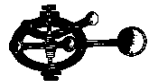




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Meet The Member Bernice Turnage, WA4SLD



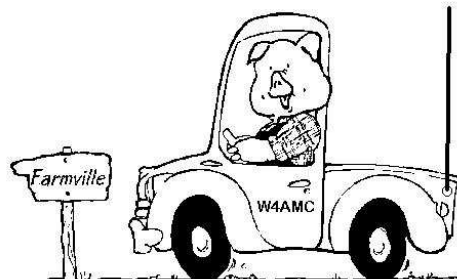
Bernice has had his license since 1975 at the urging of Bob Peele (SK) of Fountain, NC. The class that he attended was taught by Bob Knapp, W4OMA, and Gary Ambert, AI4J, at Pitt Technical College. An infamous class mate was Joe Melton, WB4SLF. In those days he used 2 meters on his boat and utilized autopatch.

Now, Bernice's interest still lies with 2 meters using an Alinco DT110 for casual rag chewing. He also helps man the emergency shelter in Farmville. For HF, he has a Kenwood TS 520 S but, doesn't get on the air too much. When he was active on HF he was a CW fan and enjoyed DX and club activities. He suffered some bad luck when a hurricane blew down his antenna, but it is back up again.

In earlier (and possibly cooler) times he served as cook at Field Day - now it's too hot! Bernice served as Secretary / Treasurer for a couple of
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May Meeting, Picnic at Farmville

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its monthly meeting on May 11 at 6:30 PM. Bernice Turnage, WA4SLD, Harold Bailey, KD4NRB, Joe Melton, WB4SLF, Byron Highland, KA4KGZ, and Tommy Lang, WD4PYO, have invited the club, including spouses, to Farmville again for a pig pickin' and "Junk in the Trunk (or truck)". It will be at Turnage Farms on Alt. Highway 264 directly across from the Collins & Aikman water tower. Bernice said to come out earlier if you want. Bring chairs and tables! Everyone that attended last year had a good time and really did enjoy the good food.



Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ, has lined up a first aid speaker for the event. One of the subjects may be about heat related problems. Everyone at last year's Field Day, know this should be good information because of the 98+ degrees we suffered though.

FCC Official Acknowledges OOs Really Are "OFFICIAL"

The FCC's top amateur enforcer, Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, says that hams who receive notices from ARRL Official Observers should take them seriously or take the consequences. "Failure to take the notices seriously and to take corrective action where possible will not be tolerated by the Commission," Hollingsworth said in an enforcement-related letter to a South Carolina amateur. "The volunteer work of these Official Observers is a critical element of the Commission's enforcement program," he said, adding that failure to act on an OO notice could lead to fines and other sanctions.

Hollingsworth's comments were contained in an April 7 station-inspection follow-up letter to Richard Whiten, WB2OTK, of Easley, South Carolina. Hollingsworth and an FCC engineering team visited Whiten's station on January 22 after what Hollingsworth called "longstanding complaints" about the operation of Whiten's station. Whiten reportedly cooperated in the station inspection. According to the FCC letter, the Commission has received "numerous complaints" about Whiten "regarding profanity, obscenity, broadcasting extreme racial slurs, deliberate interference and failure to properly identify." Hollingsworth also said he'd

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BARC Board Meeting

The next board meeting is set for May 25 at 7:00 PM. The meeting is open to all members.

President's Corner - Murray,

We are well into 1999 and things are in high gear. We took a major step in our last meeting towards a successful Field Day. Thanks to Tom Parsons, W4TEP, for taking the overall chair and to subcommittee chairpersons: John, K4KBB; Jim, KF4VHH; Wayne, KG4CCZ; Bill, WA4SLC; Byron, KA4KGZ; James, KD4JOV and Bernie, WA4MOK. Please support these members. We're trying the "low demand" route this year and basing our operation on the number of people who want to participate rather than a certain number of rigs and falling short on the manpower. We need your help, let these folks know what you can do and when you can do it.

The International Festival will be over by the time you get this Ham Chatter, but we did get in QST and used the call W1VOA. It should have gotten a lot of attention. Some folks who have let me know of heir interest are: John, K4KBB; Ken, N8FF; Bernie, WA4MOK; Juanita, KE4JWK; Walter, KD4NHZ; Doug, K4ROK; Larry, KG4BTX; David, KE4SQI; and Tod, KG4CCX. There may be more by the time its over. Thanks to all for your help.

