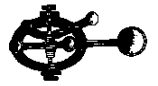




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## LEAGUE INAUGURATES ARBITRATION SERVICE

The League has inaugurated an arbitration service for hams, ham organizations, citizens and other groups having disputes relating to Amateur Radio. The ARRL Arbitration Service offers a substitute for litigation by providing binding arbitration to settle disputes. Arbitration will be arranged through the office of Chris Imlay, W3KD, the League's General Counsel. Arbitrators will include ARRL volunteer counsel. Potential cases could involve neighborhood interference situations, disputes within local radio clubs, disagreements between a hamfest committee and an attendee or exhibitor, or even the use of a frequency (typically, but not necessarily, involving one or more repeaters).

Creation of the Arbitration Service is the first step toward a complete Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) system, as envisioned by the ARRL Board at its January 1997 meeting. The ADR system ultimately could include mediation and non-binding arbitration.

In arbitration, the evidence and arguments are received and adjudicated by a neutral arbitrator--either an attorney registered with the ARRL Arbitration Service or a Volunteer Counsel. (Panels of three arbitrators will be appointed in cases involving more than \$10,000.) Arbitrators are sworn to remain impartial toward the parties--whether they are amateurs, amateur clubs, non-amateur neighbors, or neighborhood or municipal

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## ATTENTION ALL!!

**THE MAY 12th MEETING will be the "JUNK IN THE TRUNK" gathering held at Bernice Turnage, WA4SLD's office (Turnage Farms) on Alt. Highway 264 West, Farmville, directly across from the Collins and Aikman Water Tower. The event will be hosted by Bernice, James "Tommy" Lang, WD4PYO, Harold Bailey, KD4NRB, and Joe Melton, WB4SLF, which includes a "PIG PICKIN" with all the trimmings. Bring your junk to sell, your chair to sit, and a folding table if needed. Eating time set for 6:30 PM!! No formal Meeting will be held.**

**The next board meeting is tentatively set for May 28.**

## Thanks Bob Fainter, KE4UGC!

Bob Fainter, KE4UGC, has volunteered to record the BARC Ham Chatter on audio tape for Ken Graf, N8FF. Ken is now able to hear the latest news about BARC and the ARRL. It is dedicated club members like Bob that is making the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club the best in North Carolina. - W4YDY

## Successful BARC VE Session in April

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club held its bi-monthly VE session on April 17. Brother Simon Jaworski, KQ2V, reported that a good session was held with three candidates taking Amateur Radio examinations. John McCoy, Jr., KH4FQ, son of club member John McCoy, K4KBB, passed his general written examination and upgraded to general class. John was visiting his dad from Hawaii. David Jasper, KF4CUK, from Greenville upgraded from General Class to Advanced Class. Kristy Cox passed Element 2.

Brother Simon was in charge of the session and six examiners were in attendance. Assisting Brother Simon were Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, Bob Connelly, KB4FWL, James Eubanks, KD4JOV, Murray Merner, K4MHM, Byron Highland, KA4KGZ, and Joe Aleksa, KQ4BN. John McCoy, K4KBB, was in attendance.

The next BARC VE Session will be held June 19. - W4YDY

## New BARC Member

Ken Graf, N8FF, joined BARC at the April club meeting. The club welcomes him and knows he will enjoy the fellowship. He has been active on 2 meters since he arrived in Greenville. -

# President's Corner - Tom,

Our May meeting should be a great event for everyone. Personally, I am looking forward to the "Junk-in-the-Trunk" combined with the barbecue. I remember the last one we had in Farmville and all the cars lined up with their trunks open. I can't recall what I picked up there but, I do remember having a great time. This is a good opportunity to clean out your closets and shelves. If you haven't used the item in several years, maybe it's time to let someone else store it in their closet for awhile. Who knows? You may find something useful. I will bring some out of date call books. As I'm sure you are all aware, they don't print these in hard copy anymore. Since I use a CD ROM for looking up my calls. I'll let the books go, that is if someone can use them. I do hate to throw things like that away.

