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"IS THERE ANYONE THERE...ANYONE?"

This October 30th marks the 75th anniversary of Orson Welles's famous radio rendition of the science fiction novel, War of the Worlds. Most know of the chaos which ensued when Welles's production failed to insert



ongoing disclaimers. (One of the reasons we say, "This is only a drill" frequently during ARES and AUXCOMM exercises.) It's still chilling dialogue even three quarters of a century later, especially after the Martians have destroyed much of earth and we hear the plaintive cry of a Ham pleading, "2X2L calling CQ. Isn't there anyone on the air? Isn't there anyone on the air? Isn't there... anyone?" Many times I feel like 2X2L as I drive around North Carolina and put out a call on local repeaters. With the exception of some regular nets, most repeaters are not only quiet, but I suspect not even monitored. Not only is this a shame, but it's potentially dangerous, especially if someone needs help. What I find surprising is that designated repeaters are quiet before regularly scheduled club meetings and exam sessions. I was a guest at a club meeting and wanted to alert the group I would arrive a few minutes late. No one came back to my calls on the machine associated with the club hosting the meeting. At a recent exam session, I'm glad I had an HT because a Ham looking to upgrade couldn't find the exam location and luckily I was monitoring. We all need to listen more, but especially before and after Ham related events in case someone has ques-



tions. Also, remember to bring your HTs to a meeting or session in case there's inquiry traffic. It seems our cell phones have replaced our mobile rigs and HTs, and we need to get back to basics for the good of all Hams.

DIGITAL DUTY - This autumn's section Simulated Emergency Test (SET) exercises in November and December will have a new emphasis – digital modes. Like all electronic communications, EMCOMM is evolving. The nation's cell infrastructure has matured and now exceeds landlines in reliability. Hurricane Sandy confirmed the new reality. So what role can Amateur Radio emergency communications play in this new environment? Where emergency communications remain challenging is in rural areas where cellular coverage is spotty. According to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, 85 of North Carolina's 100 counties are considered rural, and almost 5 million, or over 50%, of the Tar Heel state's 9 million residents live in rural counties. With vast distances to cover, digital modes will increasingly complement voice communications in providing reliable and trackable communications with government agencies. I encourage all ARES and AUXCOMM operators to learn to become proficient in current and emerging digital modes, which will become the future of EMCOMM.

*73 de Bill Morine, N2COP
ARRL North Carolina Section Manager*

Next Meeting November 12, 2013

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its regular meeting on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program: Bethany, Ohio Voice of America Museum Special Video will be shown. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be November 26 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. All members invited.

October 15, 2013 BARC VE Session Results

Four applicants passed their exams at the October BARC VE session. One passed the Technician exam, two upgraded to General and one upgraded to Amateur Extra.

BARC member, Roger Knapp, **N4KDR**, Washington, upgraded to Amateur Extra. Elizabeth Ballenger, **KI4BYU**, Greenville, and Sam Norris, **KK4TOM**, Chocowinity, upgraded to General. Randall Feimster, **KK4UNP**, Greenville, passed the Technician exam. The FCC granted the new upgrades and new call sign on 10/23/2013. Congratulation to all for their accomplishment.

Elizabeth, **KI4BYU**, made application to join the club. Welcome.

The VE's that attended were VE Liaison Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**, Thomas Styron, **KB7L**, Dan Wallace, **K4HMY**, James Lewis, **AK4MU**, Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, and Dave Langley, **W4YDY**.

The next regular VE session is scheduled for December 17, 2013.

K9W Wake Atoll DXpedition Team Gets Entry Okay

The K9W Wake Atoll DXpedition, which was put on ice as a result of the partial government shutdown, now has US Air Force permission to visit Wake. "Our equipment is already on Wake and in safe storage awaiting our arrival," the team said in a media release.