TEDI BEAR walk is also being supported by a number of our members. Gary Gasperini, KU4NQ, headed that up and has gotten indications from Paul, KS4YF; Brian, KF4MTL; Ken, N8FF; Juanita, KE4JWK; Doug, K4ROK; Simon, KQ2V; Wayne, WD4UGC; Lilly, KE4UGD; Bob, KE4UGC; Mac, KD4AFL; Luke, KE4WGQ; Marlin, KF4MHV; and John, KE4TZN that they will be there to help. Thanks for helping with this great cause.

Ballot Proposal. It was clear and well thought out and if approved will give more members the opportunity to be involved in the election process.

Our heart felt condolences go out to Mike Langley, KD4MTT, and his family for the loss of Mike's mother Grace Langley.

Please take time to contact your legislator about your opinion about eliminating the charge for an Amateur Radio vehicle license plate. Your opinion counts.

We have done a lot with regard to our goals but there's more to do. Remember it is all meant to be enjoyable and educational in the spirit of ham radio. It's kinda like an amplifier - you get more out of it than you put in.

Ham radio, pass it on.

73, Murray, K4MFM

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June will also start us thinking about the New Ham Class which is to start Sep 9. We want to have some meetings beforehand to review our teaching techniques and resources. There's lots to do for those who want to be involved.

Bob Fainter, KE4UGC, and his committee of Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, and Bernie Nobles are to be commended for the hard work they put into the Absentee

Opps! Good Buddy

Last months article was cut off by the printer reformatting when printed. It left off the punch line! It should have read:

"Good Buddy will be available for a short time because it will be on the shelves only on April 1." Sorry Murray! - W4YDY



Happy Birthday

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

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| 1 | WB4PAC | William Overton, Jr. |
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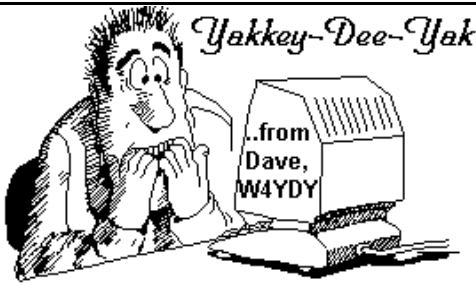
Please let me know of any additions or corrections. - W4YDY

Condolences

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club sends its condolences to Mike Langley, KD4MTT, and his family in the passing of his mother, Grace Langley.

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Meet The Member Bernice Turnage, WA4SLD

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years during the time the club got its 501C3 non profit tax status.

Bernice went to Davidson College and graduated with a major in economics. He and his father had Turnage Farm Supply and that grew into equipment and milling. They produced custom grain and mixed feed. He saw action in WWII as a Marine Corps pilot serving four years in the South Pacific.

Bernice has another passion - Radio Control Planes (a natural mix of ham radio and flying). He has been flying for four years and has two planes. He is a member of the Greenville Flying Pirates. Incidentally they will have a "fly in" on May 8 and 9 starting about 8:00 p. m. at Frankie Coburn Field. While you don't have to have a ham license to fly radio control planes, if you do, you can have privileges at 50 MHz along with the non-license 72 MHz frequency.

He and his wife Rosemary have three grown children (no hams) and he has three grand children in Dallas, TX which is too far away.

As noted in last month's Ham Chatter, Bernice and three other Farmville hams are hosting a Pig Pick'n for our May meeting at Bernice's. Bernice, we appreciate your continued involvement and support of the club. While maybe he is not as active as he was in the past, it's easy to see that in his heart Bernice is a ham (who likes cook'n pig). Again, it illustrates that each of us doing what we can, makes BARC strong. Thanks Bernice for being a part of our club. - *K4MHM*

Editors Note: Due to the copy centers problem with one of their machines, photos could not be used in this issue of Ham Chatter. Hopefully, pictures will return next month, including that of WA4SLD. - W4YDY

Proposed Constitutional Amendment on Absentee Voting

These amendments are proposed by the ad-hoc committee consisting of Bob Fainter, KE4UGC, Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, and Paul Fletcher, KS4YF.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments to Provide for Absentee Voting

