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Meet The Member Jim Smith, KF4VHH



Jim Smith is our Second Vice President this year. His responsibility is arranging meeting programs and I am impressed with his enthusiasm - the club will really benefit from his efforts.

Jim comes to us from Bessemer, AL just outside of Birmingham. He got his bachelor's degree at the University of Alabama/Birmingham and his masters and Ph.D. from the University of Mississippi in the area of Business. As a result of his education he had worked in many locations for the TVA including Tennessee and Kentucky. He was co-opting and in training for the TVA at their steam and nuclear plants in warehouse management (he said they wouldn't let him near the nuclear stuff - good decision).

He got exposed to amateur radio as a kid when a high school buddy was a ham. It wasn't until he finished his dissertation was complete that he felt he wanted to do something very different

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The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its monthly meeting on March 9 at 7:30 PM at St. Peter's School on 4th Street. The program will be conducted by Phillip Williams, WNCT-TV meteorologist. This is a subject that effects Amateur Radio operators and the operation and protection of their equipment, not to mention the valuable service provided by the Amateur Radio community during weather emergencies. All members and guests are invited to attend. The next board meeting is set for March 30 at 7:00 PM. The meeting is open to all members.

Attention BARC Members

Annual Dues were due on January 1. Please fill out the application that was enclosed in the January *Ham Chatter* and return it with your dues, if any. **You will be dropped from the HC mailing after the March issue if dues are not current. Watch out red**

32th Anniversary

Everyone enjoyed cake and ice cream at the February BARC meeting. A special thanks go to Murray Merner, K4MHM, for getting the cake and ice cream and to Juanita Humbles, KE4JWK, for taking care of the plates and utensils.

Outstanding BARC VE Session Murray Merner, K4MHM, Passes Amateur Extra

The February 19 BARC VE session was very successful. There were eight persons taking a total of 10 exams and everyone passed every exam. BARC President Murray Merner, K4MHM, aced the written exam and also passed the CW exam to received his Amateur Extra Class license.

Wayne Lukhard passed requirements for a new Technician Plus license and was assigned **KG4CCZ**. Kimberly Lukhard and Tod LeMoine both passed the Technician license requirements. Kim received **KG4CCY** and Tod received **KG4CCX**. The FCC assigned the callsigns on February 26. Bob, KE4UGC, and Lily Fainter, KE4UGD, passed the 13 WPM code test on the way to the General Class license. Deborah Austin and Adam Viverette passed the Novice written exams. Congratulations to all for making the VE session an outstanding event.

Wayne and Kim Lukhard will join BARC at the March club meeting. We look forward to having them joining us.

Brother Simon Jaworski, KQ2V, the liaison VE, was assisted by VE's Joe Aleksa, KQ4BN, Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, Bob Connelly, KB4FWL and Dave Langley, W4YDY.

**RED DOT ON LABEL?
LAST HAM CHATTER IF
DUES ARE NOT PAID!**

President's Corner - Murray,

Amateur Radio - the people hobby. Just about any other hobby you can mention can be done alone. Amateur Radio, by its very nature, requires more than one person. We must communicate with another person or the whole idea is meaningless. It has been pointed out to me by John, K4KBB, that AR is a scientific hobby and I like that idea, but let's not forget the people. Not only do we talk to each other just for the fun of it, we do it to help people - emergencies and messages. We care about our members and their families who are ill, silent keys or need our help. While our opinions may differ, it's great to know that people care. Please take time to make yourself known to our new members or older ones who are able to come to the meetings and check on the ones who can't.

Spring is just around the corner on the 21st of March and a ham's fancy (to turn a phrase) turns to antennas. New and renewed wire and aluminum going up to catch the elusive microvolts of a

signal - life is good.

At last month's meeting we celebrated our 32nd birthday. Thanks to all who came out to celebrate; to those who took a bold step those many years ago to start the club; and to those in between who kept it going.

Thanks to Doug, K4ROK, and Mike, KD4MTT, for the program on traffic handling and MARS last meeting - it was informative. Let's get on the nets and send some messages! This month's program on the weather by meteorologist

Philip Williams looks like a good one. Hope to see you there.

The specifics of the VE session are covered elsewhere, but I

would have to say that I was very proud of the class graduates who took the test(s) on Feb 19. We ended up with a couple more No Code Techs and a Tech Plus. It does your heart good to help some one become a ham. We also got two new members - welcome Wayne and Kim. The upgrades are a good sign too.

