



# Ham Chatter



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## Meet The Member Bob Connelly, KB4FWL



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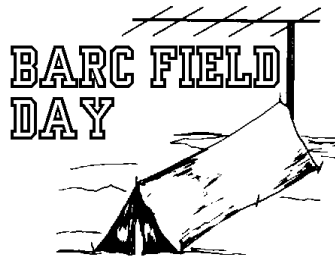
Bob chose to live in Greenville in 1971 as a Marine Corps retiree. While he hails from Newport News, VA, they thought that Greenville would be a good place to live. After serving 10 years in the infantry, Bob got into aviation electronics - good choice. He served two tours in Viet Nam in 1963/64 and in 1968 (can you say Tet offensive?). Did you know the marine tour in VN was 13 months rather than the 12 of the other services? In 1966 the Navy/Marine MARS was initiated and the marines found 52 hams in their ranks and gave them a secondary MOS of MARS Operator. Consequently, the last 2 to 4 months in VN, Bob was the MARS Chief Operator for the Marines.

His first license was in 1959 and he was relicensed in 1980 and now holds an Extra Class license. His equipment consists of: a Kenwood 530, a Heathkit HW8 for QRP and a 2 meter rig. His interests are mainly traffic handling on

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## June Meeting

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its monthly meeting on June 8 at 7:30 PM at St. Peter's School on 4th Street. The plans for Field Day will be discussed and finalized. Tom Parsons, W4TEP, Field Day Chairman will lead the discussion.*



**JUNE 26-27**

*The next board meeting is set for June 29 at 7:00 PM. The meeting is open to all members.*

## Absentee Ballot Amendment Vote in June

The final vote for a change in the BARC Constitution for absentee ballots in election of BARC officers will be at the meeting on June 8. Everyone should come to the meeting to vote on this important amendment. If it passes, absentee ballots will be counted for new officers for 2000.

## FCC Spikes Rumors at Dayton

The big FCC announcement about Amateur Radio license restructuring that many hams erroneously had been expecting at the Dayton Hamvention turned out to be that there would be no announcement. Speaking to a packed house at the Sunday FCC forum at Dayton Hamvention, Bill Cross, W3TN, of the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau spiked rumors that the FCC would have something substantive to say at Dayton about Amateur Radio restructuring, WT Docket 98-143.

"I can confirm without reservation that the rumors that have been flying fast and furious as to what the Commission has decided or will decide are just rumors," he said. According to Cross, the Commission had not decided anything as of May 13.

Cross said the FCC received

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## Last Month's Meet the Member, Bernice Turnage, WA4SLD

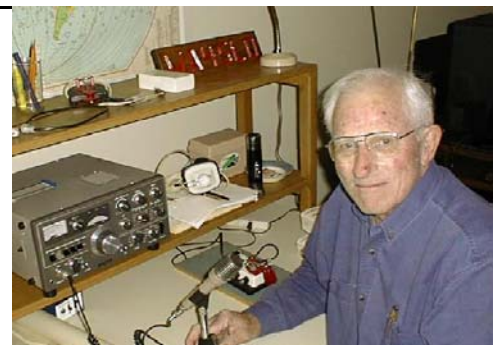


Photo by Joe Melton, WB4SLF

# President's Corner - Murray,

June is here and the Field Day can't be far away. Thanks to Tom, W4TEP, and his committee for getting us well under way. I hope that you will consider participating this year. It takes a lot of planning and manual labor, and we need operators too. Often, the rigs go unmanned so let's try to maximize our on air time and let's not forget the need for help when it's all over. Come join us for some work, fun and learning. Last year we had 665 contacts and 2,702 points (QST, Dec 1998, p. 104). June's program will be on the Field Day so come out and find out what it's all about.

Thanks to Simon, KQ2V, for setting up the display in Sheppard Memorial Library. It will be up through the month of June and will give us some exposure. We also have an opportunity with the County Extension Four H program to give a presentation on June 24. Simon will be helping with that too, but we could use others to pitch in. This activity will help with one of our goals of attracting more young people to ham radio and BARC.

I went to Dayton for the Hamvention. I was only able to go Friday and Saturday and commuted the

four hour round trip from Columbus. It was worth it. The place was shoulder-to-shoulder. I stayed the entire time it was open both days and did not see it all. I propose we get a van load for next year - it's a great experience and you can cut some expenses. I got a 2 meter Icom 2100H, a CD drive, a micro keyboard, and some coax. I have to admit the drive and the keyboard were a impulse purchase. I would have bought the 2 meter Alinco "credit card" transceiver too

## Three cheers for the Farmville hams WA4SLD, KA4KGZ, WB4SLF & WD4PYO.

but they sold out of them. It was no surprise, AES sold 100 of them for \$40 each on Friday and was selling the UHF model on Saturday for \$40 also.