1. Change Article II, Section 2: Amend "October" to read "November." Add the sentence: "If any absentee ballot has been cast, the presiding officer shall not accept a motion to elect the slate by acclamation."
2. Change Article II, Section 7: Add "No other names shall be added to the official slate of candidates after the close of the September meeting. This provision shall not be construed as prohibiting members to vote for write-in candidates or as prohibiting any member from campaigning for write-in votes."
3. Add Article II, Section 8: "Members who are qualified to vote at the November general meeting may vote by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots shall conform to the appropriate section(s) of the by-laws."
4. Add the the by-laws: "Section 4: Absentee Ballots. The Elections Committee or the Nominating Committee shall be responsible for providing absentee ballots for each general election. The committee shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure that absentee balloting provides to both voters and candidates all rights, privileges, and safeguards normally present for in-person voting, including secrecy of ballot and reasonable security against election fraud."

Broadcasters Net Looking For VOA Checkins

The Broadcasters Net meets on 14.255 MHz, Monday through Friday at 2100 GMT. It is an open net--anybody can check in--but primarily the group consists of persons who worked in the broadcasting industry. They are looking for VOA hams. Several use to call in but they have none now. They have a number of hams with extensive experience in radio, particularly on the technical side. - *KA1FOW*

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Riley Hollingsworth Puts in Surprise NAB Appearance

Amateur Radio rules enforcer Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, got thunderous applause from those attending an Amateur Radio reception April 21 at the National Association of Broadcasters convention in Las Vegas. The annual get-together for hams drew upwards of 1000 people.

Hollingsworth's boss, FCC Compliance and Information Bureau Chief Richard D. Lee, was introduced by Ed Williams, W8APE, after Lee said he wanted to talk to the group. He, in turn, introduced FCC Compliance Division Chief Pamela Hairston and two staffers from the FCC's Los Angeles Field Office.

Lee then sprang the surprise. Last year, Lee said, he'd promised the FCC would do Amateur Radio enforcement. This year, the FCC had Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, doing a great job.

"When I turned Riley loose, I said, 'look, you're going to be going all over the place. How can I get in touch with you?'" Lee recalled. "And he said, 'Boss, I'm like Batman, it's real simple. All you have to do is call out K4ZDH, Riley, are you around. and I'll show up, I'll be there.'"

So Lee gave it a try. "K4ZDH,

Riley, are you around?" After a pause, from the back of the room Hollingsworth piped up, "Here I am," and came forward to address the gathering.

And the crowd, as they say, went wild.

Hollingsworth credited both Lee and Hairston for setting the events in motion to secure better Amateur Radio enforcement. "Pam and Rich went to the chairman [William Kennard] last October and asked for amateur enforcement," he said. "At the time they went and asked for it, they were totally loaded up with pirate broadcaster cases, and the last thing they needed was more work."

But Hollingsworth said Lee, a former Marine, was serious about enforcement and, like the Marines, wants it done right. "They not only want all fronts covered, but they want them at the same time," he said.

As Hollingsworth prepared to leave the podium, Lee got the last laugh by quipping, "So, are we going to take this opportunity to retest everybody?"

The NAB convention wrapped up April 22.--*thanks to Brad Wyatt, K6WR, and Amateur RadioNewline's Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF - via ARRL Letter Online - 4/23/99*

FCC Drops Amateur Enforcement Line in Favor of E-Mail, US Mail

The FCC says it now wants Amateur Radio enforcement complaints via e-mail or US mail and has discontinued its Amateur Enforcement Line (202-418-1184). The FCC this week requested that amateur-related complaints be sent via e-mail to fccham@fcc.gov or via the US Postal Service to Compliance & Information Bureau, ATTN Amateur Radio Complaints, 1270 Fairfield Rd, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

The FCC instituted the telephone service last fall when it beefed up amateur enforcement under the direction of Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH. However, the FCC never intended to maintain the telephone service permanently.

The FCC said this week that complaints already filed on the telephone service will be acted upon, and anyone who has left a message will receive a return call from Commission staff. - *ARRL Letter Online 4/30/99*

Ham Contact With Kosovo?