You will want to bring a small table to set up behind your vehicle if you need to display any items. You will also want to bring chairs since they will be in short supply when we sit down to eat. We have no formal program scheduled as the "Junk-in-the-Trunk" and the meal are the program. Just come on out and enjoy

the fellowship.

The membership voted at the last meeting to purchase a Cushman R 7000 Vertical antenna. This was undertaken at the request of Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, and judging from the discussion prior to the vote, was a great idea. The antenna should have arrived as

equipment fund. Your dues cover the routine expenses of the club such as, postage, insurance, awards, and numerous miscellaneous items but does not cover new equipment. Funds for this purpose must be raised separately or donated. It's time we started thinking about a new fund raiser.

73's

Tom, W4TEP

## This is a good opportunity to clean out your closets and shelves.

of this writing and will be available for Field Day. This antenna can be divided into three main sections, not counting the radials, for storage or transporting. It can be assembled to it's full length of 24 feet by one person in about ten minutes. Since the R 7000 covers the 10 meter through 40 meter bands, it will be a welcome addition for emergencies and other club activities.

The purchase of the vertical antenna just about depleted our new

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## Happy

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members birthdays in May

1	WB4PAC	Bill Overton, Jr.
7	N4KJM	Allen Merritt, III
14	W4TEP	Tom Parsons
18	KF4HFH	Thomas Settle
19	KB4KR	Lawry Bennetts
22	KE4WGT	Nancy Bray
29	KE4UGC	Bob Fainter

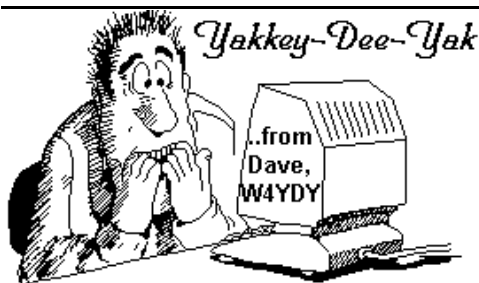
Please let me know of any additions or corrections. - W4YDY

## Virginia ARRL Member License Plates

Thanks in part to the efforts of ARRL Roanoke Division Director John Kanode, N4MM, and Vice Director Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, ARRL members in Virginia can request to have the ARRL diamond logo on their license plates, starting July 1. Applicants must be licensed amateurs and ARRL members and have transmitting and receiving equipment permanently installed in the vehicle. Including a call sign on the plate is optional. As with similar "logo" plates in Virginia, the ARRL logo plates cost \$10 per year, and there is no additional fee to include your call sign. ARRL logo plates will read "ARRL" below the call sign or plate number, instead of "Amateur Radio," however.--Dennis Bodson, W4PWF - via ARRL Letter Online 5/1/98

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There was an interesting letter to the editor in the May 1998 issue of QST. It was titled *Radio Rage*. The writer, Dr. Roy Overton, MD, K0WNR, from Des Moines, Iowa had returned to Amateur Radio after a 30-year hiatus. He was astonished at the new technologies and regulations that had come along. He saw many positive developments but one negative development that had taken place was what he called "radio rage."

To quote one of his paragraphs, "I've returned to airwaves populated with some extremely angry individuals. It isn't uncommon to hear foul language, poor manners and worse. Racism and xenophobia are rampant." He said that getting your ham license 30 years ago was like taking a solemn oath. Behavior such as he witnesses today was virtually nonexistent 30 years ago. He said that if the heavy hand of the federal government is forced to intervene, you won't enjoy the consequences.

From my column in the October 1997 issue of Ham Chatter, you can tell that I agree with him one hundred percent. The big reason that things won't get better is that most offenders don't read, they just shoot off their mouths. One way to stop it would be for the Amateur Radio operators to not talk to them. But I know that is a lot to ask because there will always be a few to continue the conversations with the offenders.