The Hamvention again brought to mind the tremendous amount of diversity within our hobby. That diversity can be found in our own club and that can be an asset. Those different strengths and perspectives acting together

can be a formidable force.

Just a reminder that we will be voting on the constitutional amendment to allow absentee voting. Review last month's Ham Chatter for the specifics.

The International Festival and the TEDI BEAR walk went well - look for other articles on them. These activities give us an opportunity to make ham radio and BARC known to the public which will help us in the future.

Three cheers for the Farmville hams Bernice, WA4SLD; Byron, KA4KGZ, Joe, WB4SLF, and Tommy, WD4PYO. They really know how to cook a pig! We appreciate the time, effort and hospitality. It was nice just to kick back and socialize. Byron, KA4KGZ, brought up the possibility of new shirts - give that some thought for the next meeting.

Kudos also to Lily, KE4UGD and Bob, KD4UGC for the Membership Roster last month. It really helps us get in contact with each other. We have 93 members with 90 licensed hams and we have had some more new members since the list was published. BARC is on the grow!

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## Happy Birthday

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

11	W4DXJ	Jack Edwards, Jr.
11	WA4SLC	Bill Dawson
14	K4MI	Jack Kear
17	K4IDD	Gerald Clayton
18	KB4IPD	Ed Petrie
29	N4PWB	Hugh Leighty
30	N4WVA	Maurice E. Ankrom

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

## Roster Correction and Additions

Correction to BARC Roster in May Ham Chatter:

Change callsign **KKE4YOE** to **KE4YOE**. (*Bouncing fingers!*)

Additions:

⇒ **KD4NNA**, Pat Sutton, 4643-B Stantonsburg Rd., Greenville, NC 27834, (252)931-0122

⇒ **KG4CZV**, David Pulver, 210 Louis St., Greenville, NC 27858-8661

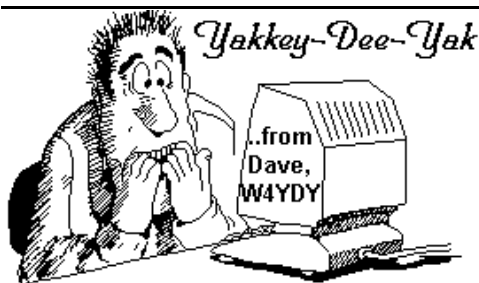
⇒ **KG4CZW**, Bonnie Pulver, 210 Louis St. Greenville, NC 27858-8661

## Friday Lunch Group

Joe Melton, WB4SLF, reports that starting on Friday, June 4, the lunch group will gather at the K&W Cafeteria at 11:45 AM. They will try to get tables on the upper dining level.

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What is the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club Internet site? Those that have Internet access in their homes, have a source to get the latest information about BARC. The web address is on the top of all inside pages of Ham Chatter. There are over 45 pages and over 130 pictures on the BARC site that uses over three megabytes of data. GeoCities gives us up to eleven megabytes free of charge. You do have to contend with some pop up ads when you get some things free. Just look at off-the-air television. They have a few ads just in case you hadn't noticed!

On the BARC main page opening screen, there are direct links to the latest edition of Ham Chatter Online, What's New on the BARC site, Amazon.com, and local weather. The weather icon shows the local

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temperature and time and if you click on it, it will take you to more detailed weather information. Amazon.com is a simple way for BARC to make some extra money. If you need a book, be it Amateur Radio or anything else, you can get it from Amazon.com and most of the time there is a 20 percent discount. The way BARC makes money is for you to go to the BARC page and click on the Amazon.com icon. Then search for the book you want and order it. BARC will get at least five percent of the price for a commission. So far, we haven't had anyone order through the BARC site until about a week ago. I ordered a cookbook that was originally printed several years ago and got it in four days. It was simple to do and BARC was notified via email

on their weekly updates that there was a commission coming and the amount. Help the club out. Order books via BARC at Amazon.com to help the club and save yourself some money.

Also on the opening screen are the callsigns of the club. Click on the callsign for a lookup in QRZ.COM. Next is a box with upcoming BARC club meeting and the next VE session information. Just below the box is a QRZ callsign lookup box. Type the station's callsign in the box and click on search. There is your electronic callbook information.

Below the QRZ lookup is the latest news from BARC. It's usually news that gets in the next Ham Chatter and a link to the latest ARES NCS schedule. The Contents menu of the web site are next with links to many pages on the BARC site and other Amateur Radio sites, ARRL, etc. More on the other BARC pages later.

