its website, the team expects to kick off operations on or about October 7 and operate until October 18. Check the K9W operating plan for specifics. Wake Island is number 14 on the ClubLog Most Wanted list.

Members of the Uruguay DX Group plan to mount a DXpedition to Easter Island in November. A seven-person team will operate from Hanga Roa, **Easter Island**, November 1-7. Plans call for running three stations simultaneously on 1.8 through 50 MHz, CW, SSB and digital modes. QSL via EB7DX. Easter Island is number 106 on the ClubLog Most Wanted list. — The Daily DX - via ARRL.ORG

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BARC Meeting Minutes - August 2013

BARC Meeting Minutes

Date: 8.13.13

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

There were 24 persons present as recorded in the sign in book.

Minutes: Approved as published in Ham Chatter.

Secretary's Report: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD**, gave the report.

Equipment: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, had nothing to report. BARC is looking for a new equipment manager. Contact Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, if interested.

VE: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported that the next VE session will be August 20, 6:30 pm at the VFW Post. See w4amc.com for details.

Health and Welfare: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, had nothing to report beyond what is listed in Ham Chatter.

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, pointed out several items for listed for sale in this issue of Ham Chatter.

Publicity: Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, reported that announcements for the club meeting and VE session would run in the Daily Reflector. The Daily Reflector has now designated a spe-

cific space to announce BARC meetings.

Pitt County ARES: Bill Dawson, **W4SLC**, noted there was an AREAS 1 & 2 meeting last Saturday (Aug. 10).

Public Service: Josh Steele, **KB3VKH**, said to contact him that if anyone wanted to help with communications for the MS 2013 Historic New Bern Bike Ride. This event raises funds for the MS Society.

Future Programs: Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, reported that the September program will be given by Peter Van Houten, **KG4WEZ**. The October program is open.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: The Shelby Ham Fest will be August 31 to Sept. 1.

Program: Robert Young, **NC4RY**, founder of Tarheel Antennas, gave the program.

Adjournment: 9:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX
BARC Secretary

BARC Board Minutes - August 2013

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Date: 8.27.13

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

Secretary's Report: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, had nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD**, gave the report.

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

VE: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, reported that the next VE session will be October 15. At this month VE session, two new Technician licenses were earned and there was one upgrade to General. See w4amc.com for details.

Health and Welfare: John McCoy, **K4KBB**, had nothing to report beyond what is listed in Ham Chatter.

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

Publicity: Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, reported that announcements for club activities would run in the Daily Reflector.

Public Service: No report was given.

Future Programs: The September program will be given by Peter Van Houten, **KG4WEZ**.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Announcements: None

Adjournment: 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX
BARC Secretary

Vanity HQ Website Pulls the Plug Commercial Ad Rates



After serving the US Amateur Radio community for 14 years Mike Carroll, N4MC, has shut down his Vanity HQ website.

“Vanity HQ is closed,” now greets visitors to the site. “It’s been a good 14 years. Thank you everyone for participating, sending bug reports and comments, and I especially thank all the Elmer volunteers who have helped me over the years. It is time for me to move on. Regards to all.”

The site has had its ups and downs over its lifetime. Carroll made a similar announcement in 2004, citing “a shift in my priorities,” but the site eventually remained open. Over the years Vanity HQ often was the first stop for radio ama-

teurs seeking a vanity call sign. Among other information, it provided a list of recently issued vanity call signs as well as available call signs and active vanity call sign applications.

In 2008, the ARRL Board okayed a partnership with the Vanity HQ site to have QST Silent Key listings included in the Vanity HQ history project in an electronically searchable format.