In the March 1998 issue of the Amateur Radio News Service Bulletin, the editor, Steve Auyer, N2TKX, has an article asking the question, "Are we on your mailing list?" He listed the 35 club newsletters that he was receiving. What stood out was the Ham Chatter was the

only one listed with Internet and mail editions. One other newsletter had an electronic edition only.

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I am going to try to get some interview forms out to members to be completed and returned to Murray, K4MHM, or me. If you need a form, please let me or Murray know. The forms are in hardcopy form or it can be sent via email and returned via email. We need to get a few ahead for the newsletter if we are going to continue the *Meet the Member* column. I have had comments on the column and they have all been good. Members like to know more about other members experience with Amateur Radio and it helps to generate closer ties among members of the club. I want to feature the active members and old timers in the club first, but that is not a requirement. The reason we have no one featured this month is the fact Murray got this month's interview information late from a volunteer and I had to put this newsletter to bed earlier than I had hoped.

This issue of Ham Chatter is a little shorter because I have been pressed for time and I'm not sure if I will have to leave town with little notice. My sister in Raleigh has taken a turn for the worse and things just don't look good at this time. The doctors are not optimistic. - W4YDY

## LEAGUE INAUGURATES ARBITRATION SERVICE

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organizations. In disputes involving frequency coordination, the ARRL has reserved sole authority to designate the appropriate responsible coordinating organization.

During the informal process, the parties represent themselves (although parties also may hire attorneys if they wish). Unlike litigation, however, the arbitrator's judgment is final and not subject to appeal. Each party will get a chance to present material and relevant evidence, and exhibits may be received in evidence, similar to a court trial. Witnesses shall be sworn and subject to questions and cross examination. The arbitrator will issue a written award within 20 days from the close of the hearing or final submission of documents. The parties may determine as part of their arbitration agreement how the costs of arbitration will be allocated, but all costs will be paid by the parties involved.

Cases may be instituted under the ARRL Arbitration Service by filing a signed Arbitration Agreement--together with the \$50-per-party filing fee--with the ARRL General Counsel. For complete details on this service, contact ARRL General Counsel Christopher D. Imlay, Booth Freret, Imlay & Tepper, PC, 5101 Wisconsin Ave NW, Suite 307, Washington, DC 20016-4120; tel 202-686-9600; fax 202-686-7797. - via ARRL Letter Online 4/10/98

## ATTENTION!!

Will the Member that paid their dues with Check Number 2265 in December, please call Juanita, KE4JWK at 355-1051 - KE4JWK (You might get dropped from HC mailing. - Editor)

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# Tennessee Hams Volunteer as Tornado Blast Music City

The Music City--Nashville, Tennessee--found itself at the heart of a maelstrom April 16 when a tornado struck and caused extensive damage in the downtown area. Other twisters caused damage in outlying areas. Delta Division Assistant Director Jack Hill, W4KH, says hams were active on weather-spotting nets and later supported relief and damage assessment efforts as well as the Red Cross.

Early on the morning of April 16, as the first tornadoes struck Dickson County in middle Tennessee, various spotter nets were activated, and some hams went to the National Weather Service office. After a day of tornadoes throughout middle Tennessee, the twister that hit Nashville struck in late afternoon, wreaking havoc. Among the damaged buildings was the Tennessee American Red Cross Building. Hill says the storm hit the historic Edgefield neighborhood, ripping apart houses and destroying entire streets.

"More tornadoes were spawned out of the main storm and hit different parts of the city and continued active several miles to the east--beyond Lebanon, Tennessee," Hill said. Several ARES nets were activated in Davidson, Rutherford, Maury, and Sumner counties and coordinated with the NWS weather-spotters' net, with Robert Harris, N4PQV, as net control. Hams from

Nashville and surrounding counties reported storm damage and funnel cloud sightings and helped to confirm the observations of the NWS Doppler radar. Hill says these nets stayed active into the night as the temperature dropped and the risk of additional storms rose.