The 12 operators plan to assemble in Hawaii October 30, leave November 1, arrive November 2 and "immediately erect antennas and set up the stations." The team expects to have two CW and two SSB stations on the air, and current plans call for K9W to be active from November 3 through November 15 (Wake Island time). The team has posted its operating plan on its website <<http://wake2013.org/pages/bandplan.html>>. The Wake Atoll Commemorative DXpedition is the recipient of an ARRL Colvin Award grant. - via arrl.org, 10/29/2013



Happy Birthday

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

- 3 AF4QY Bob Hanrahan
- 3 KE4LZE Sherry Frye
- 5 N4RXX Rita Sumrell
- 8 KD4NHZ Walter Allen
- 14 KI4PWX Fred Bertrand
- 15 W0RPK Ralph Wallio

Additions or corrections to W4YDY

BARC HF Transceivers For Sale

The Kenwood TS-430S is designed for



SSB, CW, AM and FM (optional) modes. Coverage is 160 through 10 meters including the WARC bands. All solid-state technology is input rated at 250 PEP on SSB, 200W DC on CW, 120W FM (optional) and 60W AM. General coverage receive from 150 kHz to 30 MHz is featured. **\$350 or best offer.**

The Kenwood TS-520 is designed for SSB



and CW modes in the 80 through 10 meter ham bands. It also features receive of WWV at 10 MHz. The TS-520 features a very accurate linear analog display dial. Power input is 120W PEP SSB and 100W DC CW. (This transceiver does not have general coverage receive). The hybrid circuit includes three 6146A and two 12BY7A tubes plus 1 IC, 17 FETS, 45 transistors and 84 diodes. **\$350 or best offer. Contact W4JNC, president @ w4amc.com.** (Phone number below)

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, December 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.

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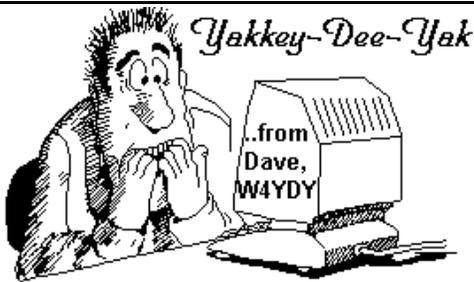
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Bad Example :-)

It's sad to say that every group has the type of people that are not very desirable. You do not want to demonstrate Amateur Radio to visitors by tuning in some frequencies on the HF band, especially some on the 75 meter band. I happen to tune on a frequency one morning several months ago that I use to operate on over 15 years ago and a different group is there now. The one's I talked to had moved to another frequency. From some of the comments I heard on the old frequency, I thought I was listening to porn!! In fact, I was. About a month ago, I listened to that frequency again for a few minutes and some used profanity almost every minute. Don't know if all on the frequency use it but one is too many. It has been going on at that frequency for well over 10 years but it also happens on other frequencies and bands. They are not on a private line! When I am listening to the radio with others in the room, espe-

cially children, I do not tune to those frequencies that I know that profanity is used. It is harmful to Amateur Radio. Do they use it with their families or in public? Bet not. Bet if their XYL's got a call from the FCC, they would change!

A few days before I finished this column, I listened to the frequency again for about 4 or 5 minutes to see if it might be different. Heard the same guys in their morning get together and they seemed to be having a good exchange but I heard no profanity. They were still able to communicate their thoughts! It would have been no problem with anyone listening to the conversation in the part I heard. But I did not have time to listen more. Hope they have cleaned up their act some.

When Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, was in the FCC enforcement section, he would phone operators to try to reason with them to clean up their operation. Once he called one about causing deliberate interference with other stations. The operator was not home and the wife insisted on passing the message. He said he didn't normally talk to anyone else about it, but this time he did. After he told her, she said don't worry about it any more. She would take care of it. Riley said he never had another complaint about that operator! The FCC needs to make some phone calls to some XYL's! That

would solve a lot of problems.