While the impromptu Special

Event station at VOA Site C did not take place, we are hopeful that arrangements can be made. It should be great fun and maybe a once in a lifetime opportunity. I hope Paul, KS4YF, and Simon, KQ2V, can pull it off.

We have a strong Board which is working hard to make BARC a good club for you. Many committees are also working to assist the club. It takes this level of involvement to make the club a success. Thanks to all. Maybe those who are not yet involved can give a hand. We have a campaign to identify the hams in Pitt County who are not members, there are Special Events coming up, meeting programs, and Field Day. There's really no end to the opportunity to contribute.

Hope you all catch Spring Fever.

Ham radio, pass it on.

73,

Murray, K4MHM

...take time to make yourself known to our new members...



Happy Birthday

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

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| 3 | KC4UCW | Jane Lindsley |
| 7 | W3OHF | Winfred Crockett |
| 9 | WB4RQG | Leland Tucker, Jr. |
| 9 | KC4ROQ | Jeff Wainwright |
| 14 | KD4MTR | James Hoover |
| 17 | KF4ZTD | William Wallace, Jr. |
| 18 | WA4DX | Donald Corley, Jr. |
| 20 | K4MHM | Murray Merner |
| 21 | KB4RES | Linda Leighty |

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

New BARC Member

David LeMoine, KE4SQI, a recent student in the last BARC ham class, has joined the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club. He upgraded to Technician Plus at the special VE session for class members in January. An ARRL member, he stated that he is willing to help in Field Day and training classes.

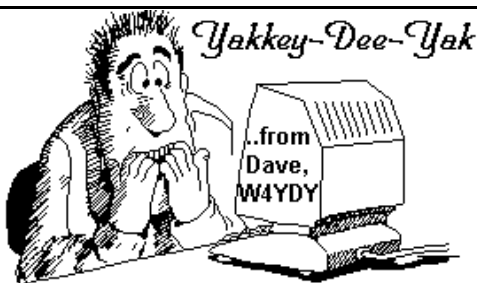
David is from Winterville and his email is ke4sqi@arrl.net. Be sure to extend your greetings and welcomes to him at the next meeting.

Volunteers Needed!

Gary Gasperini, KU4NQ, is looking for volunteers to set up and operate an Amateur Radio station for the Greenville International Festival on May 1. Also for a couple of hours that same day, volunteers are needed for the Teddy Bear walk.

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BARC has a lot of activities in store for the members this year. There are the many festivals coming up that Gary Gasperini, KU4NQ, First Vice President, has been working on. He wants to set up the club station and operate in as many as possible. He is looking for volunteers to help with the Greenville International Festival on May 1. Also the same day, the Teddy Bear will need communications for a couple of hours the same day. Those with handheld radios or access to one, can help out with both projects. With those that have Internet connections, go to the BARC web site (address at the top of this page) to see pictures of

last years International Festival. The article and pictures were also reprinted

in the August issue of The Repeater Journal put out by the Southeastern Repeater Association. The club not only had some good PR in Greenville, but also in the Amateur Radio community of Southeastern United States. If someone writes an article and gets a few good pictures of any of the BARC activities, it can be put on the Internet for the world to see.

Field Day is less than four months away. At the time that this is being written, the club is in need of a Field Day Chairman if we are going to be active on Field Day. The members and other hams in the area that go out for the event always have a good time. Last year, the heat of June had most of us moving a little slower but that seems to be a problem sometimes with Field Day in the Southern part of the United States.

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Most down here want to have it in the Spring or Fall, but some up in the Northern part of the US might not enjoy it too much in the snow! Most of the time the weather is not too bad. The worst problem is usually a thunderstorm or two and operations have shut down for a short period. The advantages of Field Day are learning about setting up stations and antennas, operating the radios in the contest, and the fellowship. Oh! I almost forgot the good food!!!

Speaking of operating in the contest, more operators could be used in the contest. When I operated, my voice was a little on the horse side after a couple of hours, so more operators could be used to help give some relief. If you haven't tried to operate in the contest, you should try it. I'm sure you will find it a lot of fun after you get into it.