After the Contents section, General Information and Meeting and Membership Information sections have more information about BARC with appropriate links.

The VE section have the dates of all upcoming BARC VE sessions

for the year. This is followed by the Ham Chatter area. Links to Ham Chatter Online are listed with the callsign of the member featured that month and go back to June 1997. All of the Ham Chatter Online pages have color pictures of the featured member. Each month when a new issue is put online, a notification is sent out to about 85 email addresses in at least 10 states including California.

The rest of the links on the main page go to the local ARES site information, club member's home pages and to pages of the last 3 years of Field Day activities at BARC. It starts with 1996 and there is a page on the BARC activities at the International Festival Special Event Station in 1998.

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**FCC Spikes Rumors**

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2250 comments from the amateur community in the proceeding. Comments have been read and filed, he said. Some comments continue to straggle in, although the deadline passed in January.

Cross offered his take on what the FCC might do, inferring that the Commission would propose either three or four license classes, no more, no less.

Based on the comments received, Cross said, many hams believe amateur examinations are not testing on the correct information. He invited hams to suggest questions to the Question Pool Committee, the body that comes up with the questions that appear on amateur exams. Suggested questions go to QPC Chairman Ray Adams, W4CPA, 6702 Matterhorn Ct, Knoxville TN 37918-6314. A copy to Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, ARRL VEC, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111, would be appreciated.

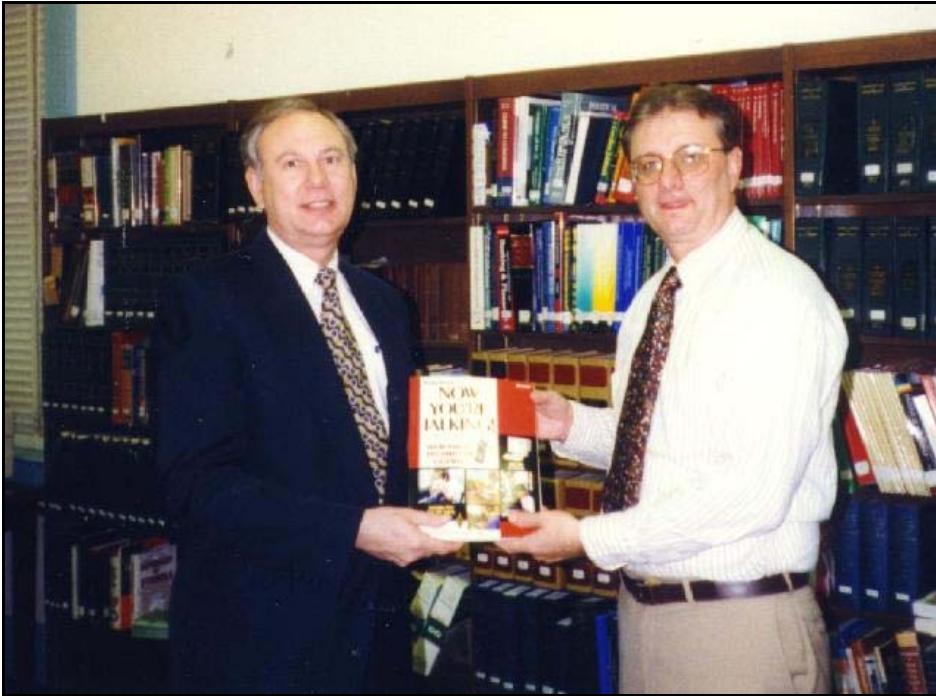
Cross said comments on Morse code testing standards "drew the most passionate responses." The League has suggested 5 WPM and 12 WPM testing tiers. Cross said those expecting a new top speed above 20 WPM would be disappointed, but he offered no other predictions on how the Commission might act on the CW requirements issue.

Cross also said the Universal Licensing System would be going into effect for Amateur Radio later this year, and it will incorporate the vanity call sign program. The system will replace the venerable Form 610 series with a new, inclusive electronic document known as Form 605. ULS will permit amateurs to file applications, modifications or renewals via the Internet. Individual hams will not be required to file electronically, however. He encouraged hams to register for the ULS.

For more information, visit the FCC's AR page. - Via ARRL Letter Online - 5/21/99

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## Book Donation To Library



BARC and the Plaza Mall Radio Shack donated the book "Now You're Talking" to four libraries in the area. Books were presented to: Willie Nelms of the Sheppard Memorial Library, Melissa Mills of the Farmville Library, Patricia Nichols of the Ayden Library and Valorie Hoffman of the Winterville Library. We hope to make the book donation an annual tradition. Many thanks to Joyce Griswell, KF4RBJ, manager of this Radio Shack. Pictured is Murray Merner, K4MHM, presenting book to Willie Nelms, Sheppard Memorial Library.

