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Meet the Member George Dale, WD4JAD

Born in Duplin County, raised in Wayne County, Dale came to Greenville via Charlotte in 1973. He was transferred by the insurance company he was employed with when he became responsible for eastern North Carolina. Actually it was in Charlotte in the 1960's when he was first exposed to Amateur Radio. He was inspecting a body shop and noticed all the antennas. The owner showed him his shack with extensive homebrew equipment. The interest heightened in Greenville spurred on by the likes of **Carl Lineberger**, WA4TEP, station engineer of Channel 9; **Bob Knapp**, W4OMW, who lead the license class; **Gary Ambert**, AI4J, who taught code; **Joe Melton**, WB4SLF; **Jack Edwards**, W4DXJ, and many others. He got his Novice in June 1977 and his Technician in August 1977. He is currently has a General Class license which he upgraded in April 2000.

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George Dale, WD4JAD

Officer elections for 2003

Elections will be held at the November 12 BARC meeting and the following have been nominated to serve for 2003. Ballots will be passed out at the meeting for voting and write-ins are permitted. If anyone wants to vote and will not be at the meeting, contact Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, for an absentee ballot.

President

Dave LeMoine, KV4CN

1st Vice President

Mark Weil, KD4SRK

2nd Vice President

Jeff Hardee, K4RJH

Secretary

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John McCoy, K4KBB

1 Yr Trustee

Mike Langley, KD4MTT

2 Yr Trustee

Richard Campbell, KG4SNE

The new officers will be installed at the December Christmas party.

Next Meeting November 12

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next regular meeting on November 12 at 7:30 PM at **VFW Post Home 7032 at 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville.** A computer demonstration of an outstanding CW program will be presented. This program is a very easy and fast way to learn CW the correct way and also help those that want to increase their speed. The software is free!*

Also, members will select BARC Ham of the year, OM of the Year, YL of the year, New Ham of the year and Elmer of the year. Be thinking about your selections.

The next board meeting is set for November 26 at 7:30. The meeting is open to all members.

October 18 BARC VE Session Results

The October 18 VE Session was 100 percent successful. Jeff Hardee, K4RJH, passed the code test and now has a General Class license. He passed the General Class written exam a year ago minus one day! Also two applicants passed Element 2 to qualify for Technician licenses. Michael Thimas, Greenville, received

KG4VQS and David Jones, Goldsboro, received KG4VQR on 10/23/01.

The exams were administered by BARC VE Liaison Tom Parsons, W4TEP, and he was assisted by VE's Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, Murray Merner, K4MHM, Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, and Dave Langley, W4YDY.

President's

I call myself a casual contesteer. By that, I mean that I don't have multi-element, mono-band yagis at 150 feet, nor do I own a contesting radio (I think that that means lots of IF filters) nor a kilowatt amplifier, but I do participate in most of the major contests. Have I come in first place? Do I expect to? No and no. Did I have fun and learn something? Always and I encourage you to try contesting for those reasons.

Participating in a contest does not require fancy equipment. I participated in many contests using only a dipole antenna. A logging program will help avoid duplicates and makes calculating the score easier, but is not absolutely necessary. You don't have to operate for the entire contest. I usually operate for an hour or two and then work around the house for awhile and then go back to the contest (the CQWDX contest is raging as I write this). Contesting can be impersonal. Yes some operators are, but most are not and help the new contesteer (they want the contact points). Once I had a nice chat in the middle of a contest with a ham in Raleigh, and I now look for him in the contests. If you're concerned, I've found that the QSO Parties tend to be friendlier. QST publishes the rules with links to web sites so no excuses. All contests have an "exchange" that is described in the rules. Listen to others at the start of a contest. It's

casual contesteer

not complicated. You studied harder for your license. Some believe that contesting does not have any benefits, but can you use all the features of your radio and your ears to minimize QRM and pull a signal out of the noise? Contesting will teach you how to do it. If you have never entered a contest before, try the

upcoming National Weather Service Skywarn special event on December 7 (see Nov. QST p. 83). It is a scavenger hunt to contact as many NWS Offices as you can and although operated somewhat like a contest, it is a just-for-fun event. Looking forward to hearing you in the contests.....I need the points.

See you at the meeting!

73, Dave, KV4CN

QRP project still going!

Saturday, September 28 the project group met and assembled their QRP transmitters. Since several of those that ordered kits did not attend, another session will be scheduled. Murray Merner, K4MHM, is assisting Paul Fletcher with the project and those that have not yet assembled their kits, please contact Murray to set up another session.

New UHF Repeater in Tarboro

Tarboro has a new UHF repeater on 444.925 pl 118.8 on top of the Sprint building downtown. Handheld coverage is solid in town and through most of Edgecombe County, with mobile coverage in Greenville and Rocky Mount. The repeater is a GE Master II transmitter running 50 watts output with emergency backup power. The four cavity duplexers are Sinclair model Q-3220-E rack mount. The controller is a Zetron Model 37. The antenna is a DB-422 dipole array top mounted on a rooftop tower fed with 50' of 7/8" hardline. The base of the antenna is approximately 150'. The callsign on the repeater is N4NTO. Many thanks to Sid Purvis, WA4VBC for his expertise in building and assembling the repeater.