Have you or someone you know recently been in contact via Amateur Radio with an amateur in Kosovo? If so, ARRL's PR department wants to hear from you. Please contact Jennifer Hagy, N1TDY, at 860-594-0328 or send e-mail to jhagy@arrl.org. - *ARRL Letter Online 4/16/99*

Hams Help in Colorado Tragedy

Ham radio operators have had a role in the aftermath of the Columbine High School killings in Littleton, Colorado.

Since the mayhem that left 15 people dead April 20 at Columbine High School, Amateur Radio operators have supported Salvation Army canteens set up for law enforcement, the media, and the thousands of other visitors. East Slope Emergency Coordinator Larry Cerney, K0ANI, said Amateur operators provided communication between facilities around Columbine High School, adjacent Clement Park, and the site of a makeshift memorial for the victims. Other operators supported the American Red Cross.

Cerney says he felt a personal involvement in the tragedy. He lives two miles from Columbine High, and many of his fellow workers have children that attend there. "It's still hard to look back over the last week or so," Cerney said. "This tragedy really has broken the hearts of this enlarged community."

Cerney said the support continued throughout last weekend's memorial services attended by Vice President Gore and other VIPs. "It seems that the local hams just had to help," he said. He said 25 to 30 operators worked three six-hour shifts from 6 AM until midnight, providing what Cerney described as mostly routine, logistical communication. - *Excerpts from ARRL Letter Online 4/30/99*

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heard complaints that Whiten had played recordings over the air "for the purpose of harassment or deliberate interference."

Hollingsworth noted that Whiten had "apparently ignored notices from Official Observers," and pointed out that the volunteer OOs work "in accordance with an agreement between the Commission and the ARRL and in accordance with our statutory authority."

"One thing I have really picked up as I travel around to groups is the frustration of the OOs," Hollingsworth told the League this week. "We're going to correct that, pure and simple."

In his letter, he told Whiten that, although the FCC considers hams to be self-policing, "the success of that regulatory approach depends upon the adherence to notices of possible improper operation from other licensed amateurs who are recognized Official Observers." The FCC asked Whiten to list all notices from OOs he has received since the start of his license term on September 27, 1994, and any corrective actions taken in response.

The FCC also set aside a February 10, 1999, grant of the vanity call sign W2OTK to Whiten and said his license expiration date remains October 15, 2001.

Hollingsworth also took advantage of the opportunity provided by his letter to Whiten to spell out the FCC's

position on obscene and indecent Amateur Radio transmissions. "Obscene speech is not protected by the First Amendment and cannot be broadcast at any time," he advised. Indecent speech also is not protected between 6 AM and 10 PM, in accordance with the so-called "safe harbor" policy the FCC uses with commercial broadcasters.

Hollingsworth said that while FCC personnel did not notice any technical violations during their January inspection, they did have "serious concerns" about a linear amplifier under construction that was capable of greater than legal output. Hollingsworth asked Whiten to provide details of the amplifier and how it's been used.

Hollingsworth also told Whiten he would be forwarding, under separate cover, tape recordings made of Whiten's transmissions last November on 20 meters. "You will be requested to provide a full explanation for those radio transmissions," he wrote.

No decisions have been made yet in

Next VE Session June 18

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on June 18. 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


Durham Hamfest Correction!

The date for the Durham Hamfest has been incorrect in the past issues of *Ham Chatter*. **The correct date is May 29.** Hopt to see you there. It's a good one. - W4YDY

"Obscene speech is not protected"

K4KBB

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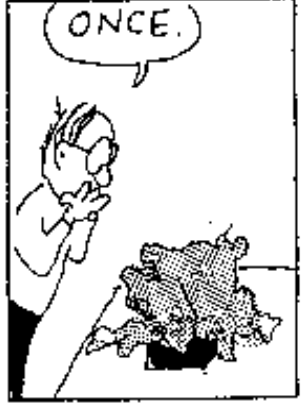


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BARC Monthly Minutes - April 1999

Minutes of the April 13, 1999 BARC Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

The Treasurer, Bob, KE4UGC, reported that the club has \$1109.48 in its account, of which \$261.28 is earmarked for equipment, leaving a working capital of \$848.20. Income for last month was \$290.00 (dues), \$10.00 in donations and \$30.00 in advertising in Ham Chatter.

The secretary, Lily, KE4UGD, reported that three newsletters from other clubs had been received; there is a new Greensboro repeater, 145.15; and requested that members note their ARRL affiliation when signing the book.