## Doxs Your Club Nxxd You?

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rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxrson and nxxdxd vxry much!" *RARS News, May 1974*

## FCC Sets Aside Multiple Club Station Grants

The FCC has set aside 14 recently granted club station call signs and 12 recently granted club vanity call signs held by an individual trustee. The FCC's Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, took the action May 11 in a letter to Motoaki Uotome, W9BO, of Honolulu, Hawaii. Uotome is the trustee for 35 club station call signs in various cities in the continental US as well as in Hawaii, the Marianas, Guam, and Alaska.

The action is the first of several the Hollingsworth said he expects to take, and it could have implications for other holders of multiple club station call signs. "They'd better have legitimate clubs or they're coming back to us," Hollingsworth told the ARRL today. "We're getting a lot of complaints that people are scarfing up these call signs."

Hollingsworth said the FCC is

not concerned about a single club station call sign used by a club or a DX or contesting group, but he emphasized that the FCC will not tolerate abuse of the system. He indicated similar letters soon would go out to other licensees who serve as trustees for multiple club station call signs.

Hollingsworth told Uotome that the FCC was setting aside 14 call signs granted within the last 30 days "pursuant to §1.113 of the Commission's rules." In addition, Hollingsworth said the FCC was setting aside 12 vanity call signs issued to Uotome in the last 30 days.

Several club station call signs granted for more than 30 days will remain in the FCC database for now, but Hollingsworth asked Uotome to "provide justification within 30 days as to the need

for each of these call signs."

Hollingsworth said that he wants to know names, addresses, and telephone numbers of club members, meeting times and dates within the past year, proposed meeting times and locations within the coming year, and copies of minutes, if any, taken at meetings within the last three months.

Hollingsworth said the FCC intends to cancel all of the listed call signs if Uotome does not "satisfactorily respond" to his inquiry within 30 days. He also warned that any willful misrepresentation or deliberate omission in replying would lead to revocation of Uotome's Amateur Radio license. - *Via ARRL Letter Online - 5/21/99*

## FCC'S Hollingsworth is Dayton's Man of the Hour

The FCC's Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, exhorted a standing-room-only crowd at the Dayton Hamvention to "read over the basis and purpose of Amateur Radio and the rules in Part 97" and to operate as if youngsters and overseas stations might be listening in. He made the remarks Friday during the first of two FCC forums in Hara Arena.

Calling Amateur Radio "an American institution," Hollingsworth momentarily assumed the mantle of the

ham radio evangelist. Ham radio, he said, is "not about the First Amendment, it's not about slandering somebody you don't like, it's not about ridiculing

somebody who's operating 10 kHz away, it's not about jamming or obscenity." Nor, he said, is it intended to be a talk show or an "electromagnetic forum for hate groups" or "an audio version of The Jerry Springer Show."

Hollingsworth called the on-air activities of some hams "childish and stupid" and said the hobby does not always present its best face to the world. He also said hams need to understand that demand for HF spectrum in countries outside the US is increasing.

"Too many in our service take the allocations for granted," he said. "Some of the Third World countries would love to have 75 meters as a national telephone system," he said. What does transpire on some amateur frequencies "is often an international embarrassment," he said.

"What kind of service is it when you're afraid to leave on the radio in the house or the car?" he asked. Hollingsworth said he even knew of a young Extra class amateur whose parents won't let him on 75 meters.

He asked law-abiding hams to not retaliate against hams who are

offensive on the air or who break the law but to shun them instead. He also challenged each ham to recruit one newcomer into the hobby or to help another licensee to upgrade. Hollingsworth especially encouraged recruiting young girls into Amateur Radio. He delivered similar remarks during two other Dayton forums and received an enthusiastic reception--including a standing ovation.

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In response to a question from the audience, Hollingsworth revealed that FCC officials on May 14 had attempted to visit the station of Glenn Baxter, K1MAN, in Belgrade Lakes, Maine. Baxter

heads the American Amateur Radio Association; his on-the-air talk and news transmissions have been the subject of some controversy within the amateur community. Hollingsworth said that, although Baxter's station was on the air, no one came to the door, and the building appeared to be locked.

Hollingsworth and an FCC field office team from Detroit spent several hours doing enforcement work at the Hamvention itself. The field office personnel attempted, without success, to determine the sources of intentional interference on the Hamvention's 2-meter talk-in frequency. At least one source appeared to be mobile.

F C C personnel also cited or verbally warned several vendors about violations related to the sale of amplifiers. - *Via ARRL Letter Online - 5/21/99*

## Three More Join BARC

Three new members joined the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club at the Farmville picnic meeting. They were Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, (W4TEP Harmonic), David Pulver, KG4CZV, and Pat Sutton, KD4NNA, all from Greenville. The club welcomes the new members and look forward to a great fellowship in the pursuit of Amateur Radio activities.