While I'm on the subject of contests, I operated for a couple of hours on the weekend of February 27-28 in two contests. I got a kind of 160 meter antenna up on Friday

afternoon but didn't have time to get it trimmed up for a good SWR. It checked out at about 3 to 1 but it

worked a little when I got on the CQ WW SSB 160M contest that evening. I was able to work a few stations in the US and Canada.

Saturday afternoon, I got on 40 and 75 meters and joined in the North Carolina QSO Party. I only worked a few stations in the few minutes I was there. But while I was there, several stations were anxious to work me because I was the first Pitt County station that they had heard. I almost felt like a DX station for a few minutes!

Saturday, I trimmed the 160 meter antenna a little and got the SWR to less than 2 to 1 in the bottom half of the band. Saturday night, I worked a few more stations on the 160 meter contest. I got about 18 states out of the 40 contacts on 160. My antenna still needs some

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FCC Says Delaware Ham Must Retest or Lose Ticket

The FCC has notified a Delaware ham that she must take her Amateur Radio examinations again or lose her license. The FCC's Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, says "questions were raised" about how Sheila Bowden, N3QQS, of Millsboro, upgraded to Extra, and said the FCC is requesting that Bowden start from scratch and retake "all the elements." Bowden was notified February 16 in a letter from Hollingsworth.

The FCC has the authority under Part 97 to re-administer exam elements previously administered by VEs. The FCC may administer the exam itself or designate a VEC or VE to administer the retesting session--typically employing a VEC that's different from the initial testing session.

The FCC told Bowden that she must retake the Amateur Extra Class examination series at an ARRL/VEC session before March 19 or lose her license. "You will be granted an Amateur Radio license consistent with any elements that you pass upon re-examination," Hollingsworth's letter said.

Hollingsworth said the FCC plans to call in "25 to 50 more" amateur licensees for retesting in the near future. Those individuals have not yet been notified, however. In all of those cases, Hollingsworth said, the FCC has reason to suspect the integrity of the examination process.

"The ham community needs to have a sense of confidence in the examination system," Hollingsworth said, adding that enforcement must not focus solely on operating violations. "This is a critical link in the chain."

Last month, the FCC dismissed the Extra class license formerly held by Bowden's husband, Wayne, after the

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King Hussein, JY1, SK



Radio amateurs around the world joined in mourning the recent death of Jordan's King Hussein, JY1. Hussein, 63, died February 7. The Middle East's longest-reigning ruler, he'd been Jordan's king for 47 years, taking the throne when he was just a teenager. His son, Abdullah, 37, succeeds him.

Hussein had earned a reputation as a catalyst for peace and as a conciliator in the Middle East.

Hussein had been active in recent months from the US while seeking cancer treatment at Minnesota's Mayo Clinic. A QSO with JY1 was considered by many hams to be both an honor and a privilege. His elegant QSL card was prized.

Hussein was a life member of the ARRL. ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ, called him "an enthusiastic radio amateur whose support was invaluable to us in obtaining

new amateur bands at the 1979 World Administrative Radio Conference." Sumner recalled that in May 1979, International Amateur Radio Union President Noel Eaton, VE3CJ, was invited to Amman to meet with King Hussein.

"Jordan's support of the Amateur Service was much in evidence at the conference that fall, and was a crucial element in our success," Sumner said. The WARC-79 resulted in Amateur Radio's gaining the 30, 17, and 12-meter bands. That same year, JY1 was featured in the film, "The World of Amateur

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Radio." Hussein regarded his 1983 contact with Owen Garriott, W5LFL, on board the Space Shuttle Columbia, as a high point in his Amateur Radio activity.

King Hussein also participated in the historic 1995 joint Israel-Jordan JY74X operation on Mt Nebo, where hams from both countries participated in a Field Day-like operation. The King put in appearances both on the air and in person, much to the delight of the participants and those waiting to work him and JY74X.

Hussein's friend Bruce "Blackie" Blackburn, W4TA/JY9BB, of St

Petersburg, Florida, called him "one of the world's most respected amateurs" and recounted many stories about King Hussein as a person and an avid Amateur Radio operator. Blackburn said King Hussein "promoted Amateur Radio to the hilt in Jordan" and saw to it that Amateur Radio classes were instituted in elementary schools. King Hussein also dropped in on meetings of the Royal Jordanian Radio Amateur Society in Amman. King Hussein also was involved with the early satellite experiments.