There is an excellent article in the October 2013 issue of CQ Magazine on page 44. It is titled "Psychology of the QRMer". Wish I could reprint the whole article here. It is worth everyone's time to read it so you can more understand the some of the reasons that people act the way they do on the air. The article is by licensed psychologist of 35 years and an Amateur Radio operator for many years.

Some people look back to the good ole' days. Back in the 1950's, I would hear operators arguing at times but never did I hear them using profanity in the argument or in general conversation. As far as that behavior is concerned, that was the good ole' days! - W4YDY

Skywarn Recognition Day December 2013

Following is copy of email about SkyWarn Recognition Day.

Hal Austin NC4HA here. For those who don't know me, I'm the SkyWarn/amateur radio focal point here at the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Newport. I would like to extend an official invitation to your clubs to come to our office and participate in the 15th annual Skywarn Recognition Day 2013. It is being held from 7 pm Friday December 6, until 7 pm Saturday December 7 (Pearl Harbor Day).

All bands and modes of operation are allowed. Our shack (WX4MHX) has three radios, an Icom IC-V8000 on a directional beam pointed at the Columbia repeater, a Kenwood TM-733 2m/440 MHz on a vertical, and an Icom IC-706MK II HF rig. You're also welcome to operate in any other way you'd like. Our conference room has a "porthole" in the wall, so if you'd like to bring your own equipment you can easily run cables out to a mobile antenna. This has worked very well in the past. If your club would like to do this, you're welcome to come the day before to set up and test your equipment if you'd like. It will be completely safe to leave it here. You can operate from our parking lot, or if you have a mobile command center (Carteret ARS and New Bern ARC), you can set up next to the building.

FCC Fines CBER for Operating Illegal Transmitter With Linear

Helping to alleviate concerns that it rarely polices the Citizens Radio Service (CB), the FCC has fined an Alaska CBER \$500 for "willfully and repeatedly" operating a non-certificated CB transmitter with an RF linear amplifier which, the Commission said, violated federal law and its rules and "voided his authority to operate his CB station."

In a Forfeiture Order released October 30, the FCC noted that the CBER, Glenn S. Yamada, of Kenai, Alaska, did not deny the violations but stated that he "did not intend to violate" the Communications Act of 1934 or FCC rules. Yamada also told the FCC that he was unable to pay the initial forfeiture of \$12,500, imposed on a July 18, 2012, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (NAL).

The Commission said its agents

had identified Yamada as the source of a signal that the Commission's High Frequency Direction Finding Center "observed interfering with safety of life operations on the frequency of 21.965 MHz [sic]" in January and February 2012.

The FCC said that based on financial documents Yamada provided, it found "sufficient basis" to reduce the fine to \$500, and it gave Yamada 30 days to pay or have his case turned over to the US Department of Justice for enforcement of the forfeiture.

As required by the NAL, Yamada informed the FCC in writing in August 2012 that he was still engaged in CB operations, using a certified transmitter that was not attached to a linear amplifier. - *via arrl.org 10/31/2013*

FCC Turns Away Petition to Expand Technician 10 Meter Privileges

The FCC has dismissed a Petition for Rule Making that sought to expand Technician privileges in the 10 meter band. The Toledo Mobile Radio Association (TMRA) had asked the Commission last June to expand the spectrum available to Technician licensees on 10 meters to include operating privileges in the FM portion of the band, from 29.520 to 29.700 MHz. Novice and Technician licensees now may operate on 10 meters from 28.000 to 28.500 MHz.

“We conclude that TMRA has not presented grounds for the Commission to revisit the question of operating privileges for Technician class licensees,” the FCC said October 17 in denying the petition.

The FCC said that Technicians may transmit through repeaters licensed to a General class or higher licensee that have an output channel in the 29.5 to 29.7 MHz segment, as long as the repeater has a 2 meter or 70 centimeter input.