## President's Corner

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I've, again, been reminded to keep the business part of our meetings as short as possible. We start losing people about 9:00 p.m. I know all that. One of my responsibilities is to see that there is the opportunity for you to express your opinion. In doing so please be concise and to the point. My goal is not to stifle you or disrespect you, but to keep things moving. The meeting starts at 7:30 and the goal is to have the business completed by 8:00 and the program concluded by 9:00.

Have a good month and see you at the meeting.  
Ham radio, pass it on.

73, *Murray, K4MHM*

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# The FCC Giveth, Taketh Away

The FCC's Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, says that a Delaware ham required by the FCC to retake her Amateur Extra class exam has successfully retested and is "off the hook" with the FCC. The FCC requested in February that Sheila Bowden, N3QQS, of Millsboro, retake her examinations by March 19. Bowden showed up at a March 13 ARRL-VEC testing session where she retook and passed the written exam.

"We are accepting Sheila Bowden's successful retest for the Extra class license, and accepting the doctor's certificate exempting her from the code test," Hollingsworth said May 27, adding that he was happy about the outcome. "Any time you audit a program, it's always better to have happy news than it is to have disappointing news," he said. Hollingsworth said it took until now to clear the case from his books because the

FCC wanted to further investigate the physician's waiver that Bowden had submitted in lieu of taking a Morse code examination.

Hollingsworth said, however, that he was "not in a position to recommend to the W5YI-VEC" that Sheila Bowden be allowed to administer amateur exams again, mainly due to what he called "unresolved questions" about Bowden's husband, Wayne.

Wayne Bowden has not been so lucky in his dealings with the FCC. Earlier this year, the FCC dismissed the Extra class license he formerly held, AA3RT, after the Commission discovered "irregularities in the administration of the examination by the Volunteer Examiners." Wayne Bowden took the complete Amateur Radio examination series at an October 4 W5YI-VEC session. He had not held an

amateur license before then. An FCC probe continues into alleged testing irregularities at Pennsylvania W5YI-VEC sessions October 4 and 6, including allegations that examinees might have been coached or given test answers.

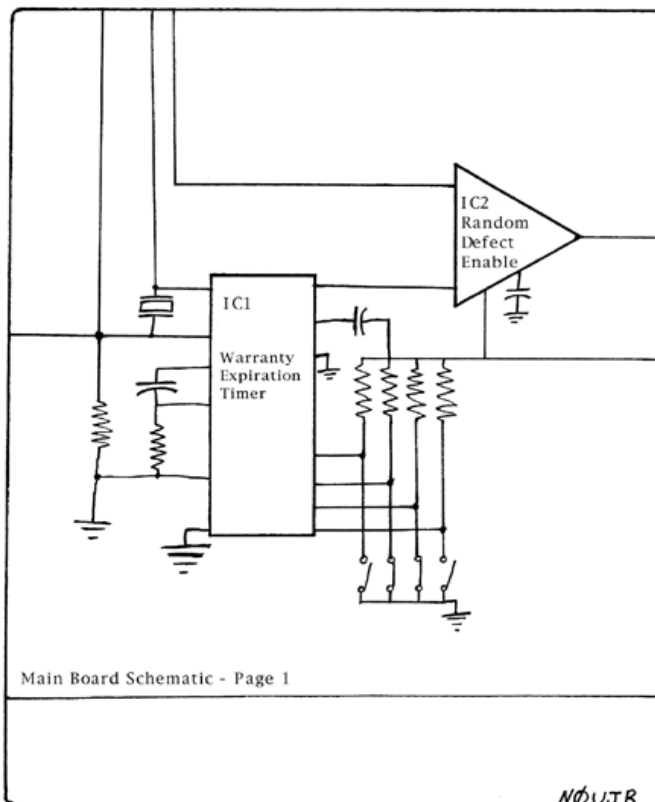
Hollingsworth said he has been unsuccessful in his efforts to contact Wayne Bowden, despite several attempts. He said that Sheila Bowden had written him a letter on her husband's behalf, but that he had needed to hear from the licensee directly.

In other action, the FCC has modified the General class license of David O. Castle, WA9KJI, of Evansville, Indiana, to prohibit HF operation for two years. Hollingsworth said in a letter May 19 that the FCC had information that Castle had operated on 3950 kHz "contrary to the Amateur Radio Service rules" by causing malicious interference and broadcasting.