Former US Ambassador to Lebanon and Iran Armin Meyer, W3ACE, also recalled Hussein February 8 in a letter to The Washington Post. Meyer said JY1 "has for decades been promoting peace and good will among quite ordinary people." As Meyer put it: "For the king, ham radio was a different world, a community of diverse people."

All members of the Jordanian royal family automatically have Amateur Radio privileges in Jordan. Although the new king does not appear to have a call sign, King Hussein's widow--the American-born Queen Noor--is JY1NH. King Hussein's brother, the former Crown Prince Hassan, is JY2HT, while his cousin, Prince Raad, JY2RZ, is chairman of the Royal Jordanian Radio Amateur Society.--Jennifer Gagne, N1TDY, supplied information for this report - via *ARRL Letter Online 2/19/99*

Group Meets on Fridays Ready to Eat!!!

Friday's from 11:30 to 12:30, several of the local Amateur Radio operators meet at the Golden Corral Family Steak House on Greenville Boulevard for lunch. BARC members and others enjoy the fellowship and lunch. The group is looking for others to join them. Walt Verdick, KA4WFS, and Joe Melton, WB4SLF, seem to be the anchors!

Next VE Session April 16

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on April 16. Exams will be held at St. Peter's School on 4th Street. Exams will start promptly at 6:30 PM. - KQ2V Please bring the following:

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

SKYWARN Training

A Basic Skywarn training session is set for March 11 from 7 to 9 PM. Laura Furgina from the National Weather Service will be the instructor. On March 23, an Advanced training session will be held.

Both sessions are to be held in Room 103 of the Belk Building (Allied Health) on Charles Boulevard on the corner of Greenville Blvd. and Charles St. Everyone should try their best to go for this important information if you plan to operate or might operate in emergencies during storms, etc. For

Meet The Member Jim Smith, KF4VHH

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and turned to AR. In the early 80's, Jim got his Novice license. He got some marginal equipment and it broke down and he lost interest and let his license lapse.

Like many of us, he took advantage of a license class being conducted by BARC. Jim saw on the TV that Tom Parsons, W4TEP, was coordinating a class in 1998. He attended

and became licensed on December 30, 1997 and currently holds a Tech Plus license.

Jim made a substantial time commitment to last

year's Field Day at the Novice/Tech station using mostly CW. He is an avid CW operator and uses a straight key. He is working on his WAS award and has only about eight states to go. He likes CW because of the challenge, required skill and the thrill of hearing his call sign coming back to him in Morse code. He also feels that when doing the code it's just two people communicating: race, gender, age, speech patterns, don't factor into it. One of the more humbling experiences he has had was when a twelve year old had to slow down for him.

Ham Must Retest

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Commission discovered "irregularities in the administration of the examination by the Volunteer Examiners." Wayne Bowden, formerly AA3RT, took the complete Amateur Radio examination series at an October 4 W5YI-VEC session. He had not held an amateur license before then.

The FCC is continuing its probe into alleged testing irregularities at Pennsylvania W5YI-VEC sessions October 4 and 6, including allegations that examinees might have been coached

Jim has an ADI 600 dual bander VHF/UHF rig and his HF rig is an Alinco DX 77. He has a Tentec transmatch and a 40 meter dipole up about 12 to 15 feet. Washington State, Cuba and other South American countries are in his log book. His big desire is to have a QSO outside the Western Hemisphere. He is looking forward to purchasing a 2 meter mobile rig.

While he hasn't quite gotten the contesting bug yet, he does get involved in contests to get states he's looking for and enjoys Field Day. Jim participated in the Teddy Bear walk

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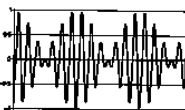
last year and will probably do it again this year.

Jim and his wife Sylvia have lived in Greenville for the twenty years Jim has been with ECU where he is an Assistant Professor in the Management Department. Sylvia is a nurse at the Pitt County Mental Health Center. They have one son, Matt, who is eleven and while not wild about AR yet has shown a spark of interest from time to time.

Another late bloomer! It's great to see the new ham enthusiasm in folks who get their licenses later in life. Even as a new ham and a new member, Jim is making a strong contribution to BARC. Thanks for being a part of BARC. - K4MHM

P. S.

After this was



written, Jim

QRP CW Net Email to the Editor

David,

Some of your readers may be interested in the QRP CW net held each Sunday night on 3686.4 kHz by the Knightlites. We frequently have people check in with power levels of less than 200 milliwatts, and from places like Texas, Florida, Kentucky. The net is called by the NCS using our club call sign, WQ4RP, at 9:30 PM.