Further, the FCC pointed out that the current licensing structure was developed “with the expressed desire of the amateur community to provide an incentive, ie, additional frequency privileges, to motivate Amateur Radio operators to advance their communication and technical skills.” The FCC noted that it increased Technician privileges in 2006 to include Novice and Technician Plus privileges. “A Technician class licensee can upgrade to a

General class operator license and receive significantly more frequency privileges (including those at issue here) by answering correctly a minimum of twenty-six questions on a thirty-five question written examination,” the FCC said. TMRA, the Commission concluded, had submitted no evidence that the FCC should depart from its “long-standing policy of providing additional frequency privileges as an incentive” for license advancement.

TMRA had asserted that amending §97.301(e) of Part 97 would extend Technician voice privileges on 10 meters to “coincide with today’s technical advancement of the Amateur Radio Service.” 10/21/2013

AMSAT Celebrates 30th Anniversary of Amateur Radio Involvement in Human Spaceflight



The 31st Annual AM-SATSpace Symposium and Annual Meeting November 1-3 in Houston — home of Johnson Space Center — will highlight the 30th anniversary of Amateur Radio’s involvement in human spaceflight and the evolution of Amateur Radio into a successful program aboard the International Space Station. Forums during the event will focus on various aspects of Amateur Radio in space, satellites and sat-

ellite-related technology. Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) is an international educational outreach that provides opportunities for students to chat with astronauts and cosmonauts aboard the ISS via ham radio. The recent delivery of the “Ham Video” equipment to the ISS Columbus module by the European Space Agency further reflects the continued support that Amateur Radio offers for communicating with students.

It all began with NASA Astronaut Owen Garriott, W5LFL, the first astronaut to communicate via ham radio from space during the STS-9 mission in 1983. He will

be featured on a multimedia panel as part of the Saturday banquet program, moderated by AMSAT Vice President for Human Space Flight Frank Bauer, KA3HDO. The presentation will include video highlights of Amateur Radio in space.

Happening this year in Houston, this year’s Symposium banquet will offer an opportunity for guests to “meet history” by hearing directly from those who helped initiate Amateur Radio as a part of human space flight. The deadline to reserve rooms in the AMSAT block is Wednesday, October 16. Reservations for all Symposium activities will close October 25. — AMSAT News Service 10/14/2013

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FCC Fines Former Radio Amateur for Unlicensed Operation on 20 Meters



The FCC has fined Jared A. Bruegman, ex-KCØIQN, of Bolivar, Missouri, \$500 for transmitting on 14.312 MHz without a license. Last February, the FCC told Bruegman in a Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (NAL) that it intended to impose a \$10,000 fine, but in a Forfeiture Order released October 23, the FCC reduced the fine.

“Based on the financial documents provided by Mr. Bruegman,” the FCC said in its Forfeiture Order, “we find that there is a sufficient basis to reduce (but not cancel) the forfeiture to \$500.”

Responding to the earlier NAL, Bruegman had claimed the \$10,000 forfeiture would “bankrupt” him, and he requested the FCC cancel the sanction altogether.

The FCC cautioned Bruegman that inability to pay is only one factor in its forfeiture calculations. “In this regard, we have previously rejected inability to pay claims in cases of repeated or otherwise egregious violations,” the Commission said. “Therefore, future violations of this kind may result in significantly higher forfeitures that may not be reduced due to Mr. Bruegman’s financial circumstances.”

The FCC said it affirmed the finding outlined in the earlier NAL that Bruegman had violated Section 301 of the Com-

munications Act of 1934. FCC agents in December 2012 observed an unlicensed radio transmitter operating on 14.312 MHz from a residence in Bolivar. Bruegman, the only person at home at the time, admitted to owning the radio transmitting equipment. “Based on the record evidence, which Mr. Bruegman does not dispute, we conclude that Mr. Bruegman willfully violated Section 301 of the Act by operating radio transmission equipment without the required Commission authorization,” the FCC concluded.