The following day, the Red Cross asked for ham radio volunteers, primarily to coordinate communication.

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The contingent dispatched to chapter headquarters found non-functioning radios and damaged antennas. The team managed to locate the Red Cross's 2-meter transceiver and a power supply and connected it to the antenna on the rubble-strewn roof. Hill says local Red Cross resources and personnel were stretched thin because of the Alabama tornado just a week earlier.

Working with the Red Cross, some hams manned radios and provided directions to the Red Cross Emergency

Response Vehicles (ERVs). Others handled logistical tasks, repaired equipment and installed new antennas as needed, and set up a portable tower (borrowed from the Nashville ARC) to help provide communication at the primary shelter and feeding facility. At one point, Hill says, he found himself up a tower repairing the 2-meter and VHF low band antennas and rebuilding the HF antennas. As the weekend wore on, hams became active in damage assessment. Hill says 19 hams supported the teams of Red Cross assessors in the field and helped to cut the time needed to do an accurate survey.

Red Cross volunteer Chet Hallberg, K0TCB, of Kansas City, was among those dispatched to help in Tennessee. Hill says Hallberg and other Red Cross personnel turned out at the April 20 meeting of the Radio Amateur Transmitting Society--with several other clubs represented--to express appreciation for the hams' quick response and solid support. "We are still supporting the regular communications needs of the Red Cross teams who have settled in for the long, hard grind of helping Nashville get back on her feet," Hill said, adding that far too many hams worked the disaster to mention each one, and "everyone played an important role." - *via ARRL Letter Online 4/24/98*

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## Next VE Session June 19

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on June 19. Exams will be held at St. Peter's School on 4th Street. Exams will start promptly at 6:30 PM. Please bring the following:

- Photo ID (drivers license)
- Original Amateur Radio License
- Copy of Amateur Radio License
- Original CSCE's
- Copy of CSCE

## 28 MHz "Pedestrian Mobile"

VK to US: Here's proof that HF propagation is improving in the new sunspot cycle: Contacts between an Amateur Radio pedestrian mobile station in the Australian capital of Canberra and fixed stations in the US took place March 28 on 10 meters. Using a converted CB transceiver and a nearly 6-foot mobile whip, Peter Parker, VK1PK, made two

contacts with the US around midday Australian time. Parker's US QSOs followed a successful contact with ZL2RR earlier that morning. Parker used approximately 8 feet of wire for a ground radial and powered the transceiver from a 12 V battery. He was running around 12 W PEP.--WIA QNews - *via ARRL Letter Online*

# ARRL Presents at Hurricane Conference

Field Services Manager Rick Palm, K1CE, Palm was a presenter at the National Hurricane Conference, held April 6-10, in Norfolk, Virginia. Palm opened the program entitled "The Role of Amateur Radio in Hurricane Communications" with an overview of Amateur Radio disaster operations.

Subsequent presentations on local plans and operations were delivered by Virginia SEC Frank Mackey, K4EC, Norfolk EC Dan Bigio, AD4ZK, North Carolina SM Reed Whitten, AB4W, NC Assistant SEC Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, and Dare County (NC) EC Harry Bridges, K4UOR.

Hurricane Watch Net Manager Jerry Herman, N3BDW, discussed the role of his net during the 1997 hurricane season. Don Mahan, KD4WGV, covered amateur operations in support of the

National Red Cross's Disaster Operations Center.

Palm explained the role of ARRL Headquarters in supporting local Amateur Radio disaster operations. He then led a roundtable discussion to conclude the four-hour session.

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The audience of 40 was made up of both emergency planners and amateurs. Palm attended the general session April 8, opened by Virginia Gov Jim Gilmore and then-Acting National Hurricane Center Director Jerry Jarrell, who gave a summary of the 1997 season. As it was last year, disaster mitigation

was a dominating theme of the conference.