Hollingsworth said that on May 1, Castle was heard "broadcasting and talking to no particular station for over an hour, during which time you prevented the use of the frequencies by others and maliciously interfered with other stations." Hollingsworth's letter said that Castle had "falsely claimed" to be in contact with another station. As a result of the alleged violations, the FCC

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## Make That Dot net

The ARRL e-mail forwarding service e-mail address format is *your call sign@arrrl.net*. Some forwarding service users mistakenly have given out their forwarding addresses as .org, which is the domain for ARRL Headquarters addresses. Mail sent to .org addresses that are not those of ARRL staff members or



volunteers will bounce. The ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service is a free member service. -

## Reminder--ARRL Outgoing QSL Service fees have changed

League members are reminded that the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service fee schedule was revised effective January 1, 1999. The current fees are \$6 per pound (or portion of a pound), \$1 for 10 cards, \$2 for 11-20 cards, and \$3 for 21-30 cards. Packages accompanied by the incorrect fee will be processed, but senders will be billed for the additional fee. Priority will be given to packages with the correct fee enclosed. Other packages will be handled as time permits. For more information, contact Martin Cook, N1FOC, 860-594-0274;

### Amateur High-Frequency Emergency Hurricane Nets

01984.0 LSB Virgin Islands (Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Lesser Antilles)	07235.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane
03808.0 LSB Caribbean Wx (1030)	07240.0 LSB Texas Emergency
03815.0 LSB Antigua/Antilles	07243.0 LSB Alabama Emergency
03815.0 LSB Inter-island (continuous watch)	07243.0 LSB South Carolina Emergency
03845.0 LSB Gulf Coast West Hurricane	07245.0 LSB Southern Louisiana
03862.5 LSB Mississippi Traffic	07247.0 LSB Southern Florida Emergency (altn)
03873.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane	07247.5 LSB Northern Florida Emergency (altn)
03873.0 LSB Texas Traffic	07248.0 LSB Texas RACES
03905.0 LSB Pacific ARES (Hawaii)	07250.0 LSB Belize
03907.0 LSB Carolina Coast Emergency	07250.0 LSB Texas Emergency
03910.0 LSB Mississippi ARES	07254.0 LSB Northern Florida Emergency
03910.0 LSB Virginia Emergency, Alpha	07260.0 LSB Gulf Coast West Hurricane
03915.0 LSB Louisiana Emergency	07264.0 LSB Gulf Coast Health & Welfare
03915.0 LSB North Carolina	07268.0 LSB W273.0 LSB Texas Traffic
03915.0 LSB Massachusetts/Rhode Island Emergency	07275.0 LSB Georgia ARES
03917.0 LSB Eastern Pennsylvania Emergency	07280.0 LSB NTS Region 5
03923.0 LSB Mississippi ARES	07280.0 LSB Louisiana Emergency (altn)
03923.0 LSB North Carolina Emergency (Tar Heel)	07283.0 LSB Gulf Coast (outgoing only)
03925.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane	07290.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane
03925.0 LSB New York State Emergency	07290.0 LSB Gulf Coast Wx
03925.0 LSB Louisiana Emergency (altn)	07290.0 LSB Hawaii Emergency
03925.0 LSB Southwest Traffic (altn)	07290.0 LSB Traffic
03935.0 LSB Belize	14185.0 USB Caribbean Emergency
03935.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane	14200.0 USB (Please advise)
03940.0 LSB Southern Florida Emergency	14215.0 USB Pacific Inter-island
03947.0 LSB Virginia Emergency, Bravo	14222.0 USB Health & welfare
03950.0 LSB Northern Florida Emergency	14245.0 USB Health & welfare
03955.0 LSB South Texas Emergency	14268.0 USB United Nations Radio Readiness Network
03960.0 LSB North East Coast Hurricane	14275.0 USB Bermuda
03965.0 LSB Alabama Emergency (altn)	14275.0 USB International Amateur Radio Net
03967.0 LSB Gulf Coast (outgoing traffic)	14283.0 USB Caribus Health & Welfare
03975.0 LSB Georgia ARES	14300.0 USB Intercontinental Traffic and Maritime Mobile Service
03975.0 LSB Texas RACES	14303.0 USB Atlantic Region Traffic (Health & welfare)
03987.5 LSB Mexican National	14316.0 USB Health & Welfare
03993.5 LSB Gulf Coast Health & Welfare	14325.0 USB Hurricane Watch (Amateur-to-Natl Hurricane Center)
03993.5 LSB South Carolina Emergency	14340.0 USB Louisiana (1900)
03995.0 LSB Gulf Coast Wx	14340.0 USB California-Hawaii
07165.0 LSB Antigua/Antilles	21310.0 USB Health & welfare (Spanish)
07165.0 LSB Inter-island 40-meter (continuous watch)	21390.0 USB Inter-Americas Health & Welfare
07225.0 LSB Central Gulf Coast Hurricane	21400.0 USB Transatlantic Maritime
07230.0 LSB Southwest Traffic	<i>Via the Internet</i>
07232.0 LSB South Carolina Emergency	
07232.0 LSB North Carolina Emergency (Tar Heel) (altn)	
07235.0 LSB Louisiana Emergency	
07235.0 LSB Baja	