He has 30 days to pay or make arrangements to pay the fine or have his case referred to the US Department of Justice for enforcement. - via arrl.org 10/24/2013

Ham Ads

November meeting election and selections

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 (no spaces)
NOTE: Commercial rates on page 7.

For Sale: Kenwood SP-520 speaker: \$30.00.

Murray, **K4MHM:** mmmm0320@gmail.com

Wanted: Vertical HF antenna, cheap! Helping friend to get on the air. Email Hollis, KC3X, hdsotail03@earthlink.net.

The members will elect BARC officers for 2014 and also select peer award members for 2013.

The following have been nominated for 2014:

President: Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**

1st Vice President: Josh Steele, **KB3VKH**

2nd Vice President: John McCoy, **K4KBB**

Secretary: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**

Treasurer: Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD**

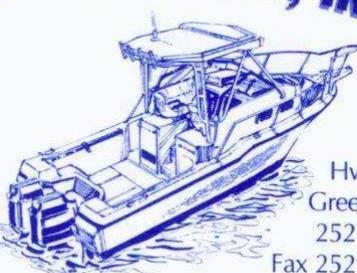
1st Board Member: Past President: Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**

2nd Board Member: Morris Lewis, **AK4MU**

If someone else wants to run for a position, let the committee know and a write-in ballot will be used at the November meeting when voting takes place.

Peer award selections will be made for Ham of the Year, New Ham of the Year, OM of the Year, YL of the Year and Elmer of the Year. All members at the November meeting will make the selections on secret ballot.

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BARC Meeting Minutes - October 2013

BARC Meeting Minutes

Date: 10.08.13

Call to Order: 7:30 pm

There were 22 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. He also reported that BARC was holding \$339.23 in escrow for Pitt County ARES.

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

VE: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX** reported that the next VE session will be Oct. 13, 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**, reported that he would appreciate any contributions to Ham Chatter.

Publicity: Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, reported that announcements for the club meetings and VE session would run in the Daily Reflector.

Pitt County ARES: Bill Dawson, **WA4SLC**, reported that there will be an ARES 1&2 meeting in Plymouth the second Saturday in November.

Public Service: No report

Future Programs: The program at the next meeting will be a

movie on the VOA station the Bethany Ohio.

Old Business: None

New Business: Elections for 2014 BARC Officers will be held at the November meeting. The nominees are:

President: Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**
 First Vice President: Josh Steele, **KB3VKH**
 Second Vice President: John McCoy, **K4KBB**
 Secretary: Ted Bertrand, **KI4PWX**
 Treasurer: Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD**
 Past President: Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**
 2nd Board Member: Morris Lewis, **AK4MU**

Announcements: Dave Langley announced that former club member and current Education Director of the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society Murray Merner, **K4MHM**, will be offering a General License Course. The course will be on Oct 19, 26 and Nov. 2. Contact Murray Merner, **K4MHM**, at MMMM0320@gmail.com for details and registration.

Program: Due an equipment issue, this months program was postponed until the November meeting.

Adjournment: 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX
BARC Secretary

BARC Board Minutes - October 2013

BARC Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 10.29.13

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 there were two upgrades to General, one upgrade to Extra and one new license (Tech) earned at the October 15 VE session. Congratulations to the candidates and many thanks to the VE's who helped with the session. The next VE session will be the third Tuesday in December.

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.

Future Programs: The November program will be a film about the VOA site in Bethany OH. November is also the meeting during which BARC elects next years officers and the annual peer awards. The peer awards will be presented at the Christmas Party, which is the December meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: General discussion regarding club activities and programs, encouragement incentive to participate in the BARC activities. Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD**, present a proposed budget for 2014. The board approved this budget for presentation to the membership for final approval at the November meeting.

Announcements: None.

Adjournment: 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX
BARC Secretary

National Silent Key Archive Lives On

National Silent Key Archive™ of Amateur Radio Operators

Mike Carroll, N4MC, who operated the “Vanity HQ” website for 14 years before taking it dark earlier this year, says the National Silent Key Archive™ <<http://www.silentkeyhq.com/>> of Amateur Radio Operators that he founded remains up and running.