In case I didn't mention it previously, there is still room for more people to go with us on our next QRP dxpedition the last weekend in March. We are going to an unpopulated island off the NC coast, Core Banks, for a weekend of great fun and DX. This trip we are going to try to make transatlantic contacts on 80 meters with power levels below 200 milliwatts. Teams on both sides of the Atlantic are preparing special antennas and gear for the attempt. Anyone interested should contact me for details.

Best regards,

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FCC Shuts Down Bay Area Repeater

The FCC has shut down for 120 days the K7IJ repeater facility on Grizzly Peak in the San Francisco Bay area and told the licensee his ham ticket could be in jeopardy. The FCC took the action by modifying K7IJ's license to prohibit repeater operation starting midnight February 28, 1999. The repeater operates on 145.29, 223.78, 440.175, and 441.175 MHz. The FCC also set aside recent license grants of four individuals accused of unlicensed operation on the repeater prior to obtaining their amateur tickets and other behavior. The cases, the first major VHF/UHF enforcement actions the FCC has taken in recent months, were brought to the Commission's attention by the Amateur Auxiliary.

The FCC's Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, said that for almost a year, the repeater's control operator, identified as Blake B. Jenkins, N6YSA, of Berkeley, California, "has apparently not only allowed, but encouraged, use of the repeater by unlicensed operators, rebroadcast of cordless telephone calls, playing of music, and profanity and obscenity." He said extended QSO's have taken place between the control operator and unlicensed stations.

Hollingsworth said the situation was brought to the attention of the licensee, Bruce Wachtell of Carson City,

Nevada, but nothing was done. "Such operations are not only contrary to the Amateur Radio Service rules and frequency allocations, but degrade the service for legitimate radio licensees as well," Hollingsworth said in a certified letter to Wachtell February 25. "The operation of the K7IJ repeater system in this manner may reflect adversely upon your qualifications to hold a Commission license."

Hollingsworth said Jenkins' "actions and omissions" while control operator were under separate FCC review, along with those of the secondary control

op, Steven R. Rossi, KE6LNH, of Novato, California. The FCC set aside the recent license

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grants or upgrades of James C. Walker, KF6VAA; Gordon B. Reese III, KF6QKA; Michael J. Nichols, KF6UAS; and Eric B. Shuler, KF6BMG (ex-KF6UJU) pending further investigation. The FCC has permitted Reese, who just upgraded to Tech Plus, to retain his Technician operating privileges while its investigation continues.

The FCC also warned Mervyn Ehambrave of E Palo Alto, California, about unlicensed operation on the K7IJ repeater, and warned Timmy O Sheen Sr., N6MZA, about behavior including "jamming and rebroadcasts of cordless

Burundi (9U) Contacts Disallowed

The ARRL DXCC Desk says it's determined that documentation for operations from Burundi (9U) since 1994 was forged. After inquiries to DXCC about Amateur Radio operations from Burundi, the Director General of ONATEL, the communications authorities in Burundi, informed DXCC that the licenses were forgeries. The operators reportedly were expelled from the country, and the incident is under investigation by their employer. The DXCC Desk has since been rejecting cards for those operations. As soon as possible, all contacts from those operations will be purged from the DXCC database. This affects all operations since 1994 using a 9U prefix. DXCC notes that the submission of forged documentation is a clear violation of DXCC Section 1, Basic Rule 7, and also Rule 12(a).--DXCC Desk - via *ARRL Letter Online* 2/26/99

Editors Note: At 01:48 GMT on October 28, 1995, I exchanged reports with 9U4VU on 7.033 MHz during the CQ

FCC Suspends Jersey Ham's HF

The FCC has suspended for six months the HF privileges of a New Jersey ham. The FCC notified Walter P. Miller Jr., W2YEE, of Edison, New Jersey, that his privileges to operate below 30 MHz were being suspended for 180 days.

The license-modification letter February 16 from the FCC's Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, came in the wake of an earlier warning letter to W2YEE. Hollingsworth alleged that W2YEE's 75-meter operation on the evening of February 4 was contrary to the Amateur Service Rules. Hollingsworth said Miller violated Section 97.1, basis and purpose of Amateur Radio; Section 97.101(a), good engineering and good amateur practice; and Section 97.119, identification requirements. The alleged operation took place on 3901 and 3950 kHz, the FCC said.