### 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

### International Festival


They say adversity builds character. Well there was some character building at our third annual special event station. It was cold and winnnnnndy. Luckily, we had our brand new canopy to protect us - the side walls were a good investment. We operated two rigs and made 60 contacts. Many contacts have sent us QSL cards. I had a list of all the BARC members who participated and visited but I lost it in the melee and if I start calling names, I know I'll miss someone. You know who you are and we couldn't have done it without you. The IF is fun and good public relations. I plan to do it again next year. Each year it gets a little better and more successful. Think about joining us. - K4MHM

### PRB-1 Bills Active in Several States

Bills to incorporate the essence of the limited federal preemption known as PRB-1 into state law are active in several states. A bill in Maine has just been signed by the Governor there. Oregon's PRB-1 bill, Senate Bill 879, just cleared the state Senate by a 26 to 3 margin and has been sent on to the House of Representatives for action. Oregon hams are being urged to contact the Chair of the House Rules, Elections and Public Affairs Committee and their own Representatives to urge speedy and positive action on the measure. In Louisiana, HB 2088 has passed the House is headed for the Senate. It would limit the authority of local governing bodies to regulate amateur radio antennas. Wisconsin, Idaho, Kansas, Minnesota, and Mississippi are in the planning stages of similar measures. States that already have this type of legislation include TX, NH, FL, MA, WY,

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## Meet The Member Bob Connelly, KB4FWL

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CW and phone (he's on just about every night on two or three nets). He notes that "traffic" is down all over the country but still gets a fair amount which are mostly for birthdays, special occasions and hamfests. On CW he uses a straight key and electronic keyer. He works mostly 40 and 80 meters. Bob characterizes his QRP activity as "steady", while his 2 meter action is mostly limited to net activity. He's also interested in homebrew antennas.

He's been in BARC for about 10 to 12 years. He is a Volunteer Examiner, assists with emergency coverage and Field Day.

Bob has a AA degree in management from Pitt Community College and has taken other college courses as well as military instruction. Since his "retirement", he worked at Purdue Farms in the refrigeration Department for about six to eight years and is currently employed at Sears in their small engine repair department.

Bob and his wife Dare have six grown children, 14 grand children and one great grand child, but no hams.

Amateur Radio has allowed Bob to meet "a lot of nice people" and given him something to do. He, in turn, is a nice person who has given something to amateur radio. His biggest concern about ham radio at this time is the need to get more young people in the hobby. Bob continues to play a part in BARC and we appreciate his contribution. Maybe, with all of us working together, we can get some younger people interested in the wonderful hobby of amateur radio. -  
*K4MHM*

# BARC Monthly Minutes - May 1999

Minutes of the May 11, 1999 meeting

The meeting convened at Bernice Turnage's place where a wonderful spread was set out. Thanks to Bernice, WA4SLD, Joe Melton, WB4SLF, Harold Bailey, KD4NRB, Tommy Lang, WD4PYO, for a very tasty pig, great cole slaw and beans, and yummy cobbler and stewed apples. Byron Highland, KA4KGZ, cooked up some fine hush puppies and Shirley Katrobos, KF4VHJ, surprised us with another tasty dessert. In fact, the food and fellowship was so good that I didn't really take minutes on the business part of the meeting. What follows is really just from memory, so forgive the omissions but remember the pig!

The Absentee Ballot is explained in Ham Chatter, so be prepared to discuss and vote on that soon. The Special Service Club info is being dealt with by Paul, KS4YF, and Murray, K4MHM. The Tedi Bear Walk went off well except for rain and wind, and the International Festival folks managed to stay dry thanks to our new canopy. The efforts of all the participants in these two projects is much appreciated. The VE session produced one advanced ticket, Tom Parsons, W4TEP, and two techs, Bonnie, KG4CZW, and David, KG4CZV, Pulver. Congratulations to them!

Field Day is progressing. The site has been approved--we will be where we were last year, behind Carolina East Mall, and insurance certification has been sent to them. Jim, KF4VHH, has a sign-

up sheet for operating time, John, K4KBB, is taking care of the antennas and there will be two generators. If novice-techs want their own station, they will set it up. It was decided that hamburgers and hot dogs would be provided for lunch on Saturday and chicken and pot-luck goodies for dinner. Wayne, KG4CCZ, and Kim, KG4CCY, are overseeing the food. Don't forget to bring food to Field Day for the evening get-together.