Committee Reports

a. VOA Site C: no report. Byron, KA4KGZ, mentioned that a letter requesting support was sent to Congressman Walter Jones, but no response as yet.

b. Absentee ballot: Bob, KE4UGD, passed out the proposal, which will require an amendment to the constitution.

c. Special Service Club: no report

d. Events: The Tedi Bear Walk and the International Fest are both on May 1. Volunteers for these should meet at the Willis Building (Tedi Bear, bring 2-meter radio) and Commons (International) to coordinate.

The International Fest was noted in QST. We hope to set up the vertical and tri-bander antennas and two rigs.

No participation in the Dogwood Festival this year.

JOTA is still being worked on.

e. Ken Graf, N8FF, reports that the operation on his eye was only partially successful and another will be done in two weeks. Lynn, KE4JZV, Ross's surgery went well and she is also now a grandmother. Other hams to be thought of are Steve Rawls, K4SER, trustee of the 145.10 Williamston repeater; Paul Trip, KO4MCO, who has cancer; and Calvin Dempsey, WA4UQC, who also has cancer.

f. no report

g. Programs: The May program is to be held at Bernice Turnage's, WA4SLD, place like last year. This will be May 11

at 6:30. Bring chairs and tables if you can. Wayne, WD4JPQ, has gotten us a speaker for the event who will talk on environmental and heat-related injuries. Remember to bring stuff for Junk in the Trunk.

Jim Smith, KF4VHH, is hoping to get Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, to talk on HDTV some time and is still working on getting Dr. Seykora (sunspots) to give another program.

h. VE Sessions: the next one is Friday, Apr. 16 at 6:30PM

I. Equipment: see below

j. There was a picture in the Farmville Express on 4/7/99 showing the donation of *Now You're Talking* to the public library.

k. Note the ad for Starfish Internet Service in the Ham Chatter and try to support our advertisers. The BARC Board wants it known that they support and are committed to Ham Chatter as one of the club's strengths.

l. Field Day: see below

General Remarks:

R. Passman, former CBS News TV man, KA1FOW, runs the broadcasters net M-F at 2100GMT on 142.55.

Charlie Knowles, K4NBH, could use some help with his 6m, 2 element beam.

Doug Ferris, K4ROK, brought up the club's having a table at hamfests. This could be used to sell stuff and if people took turns minding the store, then it could also be used to stash things purchased or take a break. This would cost about \$10.00. Byron, KA4KGZ, made a motion (seconded by James, KD4JOV) to reimburse Doug for \$10.00 for the table at the Raleigh HamFest. Passed.

Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, has a nice keyer for sale at \$40.00.

Old Business

a. Fund Raising: Tom Parsons, W4TEP, has received another communication from Proctor & Gamble asking about the check we never received. He will talk to them directly about this.

Jim Hecker's 10 meter Realistic mobile rig is for sale. Wayne, WA4JPQ,

noted that Manteo HS radio club could use it.

b. We still need a volunteer to Tell the Story of BARC--an historian!!

c. Murray, K4MHM, still has pages of hams to be contacted to determine their possible interest in BARC membership.

Byron, KA4KGZ, indicated that we should get Special Service Club information to John Covington, W4CC, and that we qualify for this type of club. He is selling raffle tickets for a Phoenix gas grill for the Farmville Fire Dept. at \$1.00.

i. Equipment--Mike, KD4MTT, and helpers erected the canopy outside St. Peter's school before the meeting. It took them 15 min w/o reading the instructions. The canopy is a 10x20 Quick and was ordered with 2 gable ends and 2 sides, one 20-footer and two 10-footers. The total weight of the main canopy and tubing is 90 lbs. The canopy itself was \$200.00 (no tax) and there was a 15% discount. With the sides, the total came to \$329.92. Tom, W4TEP, moved that the canopy be purchased and Mike reimbursed and was seconded by Bill, WA4SLC. There was discussion on rain protection (gap between top and sides), and lack of tie-downs and water-proofing. Tom, W4TEP, said he had a roll of 40mil plastic and grommets which would take care of the water problem. Tie-downs can be readily added on. After some discussion the motion to purchase and reimburse was passed and a check presented to Mike. Thanks to Mike, KD4MTT, and his committee for their work.