"Specifically, you were

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FCC'S Hollingsworth is Net Guest

The FCC's point man for Amateur Radio enforcement, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, put in a guest appearance January 29 during a session of the South Carolina Single Sideband Net on 75 meters. "They contacted me and asked me if I'd take a few minutes to talk with them," said Hollingsworth, who's a South Carolina native.

Hollingsworth said he told those gathered for the net "where we've been, where we're going, and what we're trying to accomplish" in terms of ham radio

enforcement. He said he expects to return to the airwaves from time to time and welcomes invitations from other organized nets. (His e-mail address is rholling@fcc.gov.) Hollingsworth's unannounced and unexpected appearance on 3894.5 MHz January 13 to discuss compliance and enforcement created a stir within the Amateur Radio community. - via *ARRL Letter Online* 2/5/99

Hams Still on Hold For ULS

While the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau began using the Universal Licensing System (ULS) February 16, hams remain in a holding pattern on ULS until the FCC establishes a ULS Amateur Service database. That's not expected to happen until later this year. This means that hams still must use Form 610 and its variations. These so-called "pre-ULS forms" are valid until further notice. On-line services are limited to Form 900 renewals within 120 days of expiration and Form 610V vanity call sign application. License modifications are not yet available on-line unless done at the same time as a renewal.

The ULS is a new, interactive licensing database that consolidates and replaces 11 existing databases and licensing systems, including the Amateur Service. Among other things, it will replace the venerable FCC Form 610 series with a new Form 605 and provide on-line filing, modification, and renewal for amateurs.

In January, the ARRL petitioned the FCC for minor alterations to the ULS rules. The League said it wants the FCC to continue to issue paper license documents; to come up with a way for applicants not having a Taxpayer Identification Number--typically a Social Security Number--to meet ULS requirements to provide one; and to

include on Form 605 a section for Volunteer Examiners to certify that an applicant has met the requirements for a new or upgraded ham ticket.

The FCC subsequently did make provisions to assign TINs to those doing business with the Commission who have no legal way to obtain one. The "assigned" TINs will consist of the letter "A" followed by eight digits. They will not be available to those eligible to hold a Social Security Number. Alien licensees needing an assigned TIN should contact FCC Technical Support at 202-424-1250.

Prior to its latest filing, the ARRL had expressed concerns that the FCC might do away with paper license

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documents altogether and rely instead on the "license grant"-the virtual document that resides within the FCC's computerized amateur database. The League pointed out in its January petition that some states regulate possession of scanning receivers but exempt amateurs, and inability to produce a license document could result in "arrest and criminal prosecution as well as seizure of equipment by local law enforcement." The League said hams operating overseas also often must produce a paper document. The ARRL noted that the CEPT agreement requires US hams traveling in CEPT countries to possess a US government-issued license document and that ITU regulations

FCC Suspends Jersey Ham's HF Privileges

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apparently broadcasting and talking to no particular station for several hours, during which time you prevented the use of the frequencies by others and maliciously interfered with other stations attempting to use the frequencies," Hollingsworth wrote. He said the Commission also had information indicating similar behavior occurred the next evening on 75.

"Such operation endangers the basis and purpose of Amateur Radio as a service, degrades it for other licensed operators and cannot be tolerated," Hollingsworth wrote.

Section 97.1 Basis and purpose, of the rules discusses the public service value of Amateur Radio, as well as its contribution to advancing the state of the art; expanding the reservoir of trained operators, technicians and technical experts; and enhancing international goodwill. Hollingsworth is on record linking certain types of on-air behavior with a negative perception of Amateur Radio in other countries.

A warning letter had gone out to Miller January 8 regarding similar operation. The FCC informed Miller at that time that he faced license revocation and fines.

Hollingsworth told Miller that the FCC was modifying his Amateur Radio license to prohibit HF operation for 180 days from February 16, the date of the modification notice. Miller has 30 days to formally protest the modification. If he does not protest it, the modification

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BY RICH REGENT, K9GDF



Via ARNS Bulletin

BARC Monthly Minutes - February 1999

Minutes, BARC Meeting, 2/9/99

The meeting was called to order at 7:35. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: \$771.64 in account, of which \$261.28 is designated equipment.