ARES--Byron could use some net control operators for 9PM on Mondays. May 20 and June 3 are set for drills. ARES contacts are Doug, K4ROK, Byron, KA4KGZ, Wayne, WD4JPQ, and Bill, WA4SLC.

Under new business, Byron presented us with another choice for BARC shirts. He can get our BARC emblem embroidered onto somewhat heavier and slightly different green, shirts. Tome still has two original small-size shirts for \$10.00 ea. The minimum number of shirts that can be silk-screened (current shirts) is 36; for embroidered shirts, once the program is loaded (\$150.00-200.00), any number can be made. A question as to whether we want to stay with the W4AMC call was raised.

For your consideration--Adopt-a-Highway or Adopt-a-Street and Hams for Habitat (September)--Do we want to participate in any of these.

Again, many thanks to those hammiest of hams, Bernice, Tom, Harold, Joe, and Byron.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Lily Fainter, KE4UGD

## Yakkey-Dee-Yak from Dave

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Back to the Contents menu, links carry us to some pages special BARC pages. One is a page of club officers and others with pictures and email addresses if they have one. There

are pages on Weather & Emergency Preparedness links, Amateur Radio Equipment links, the Pitt County ARES, BARC Members Email Addresses and Amateur Radio Links. The Amateur Radio Links page has over 70 links to all kinds of activities and information. There is a page with the BARC application form and another page with the Meet the Member form.

As you can see, those that have Internet access have another large source of information for BARC and Amateur Radio at their finger tips. Anyone that has suggestions for improvements and/or additions, please let me know. I didn't think of everything to put there. It came about from suggestions from club members and others. Thanks for the





## The FCC Giveth, Taketh Away

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suspended Castle's privileges to operate below 30 MHz. Hollingsworth had warned Castle in January regarding such operation. Last September, the FCC restricted Castle's operating hours for allegedly engaging in the same type of conduct. Castle has 30 days to protest the latest license modification.

The FCC has cancelled the licenses of several individuals who failed to appear after being called in for retesting. The FCC lifted the Technician class license of Joseph P. Santini, N2RGZ, of Belleville, New Jersey, after he failed to appear to retake his Amateur Radio examinations. Santini had until May 10 to retake his tests. FCC Legal Adviser for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth had sent

Santini a Warning Notice April 5 alleging that the FCC had evidence that Santini had been maliciously interfering with VHF repeater operations.

The FCC also has cancelled the Technician class license of Rusty Leewright, KE6UOF, of Northridge, California, after Leewright failed to appear, as requested, to retake his Amateur Radio examinations. And, the FCC cancelled the Advanced class license of Joseph C. Walker, W8JCW, of Gaylord, Michigan, after Walker failed to appear, as requested, to retake his General and Advanced class exams. - *Via ARRL Letter Online - 5/28/99*

## For Sale Ten Meter Mobile Rig

This is the Radio Shack 10 meter, SSB-CW, 25 watt rig that was donated by the widow of SK Jim, KD4VBX, Mildred Hecker, as noted in the Oct 1998 minutes. Mrs Hecker gave no restrictions on the disposition of the rig. It was originally thought that it might be used as a fund raiser and there have been opinions expressed about donating it to a high school ham radio club on the coast. The Board has decided to conduct a silent auction at Field Day. If there are no bids, we will donate it to

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## Spectrum Protection bill collects

ARRL Legislative and Public Affairs Manager Steve Mansfield, N1MZA, reports that as of May 7, there were 49 cosponsors on HR 783, The Amateur Radio Spectrum Protection Act. Recent cosponsors include Rep Tom Davis of Virginia, the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee chairman. - *Via ARRL Letter Online - 5/14/99*

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- ◆ 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*

June 8 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	August 20 . . . . .	BARC VE Session @ 6:30PM
June 18 . . . . .	BARC VE Session @ 6:30PM	August 31 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>
June 26-27 . . . . .	<b>ARRL Field Day</b>	September 4-5 . . . . .	Shelby Hamfest
June 29 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>	September 5 . . . . .	<b>Ham Chatter Deadline</b>
July 4 . . . . .	<b>Ham Chatter Deadline</b>	September 14 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
July 13 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	September 18-19 . . . . .	VA Beach Hamfest
July 17 . . . . .	Cary Hamfest	September 28 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>
July 27 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>	October . . . . .	JOTA
August 1 . . . . .	<b>Ham Chatter Deadline</b>		
August 10 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>		

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

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