“The only thing that was carried over from Vanity HQ would be the unique call lookup,” Carroll told ARRL. On the “Tools” menu, click on “Research Hams” to enter a name or a call sign.

The National Silent Key Archive provides an opportunity to add Silent Keys (all submissions are reviewed prior to incorporation into the Archive) and for friends and family of radio amateurs who have passed on to create memorial pages that may include photographs and text.

Carroll points out that the National Silent Key Archive has been up and

running for 2 years or so and functioned separately from Vanity HQ, which, he reiterated, he has no plans to resurrect. According to the site, “The purpose of the National Silent Key Archive is to collect and preserve photographs, life event narratives, and data artifacts of deceased Amateur Radio operators, and to make the Archive’s digital library available to anyone wishing to view its contents online.

The National Silent Key Archive is a wiki, where anyone can contribute contents or to add a member to The Archive, and without first obtaining a login ID or password.” All content submitted is reviewed by the Archive and edited, if necessary, before being added to its digital library. Each day the site features Silent Keys from a different call district. — Thanks to Dick Norton, N6AA - via ARRL.ORG

QSL via Bureau? Check First!

Fred Laun, K3ZO, who manages the NCDXA/ARRL Third Call Area Incoming QSL Bureau, advises operators who routinely send cards “via the bureau” to first check the DX station’s QRZ.com or personal websites first to find out if the DX station replies to cards sent via the bureau.

“Each month our bureau receives hundreds of cards for rare DX stations and DXpeditions who...state that they will not answer bureau cards,” he says. “We recognize that one reason people use the bureau is that



they don’t have to check QRZ.com or another online lookup service before sending off the card.” Laun says his bureau spends many hours each month redirecting such

cards to QSL managers or to the station’s own bureau, “and even after our efforts,” he adds, “almost all of these cards will not be answered anyway.”

The bottom line: “If an operator says he/she will not answer bureau cards, he/she in all likelihood means it,” Laun says. “That means that there is no cheap way to get around the [DX station’s QSLing] instructions.

He further notes that some operators have informed the bureau that they don’t want to get bureau QSL cards. His bureau sends most of those unwanted cards to Tom Roscoe, K8CX, for use on his Ham Gallery website, while it provides others to schools for classroom use. Thanks to The Daily DX - via ARRL.ORG

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NETS

VHF

- ◆ 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

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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

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

Greenville repeaters

147.09/69 - 145.35/144.75

444.8/449.8

All use 131.8 tone

BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 12	Regular Meeting	Jan 28.	Board Meeting
Nov 16/17.	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes	Feb 8/9.	CQ WPX RTTY Contest
Nov 17	JARFEST - Benson**	Feb 11	Regular Meeting
Nov 23/24.	CQ WW CW DX Contest	Feb 15/16.	ARRL CW DX Contest
Nov 26	Board Meeting	Feb 18	BARC VE Session – TUESDAY
Nov 30	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Feb 21/23.	CQ WW SSB 160M Contest
Dec 7	ARRL 160 Meter Contest	Feb 23.	NC QSO Party
Dec 10	Christmas Party	Mar 1.	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE
Dec 14	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	Mar 1/2	ARRL SSB DX Contest
Dec 17	BARC VE Session – TUESDAY	Mar 11.	Regular Meeting
Dec 31	Board Meeting	Mar 25.	Board Meeting
Jan 4.	HAM CHATTER DEADLINE	Mar 29/30	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest
Jan 4/5	ARRL RTTY Roundup	Apr 19.	RARSFest - Raleigh**
Jan 14.	Regular Meeting		
Jan 18/19	ARRL January VHF Contest		
Jan 24/26	CQ WW CW 160M Contest		

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
 BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATIONS

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**Next Meeting
November 12
November 2013**

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