Commerce Secretary William M. Daley this week named Jarrell as the sixth director of the National Hurricane Center. He'd been serving as acting director since last September. An announcement from the Center called Jarrell "a friend of Amateur Radio and always acknowledging the efforts of the volunteer Amateur Radio operators at W4EHW," the Center's ham station.

Next year's hurricane conference will be held in Orlando, Florida, and the League has been invited to be a sponsor. --thanks to Rick Palm, K1CE, and Julio Ripoll, WD4JNS - via ARRL Letter Online 4/24/98

# ARRL Supports Lower Vanity Fee

The ARRL says it supports the proposed lower fee to obtain a vanity call sign. The FCC proposed recently in its fiscal year 1998 fee schedule that vanity filers would pay just \$12.90 for the ten year term, once the new schedule goes into effect later this year. That's the lowest fee in the history of the vanity program. Originally, vanity applicants paid \$30 for the privilege of selecting a specific call sign. The fee jumped to \$50 in September of 1997, just in time for

Gate 3 filers but not in time for Gate 4 filers to take advantage of the \$30 fee.

In comments filed April 22 with the FCC, the League called the wide variation in fees over the life of the vanity program "clearly inequitable" and said the FCC should have handled the matter differently. The League called the proposed \$12.90 fee "reasonable" and urged its adoption "as soon as possible." - via ARRL Letter Online 4/24/98

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## ELMER

## BY RICH REGENT, K9GDF



Via ARNS Bulletin

# BARC Monthly Minutes - April 1998

BARC MONTHLY MEETING April 14, 1998 1930HR. ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

1. Call to Order by Tom Parsons, W4TEP, with Regular Meeting time suspended until after the Program tonight presented by Mike Langley, KD4MTT, due to his Mother's illness and hospitalization and standing in for Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, Field Day Chairman. Tonight's Program - Field Day 98 Update:

Field Day will be held on June 27 to 28, 1998 behind Carolina East Mall for the purpose 24 hour period of Emergency Exercise, with multiple stations operating continuously on emergency generator power (No Commercial Power). Set-up of Trailer, Towers, Tents, Rigs, and other Equipment to begin Saturday morning. Lunch to be provided by the Club for those who help. All are encourage to come out and help along with operating the Radios and logging the contacts. The Club will provide the Meat Entree for supper with the rest as covered dishes from the Members. Snacks to be provided also for operating through-out the night. Plans are in the works for Breakfast Sunday with a last ditch effort to make contacts before take down of all the Equipment. ABOVE ALL HAVE FUN!! The Field Day Committee members each gave a brief report on their responsibilities as follows: Mike voiced Bernie will coordinate all activities including set-up of antennas and work teams; Mike in charge of trailer, generators, and tent; Murray Merner, K4MHM, set-up of rigs, logs, and assist with operators; Byron Highland, KA4KGZ, to recruit, organize operators and schedules, and assist with logs; Juanita Humbles, KE4JWK, in charge of site procurement, ARRL Field Day Packet, and organizing the meals (Food). Doug Ferris, K4ROK Pitt Co. EC voiced 2 or 3 of the new Kits - the FT 990's will be available for all to use, practice, and become familiar with for times of real emergencies. Lily Fainter, KE4UGD, asked if a list was being made of small accessories / equipment possibly needed

for set-up such as ladders, hammers, stakes, etc. and if the Club could make a Field Day Booklet as a guide to be used each year. Mike also noted the need a 100-Amp Circuit Breaker Panel for the trailer. Murray asked if each person brings their own tools that would greatly help with set-up.

2. The Regular Meeting started at 2015hr. with Introductions / Rollcall / Welcome Visitors.

3. 50/50 Invitation.

4. March Meeting Minutes approved as published in the Ham Chatter.

5. Reports from Officers / Committees:

A. Treasurer's Report by Alex Macklin, KC4PHJ. Current Balance \$1751.19 (\$626.23 set aside for equipment). Dues past due!