The Treasurer presented the Budget for 1999. A motion to accept the budget was made by Tom Parsons, W4TEP, seconded by James Eubanks, KD4JOV, and approved. The budget is to be included in the March newsletter (not the on-line version).

Secretary's Report: A letter from Mac McKnight, W4JIS, was read and is printed elsewhere in the March newsletter.

President's Report: Murray spoke of the need for a club historian. Joe Melton, WB4SLF, was asked, but declined. Anyone wishing to volunteer is asked to get in touch with Murray, K4MHM or one of the board members.

Murray also briefly discussed the need for a canopy to be used for special events (therefore a nice, sturdy one); Field Day and whether we want one overall chair or three co-chairs (social, training, set-up or something like that); and increasing the dues for the year 2000.

Committee Reports:

a. VOA Site C--a letter was sent to Vice-chancellor Tom Feldbush by Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, indicating the club's desire for a presence at Site C and the uses (educational, museum, training, emergency services, meeting) we could make of it if we had some space there.

b. Absentee ballot--Bob Fainter, KE4UGC, reported that the committee had met and agreed on the desirability of such a ballot. A formal proposal will be presented in March on how it could be implemented. They would like it in place by next fall. The constitution will have to be amended.

c. Special service Club--no report

d. Special events--no report. Gary, KU4NQ, asked Mac Manning, KD4AFL, if the Tedi Bear Walk needed volunteers this year.

e. Health and Welfare--no report.

f. Instructor group--September 1999 is the next scheduled class. Volunteers for coordinator and instructions are always welcome.

g. Programs--see below.

h. VE group--no report. Next VE session is Feb. 19

i. Equipment committee--no report

j. Publicity--no report. Meeting was in Sunday paper.

k. Ham Chatter--roll of stamps contributed anonymously. Thanks to donor.

l. Field Day--no report

8. ARES--Doug, K4ROK, indicated they are ready for the final installation at the hospital. The Mosley beam is assembled and ready to go up. He needs help with connectors and cables, so any volunteers for that are welcome.

SKYWARN--2 sessions planned as follows:

March 11, Thursday, 7 to 9 PM, BASIC

March 25, Thursday, 7 to 9 PM, ADVANCED

Both sessions will be conducted by Ms. Laura Furgina of the Newport Weather Station. Both will be held in Room 103 of the Belk Building (Allied Health) on the corner of Greenville Blvd. and Charles St.

9. Old Business

a. Fund Raising--P&G check still in limbo. Tom will continue the hunt.

b. Dues renewal--**the cutoff for receiving dues is March!!** If you don't get your renewal in by then, no more Ham Chatter.

c. Dues increase--Motion: To raise dues for regular members to \$20.00 in 2000. Moved by Tom Parsons, W4TEP, seconded by Harold Bailey, KD4NRB. **Passed.**

Special dues--Motion: To increase special dues as follows:

17 yrs & younger (new hams) \$ 5.00

18 yrs & older (new hams) \$10.00

Associate members \$

5.00 Family members \$

2.00

This motion was amended by Gary Gasperini, KU4NQ, and seconded by Tom Parsons, W4TEP, to read as follows

18 yrs & younger (new hams) \$ 5.00

19 yrs & older (new hams)

\$10.00

Associate & Family members as above.

Gary's reasoning for amending the motion was that 18-yr-olds may still be in high school and not earning a salary to enable them to pay the \$5.00. Amended motion **passed.**

10. New Business

a. A copy of BARC's goals as a club was passed out. These were discussed at the January meeting.

b. Canopy--A discussion of the prices and availability of canopy's of approx. 10 x 20 x 8 dimensions (with and without sides) was held. Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ, moved to refer this matter to the equipment committee for a recommendation by the next meeting. Tom Parsons seconded. **Passed.**

c. Pitt County hams have been identified by Tom Parsons using the 1999 Callbook. There are 18 pages of hams. Club members were asked to take a sheet and contact these hams to see if they are interested in the club.

d. BARC has donated two "Now You're Talking" books, one to Sheppard Library in Greenville and one to the Farmville library. Joyce, KF4RBJ, of Radio Shack kindly gave BARC one of these for the purpose and Murray bought the other.

11. Program

BARC celebrated its 32nd birthday with cake and ice cream. Yummmmm!

Program for next month will be Phillip Williams, weatherman.