After Carroll announced he was shutting down in 2004, Eldon Lewis, K7LS, inaugurated his RadioQTH website, <<http://www.radioqth.net/>>which offers essentially the same information Vanity HQ did. - via ARRL.ORG 08/29/2013

Editors note: Very sorry to see the site end. It was a great help for those wanting to get a vanity call sign. I looked at the RadioQTH site and did not see the many great features that N4MC had. Hopefully that will change and improve in the future. Thanks to N4MC and his volunteers for doing a great job. - W4YDY

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- ◆ Kinston Amateur Radio Society Net, 1,3,4 Tuesdays, 2000 hrs. on 145.47 MHz., W4OIX repeater in Kinston.
- ◆ Eastern North Carolina Traffic Net, Every night, 2030 on 146.685 MHz.
- ◆ Wilson Amateur Radio Club Net, Thursdays @ 2000 on 146.76 MHz.
- ◆ Piedmont Coastal Traffic Net, Nightly 2030 on 146.88 MHz.
- ◆ Newport WFO SKYWARN Net, Tuesday, 2100 on 145.21 MHz
- ◆ Carteret County ARS (CCARS) Emergency Net, Tuesdays, 1930 on the Newport 145.45 (-) MHz.
- ◆ Coastal Emergency Linking Net, Wednesday, 2100 ET on Ahoskie 145.13, Buxton 145.15, Columbia 146.835 & 443.30, Elizabeth City 146.655, Greenville, 145.35, Hertford 147.33, Williamston 145.41 & 444.25

HF

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

NTS CW Nets

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

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All use 131.8 tone

DXpeditions Target Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Separate DXpeditions this fall and winter will make Saint Vincent and the Grenadines more available for DXers.

The first — and larger — J88HL DXpedition is planned for November 17-29 by seven operators from Poland — SP2EBG, SP3CYY, SP3GEM, SP6EQZ, SP6IXF, SP9FOW and SP9PT. They’ll be



using K3s and TS-590s with 700 W solid-state amps. Antennas will include verticals, phased arrays, Spiderbeams and Yagis.

While considering possible destinations, they noticed that J8 — which is the 116th most-wanted DXCC entity, according to the ClubLog DXCC Most Wanted List. — hasn’t seen a major DXpedition in recent years. Not only that, it’s easy to reach, easy to get licensed and is a beautiful place. SP6EQZ says this is will not be a “holiday operation” but a dedicated radio activity on all HF bands, a serious effort on 160 and

some operation on 6 meters.

They plan ClubLog uploads in near real time. At least three stations will be on the air 24 hours a day on CW, SSB and RTTY. The team says one operator will “possibly” participate in the CQ World Wide DX CW in a single-operator category, while the others will operate outside the contest. QSL direct or via the bureau.

February 10-17 will see the Caribbean Buddies DX Group “enduring the hardships of DXing from Isis Villa on Bequia.” The villa is at the highest point on Bequia, and takeoff angles should favor all parts of the world. This will be a lower-key “suitcase” DXpedition with Buddipole antennas and wires and 100 W transceivers — the group’s equipment complement of choice. J88EA is a possible call sign. — Thanks to The Daily DX - via arrl.org 08/12/2013

BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sep 10	Regular Meeting	Nov 23/24.	CQ WW CW DX Contest
Sep 14	Virginia Beach Hamfest*	Nov 26	Board Meeting
Sep 14/15.	ARRL Sept. VHF Contest	Nov 30	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
Sept 24.	Board Meeting	Dec 7	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
Sept 28.	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Dec 10	Christmas Party
Sept 28/29	CQ WW RTTY Contest	Dec 14	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Oct 8.	Regular Meeting	Dec 17	BARC VE Session – TUESDAY
Oct 13.	Maysville Hamfest*	Dec 31	Board Meeting
Oct 15.	BARC VE Session – TUESDAY	Jan 4.	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
Oct 26/27	CQ WW SSB DX Contest	Jan 14.	Regular Meeting
Oct 29.	Board Meeting	Jan 18/19	ARRL January VHF Contest
Nov 2	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Jan 24/26	CQ WW CW 160M Contest
Nov 2/3.	ARRL CW Sweepstakes	Jan 28.	Board Meeting
Nov 12	Regular Meeting		
Nov 16/17.	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes		
Nov 17	JARSFEST - Benson*		

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

BARC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone
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