B. Secretary's Report by Juanita, KE4JWK: See Newsletters. BARC Dues are now Past Due and those that are unpaid will be dropped from the Ham Chatter list. Brother Simon Jaworski, KQ2V, Past Treasurer, noted an error in Dec. on his part in not recording the name from check #2265 and if anyone does not received the Ham Chatter because of this, then to blame him and we'll get the mistake corrected.

C. President's Report by Tom, W4TEP, deferred.

D. VOA Site C - Bob Fainter, KE4UGC, standing in for Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, with update on the site and presented overviews of short and long range reach of the existing antennas on site. The County Commissioners want to eliminate as many antennas as possible. Bob voiced Hams to maintain the antennas and inspect every month with recommendations to keep the following antennas (R3B, R4B, R5, R13, R7A, R8B, R15A, R17B, and R18), and other Ham related interests will be sent forth from the Committee to the Co. Commissioners.

E. Special Events Chairman - Gary Gasperini, KU4NQ, spoke on the following: The Shad Festival Station was weathered without shelter due to the Tent unavailable. The ECU Purple-Gold Pigskin Pigout Special Event Station

won't be at the Stadium, but at the Hwy. 43 Flea Market Site due to the Tent still unavailable at present. Juanita, KE4JWK, asked why not use the Trailer at the Stadium? Gary voiced the Trailer is closed in and doesn't attract people to stop by and inquire of Ham Radio as a Tent would be open and easily accessed. Murray, K4MHM, gave an update on the International Festival. Plans are to start setting up at 07:30AM on Sat., May 2, at the Greenville Town Commons in the same area as last year. Plans are to operate the Radios from 11:00AM to 5:00PM and take down there after. Murray, also noted, he asked Bernie, WA4MOK, to supervise and teach others the set-up so they'll be able to do it on their own. Gary noted the Tedi Bear Safe Walk is being held on the morning of May 2 also and 8 to 10 Hams with Handheld Radios are needed to help out with the Walk. See Gary or Mac Manning, KD4AFL for further details and to volunteer.

F. Silent Key Committee - Byron, KA4KGZ, James Eubanks, KD4JOV, and Joe Melton, WB4SLF, discussed with the group the purpose of the Committee as to their knowledge and will make recommendations at the next Business Meeting for a protocol for Condolences of Silent Keys.

G. Instructor Group - Murray, K4MHM, to form Committee and set a meeting to get a new Ham Radio Class started. Ken Graf, N8FF, volunteered to teach CW at the classes.

H. VE Session - Brother Simon, KQ2V, voiced next Session coming up Friday, April 17 at 6:30PM.

6. Outstanding Business:

A. BARC BROCHURE - Being worked on. We welcome any ideas from all members.

B. Programs: May 12th Meeting - "Junk in the Trunk" will be held at Bernice Turnage, WA4SLD's office (Turnage Farms) on Alt Hwy. 264 West, Farmville directly across the street from Collins and Aikman's water tower. The gathering will be host by Bernice, James "Tommy" Lang, WD4PYO, Harold

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# Ham Ads

*Ham Ads* will be run, free of charge in Ham Chatter for three months for each renewal. Ads must be received by the last week of the month to be included in the following issue. Send ads to: **Ham Chatter, PO Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835, ATTN: Dave Langley** or email to: [w4ydy@sprintmail.com](mailto:w4ydy@sprintmail.com)

**For Sale, Wanted, etc. Where are the Ham Ads this month????**

## Well Wishes!!

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Albert Lalik, AA4WL's battle with Cancer continues with bone involvement and pain. He's optimistic, that one day soon, he'll be back on 2 meters and sends a hello to everyone in the meantime.

Dave Langley, W4YDY's sister has been moved to Wake Medical Center. She has bone marrow cancer and she is still in critical condition.

Juanita Humbles, KE4JWK is doing fairly well after her surgery, but lost her voice due to Anesthesia. Hopefully this will soon resolve, along with the problems she has from a medication reaction.

James (Jim) Hoover, KD4MTR has finished his Chemotherapy and is recovering well. Hopefully he'll be able to attend the next meeting.

Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK's, wife, Phyllis is doing much better and resting at home.

We wish all a speedy recovery!!

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Bailey, KD4NRB, and Joe Melton, WB4SLF, which includes a "Pig Pickin" with all the trimmings. Bernice voiced bring your junk to sell, your own chair to sit, and a folding table if needed. Eating time set for 6:30PM!! No formal Meeting will be held. June 9th Meeting - Field Day preparations.

C. Byron, KA4KGZ, spoke on the Hurricane Conference held in Norfolk, Va. on April 7, 1998. Hams from the area that attended were impressed with the Conference. Byron recommended all to find an excuse to attend next year's Conference which will be held in Orlando, Fla.

### 7. New Business:

A. Mike presented a letter for Bernie suggesting the Club purchase a Cushcraft R-7000 Antenna to use for Demonstrations and Field Day. After checking around for the best price, the Vendor, Ham Radio Outlet will give the Club a discounted purchase price of \$364.95. A motion by Byron to purchase the Antenna, 2nd by Ken, and after a discussion approved by the group. The letter also mentioned the need for a Club owned Tent. After discussion, no further decision was made on this matter.

B. Fund Raiser - Tom checking in to getting a Donation from Proctor & Gamble and asked for any other suggestions.

C. Murray with Meet The BARC Members forms and asking all members to fill them out to be published in Ham Chatter so others can get to know you.

8. 50/50 Drawing: \$31.00 collected, with \$15.50 won by Douglas Hardee, visitor. Doug donated his winnings back to the Club.

9. The Meeting was adjourned at 2115hr. by motion of the group.

Minutes by Juanita Humbles, KE4JWK

## NETS

### VHF

- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- ◆ Pitt County Emergency Communications Net, Mondays, 2100 on 147.09 MHz.
- ◆ Eastern North Carolina Traffic Net, Every night, 2030 on 146.685 MHz.
- ◆ New Bern Amateur Radio Club/ Eastern NC 220 Association for the WD4JMS & WD4DAN Net, Monday, 2000 on 146.61 and 224.84 MHz
- ◆ Wilson Amateur Radio Club Net, Monday 2030 on 146.76 MHz.
- ◆ Piedmont Coastal Traffic Net, Nightly 2030 on 146.88 MHz.
- ◆ Newport WFO SKYWARN Net, Wednesday, 2100 on 145.21 MHz
- ◆ Coastal Emergency Linking Net, Wednesday, 2100 on 145.11 MHz and linked repeaters.
- ◆ Beaufort County Emergency Communications Net, Thursday 2000 on 147.345 MHz. Preceded by Newsmen at 1930.

### HF

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

## FCC's Gary Stanford retires

Gary L. Stanford, W4FDP, the associate bureau chief in the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, has retired, effective May 1. Stanford joined the Commission in 1961. An electrical engineer, he joined the Private Radio Bureau in 1983 and became acting chief of the Land Mobile and Microwave Division in 1986. Later that year, he was named to head the PRB's licensing division at Gettysburg and was elected into the Senior Executive Service in 1992. He retires as associate bureau chief for operations within the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau in Gettysburg. - *via ARRL Letter Online 5/1/98*

# *BARC*

## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

May 12 .....	Reg. Meeting - Farmville Cook Out	July 5 .....	Ham Chatter Deadline
May 28* .....	Board Meeting	July 14 .....	Regular Meeting
May 30-31 .....	CQ WW CW WPX Contest	July 18 .....	Cary Swapfest
May 31 .....	Ham Chatter <b>Deadline</b>	July 30* .....	Board Meeting
June 9 .....	Regular Meeting	August 2 .....	Ham Chatter Deadline
June 19 .....	VE Session	August 11 .....	Regular Meeting
June 25* .....	Board Meeting	August 14 .....	VE Session
June 27-28 .....	ARRL Field Day	Oct 17-18 .....	JOTA
July 2* .....	Board Meeting		*Tentative

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