Program: Field Day. Tom Parsons, W4TEP, led the discussion on Field Day 99. The BARC board suggested that this year's event be smaller than in the past and less oriented towards the contest aspect. They suggested two rigs, two antennas (Tri-bander and vertical) and that's all. No 6-meter, no novice-tech. Discussion was as follows:

Paul, KS4YF, suggested a sign-up for operators. Byron, KA4KGZ, did that before and got 10-12 sign-ups. Can put up a dipole.

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Wayne, WD4JPQ,-this is supposed to be a simulated emergency. Also use Field Day as a way to get old members back with a meal and some operation.

Jim, KF4VHH,-is generator power necessary? Answer from Tom, W4TEP, and Byron, KA4KGZ, - yes, at least it is necessary to exercise them and drop lines from power poles are no good.

Jim, KF4VHH, and Paul, KS4YF,-what about a novice-tech station? Murray, K4MHM, asked if they would put it up. Bill, WA4SLC, said that new hams might do better on a novice-tech. Bob, KE4UGC, noted that the novice-techs hadn't had a chance to speak for themselves. Tom, W4TEP, said we could be prepared to put up this station. Murray, K4MHM, asked what kind of support there was. Dave, KE4SQI, and Todd, KG4CCX, said they would be able to work on Saturday.

Discussion on bands--The Moseley is 10-20meters, the vertical 10- 40, so there is no 80 meter antenna. A G5RV will work on 80 meters and can be available.

Discussion on food--last year the club purchased chicken and hamburgers and provided a lunch. Do we want lunch for the setter-uppers? Doughnuts for Sunday AM?

Doug, K4ROK, posed the question Do we really want Field Day?

Murray, K4MHM, said he'd do it by himself if he had to. Jim, KF4VHH, suggested signing up for shorter operating times.

Tom, W4TEP, raised the question of the site. We decided to use the same one as last year (behind Carolina East Mall), but possibly move over a little closer to the new Lowe's. Bill, (WA4SLC) volunteered to pull the trailer from Tom's house to the site.

Field Day overall coordinator--Tom Parsons, W4TEP

Site selection -Byron Highland, WA4KGZ; **Shelter**-James Eubanks, KE4JOV, and Mike Langley, KD4MTT; **Antennas**-John McCoy, K4KBB; **Rigs and Operators**-Jim Smith, KF4VHH; **Refreshments**-Wayne, KG4CCZ, and Kim, KG4CCY, Lukhard.

Respectfully submitted,
Lily Fainter, KE4UGD

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April BARC VE Session Results Three New Callsigns W4TEP Upgrades One New Tech Plus

The April 16 VE session had one to pass the Advanced Class, one a new Tech Plus and 3 new Techs getting new licenses. Tom Parsons, W4TEP, past BARC President, passed the Advanced Class and Charles Mercer, KG4CAU, Elizabeth City, passed the Tech Plus.

Receiving new callsigns for the first time were Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, (W4TEP Harmonic) and David Pulver, KG4CZV, Greenville, and Christopher Plumblee, KG4CZU, Tarboro, all Technician Class. Congratulation to all.

Brother Simon, KQ2V, VE Liaison, was assisted by VEs Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, Murray Merner, K4MHM, Joe Aleksa, KQ4BN, Byron Highland, KA4KGZ, and Dave Langley, W4YDY.

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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.

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- ◆ 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

BARC

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 11.....	Farmville Pig Picking Meeting	August 1.....	Ham Chatter Deadline
May 25.....	Board Meeting	August 10.....	Regular Meeting
May 29.....	Durham Hamfest	August 20.....	BARC VE Session @ 6:30PM
May 29-30.....	CQ WW CW WPX Contest	August 31.....	Board Meeting
May 30.....	Ham Chatter Deadline	September 4-5.....	Shelby Hamfest
June 8.....	Regular Meeting	September 5.....	Ham Chatter Deadline
June 18.....	BARC VE Session @ 6:30PM	September 14.....	Regular Meeting
June 26-27.....	ARRL Field Day	September 18-19...	VA Beach Hamfest
June 29.....	Board Meeting	September 28.....	Board Meeting
July 4.....	Ham Chatter Deadline		
July 13.....	Regular Meeting		
July 17.....	Cary Hamfest		
July 27.....	Board Meeting		

Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
Board Meeting - Last Tuesday @ 7:00 PM

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