This month's program was given by Doug Ferris, K4ROK, assisted by Mike Langley, KD4MTT. Doug had a very well-organized, informative delivery on traffic handling, complete with excellent hand-outs. Proper traffic handling is essential in routine and emergency passing of traffic. It is logical and made quite easy by using the message forms, copies of which Doug had in his hand-

Ham Ads

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WANTED:

Murray, K4MHM, is looking for: 2 meter mobile rig.

Call 757-3429

FOR SALE: Two 2 HF rigs.

The first is a Kenwood TS-520S that I bought in 1978. It is a very good rig that has never given me any trouble. I am including the MC-50 mic that I used with it. Price \$325: The second is a Icom IC-730. It is a small solid state HF rig that is good for mobile, portable, or home. I bought this rig from WA4MOK and used it in my truck until I bought a Yaesu FT-900. Price \$400: I also have a SP-520 for sale. It is a speaker that matches the Kenwood TS-520 or TS-820. **Bill Dawson, WA4SLC - 946-4760**

FOR SALE:

MFJ-969 Deluxe VersaTuner II (model with roller inductor, 6 to 160 meters), \$70. Minage B34G 2 meter 35 amplifier with preamp, etc. \$40. Both units barely used, like-new and with manuals. Both for \$100.

John Schultz, W4FA - 355-3415

FOR SALE:

New Tasco 375 power telescope. Still in original box. \$150, you pick up.

Carlton Moseley, W4YVY,

Tarboro, NC. Ph: (252) 823 4757

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work, but I was able to hear stations on the west coast, including a mobile in California. Now if I could just work them with my 100 watts as good as I can



BARC 1999 Budget

Category Name	1999	2/27/99
Income		
50-50		180
Donations		500
Dues		1,176
T-Shirt		0
Total Income		1,856
Discretionary		
Field Day		-200
Fund Raiser		-500
Misc. (Christmas party, etc)		-180
Supplies		-84
Mandatory Expenses		
Ham Chatter		-642
Insurance		-250
Unassigned		0
Total Expenses		-1,856
Total Income		1,856
Total Expenses		-1,856
Difference		0
Bob Fainter, KE4UGC, Treasurer		

Letter to BARC from W4JIS

To Whom It May Concern,

I have enjoyed this club since 1967. My job as a Foreign Service Officer with the Voice of America took me overseas several times.

I operated from Tangier, Morocco, Munich, Germany, Okinawa and Thailand--very enjoyable being DX!!

I was privileged to participate in the Volunteer Examiner capacity for about ten years (I am still certified).

About 3 or 5 years ago my wife became incapacitated and I have been unable to attend club meetings and assist in the VE program. I miss both very much. The club is excellent as are the members.

I hope some day I can resume the active side again. Until then 73, 88 and God Bless You.

W4JIS (C.J. "Mac" McKnight)

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NETS

VHF

- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- ◆ Pitt County Emergency Communications Net, Mondays, 2100 on 147.09 MHz. (131.8 Hz Tone)
- ◆ Eastern North Carolina Traffic Net, Every night, 2030 on 146.685 MHz.
- ◆ New Bern Amateur Radio Club/ Eastern NC 220 Association for the WD4JMS & WA4DAN 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.

NTS CW Nets

- ◆ 3.715 1800 hours, slow speed (5-10 wpm)
- ◆ 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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 6-7	ARRL SSB DX Contest	May 2.	Ham Chatter Deadline
March 9.	Regular Meeting	May 11.	Regular Meeting
March 13-14.	Charlotte Hamfest	May 22.	Durham Hamfest
March 21.	Downeast Hamfest, Kinston	May 25.	Board Meeting
March 27-28.	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest	May 29-30.	CQ WW CW WPX Contest
March 30	Board Meeting	June 8	Regular Meeting
April 4.	Ham Chatter Deadline	June 26-27	ARRL Field Day
April 11.	RARS Hamfest, Raleigh	June 29	Board Meeting
April 13.	Regular Meeting	July 17.	Cary Hamfest
April 16.	BARC VE Session @ 6:30PM	September 4-5	Shelby Hamfest
April 27.	Board Meeting	Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM	
May 1.	Greenville International Festival	Board Meeting - Last Tuesday @ 7:00 PM	
May 1.	Teddy Bear Walk		

BARC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone
 PCEC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 9:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone
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