Also, thanks to AB Gentry, WN4Z for the extended use of a temporary repeater during the construction phase.

Tripp, N4NTO



Congratulations to Tom, W4TEP, and Bobbie Parsons in the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

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Happy Birthday

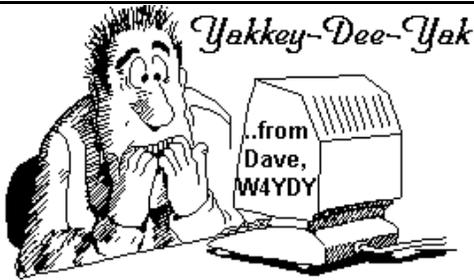
Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members birthdays in **November**.

- 1 WA4SLD Bernice Turnage
- 1 KA4WFS Walter Verdick
- 8 KD3NHZ Walter Allen
- 11 W8EEY Gary Wise
- 12 W4OCT Frank Tate
- 13 KE4CTL Joyce Robins
- 26 KG4UAZ Bryan Weil
- 26 W4RGF Robert Sickels

Please let me know of any additions or corrections. - *WAYDY*

The Bootlegger

A bootlegger walks into a radio store and tells the salesman that he would like to buy the new HF rig over in the corner. The salesman says, "Sorry, we don't sell to bootleggers". He leaves, goes home, puts on a brown wig and sunglasses and goes back to the store and tells the salesman he wants to buy that new rig over in the corner. Sales guy says, "Sorry, we don't sell to bootleggers". Old boot asks, "How do you know I'm a bootlegger?" and the salesman replies, "Because that's not a rig, it's a microwave oven." - *via ac6v.com*



Fall, 2002
TECHNICIAN LICENSE COURSE
BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Text: *Now You're Talking* (4th edition)

Class time: Start 9:15 a.m.

Course Coordinator: Murray Merner, K4MHM Phone: 757-3429

Location: Sheppard Memorial Library, Greenville, NC

The program for November will be about CW and a computer program will be demonstrated for all to see. The program was written by Ray Goff, G4FON, and just go to <http://www.g4fon.co.uk/> for free downloading. It is only about 1 megabyte in size so it downloads very quick. He just came out with Version 4 of the program and it has a better interface and other improvements. Ray has not asked for anything for the Version 3 program but with Version 4, all he asks is a QSL card from you either direct or via the bureau. A very small price to pay for an outstanding program.

It is one of the best CW training programs available and many forums on the Internet have outstanding reviews for it. It is an excellent program for learning CW from the beginning and if you follow the instructions, you will learn CW via sound instead of dots and dashes. If someone has found that they have hit a certain speed such as about 8 or about 15 words per minute, you have probably not learned CW by sound. When I was in high school and learned CW, I did it the hard way because I had no one to tell me the correct way. The nearest Amateur Radio operator that I knew was about 150 miles from me and the nearest was 30 miles away and I didn't know them. I was bound to do it wrong. I did finally get my speed up but it was a long haul and I'm now stuck at about 20 to 25 words per minutes because I can't write faster. I hope to use the program to improve my speed. Then maybe I could

Session 5
Nov 16

Chapter 1: Federal Communications Commission Rules
Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ

Chapter 2: Operating an Amateur Radio Station
Chapter 4: Amateur Radio Practices
David LeMoine, KV4CN

Exam
Nov 23

Open to the public **(SEE PAGE 7 ABOUT THE EXAM)**
Volunteer Examiners
Tom Parsons, W4TEP

copy N8FF when he winds up to 35 WPM.

I tried the program with my 6 and 10 year old grandsons and I had the program set to 15 words per minute at a 5 word per minute rate. It starts off with 'k' and 'm'. After I told them what the letters were a couple of times, they took turns calling out the letters when they



heard them. In less than a minute, they were copying the CW solid and then I added 'r' to the mix. In just a few tries, they were getting it solid again. Remember, the speed of each letter was 15 words per minute with the letters sent at 25 characters per minutes. Any twenty five characters in succession copied solid out of the 125 sent

on the FCC VE test is all that is required now to pass the FCC Element One. In just a couple of so weeks using the program, anyone should be able to pass the CW exam. Also, remember that my grandsons were learning it by sound instead of the dots and dashes. It starts off with the 'k' and 'm' and runs 5 minute sessions. When you are copying that 90 percent solid, you add the next letter and do it again. If one were to stick with it for about a month for about 30 minutes every couple of days, you would probably be copying 10 to 15 words per minute. If I were starting from scratch, I would set it at 20 words per minute and with 25 characters per minute. After you had learned all the characters, you could set it to higher speeds and before you knew it, you just might be copying 20 words per minute! As you will see, it will amaze you how fast you can pick it up. - W4YDY



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Vanity application reminders bear repeating

When applying for a vanity call sign, the application purpose on FCC Form 605 should always be "Modification" (MD). ARRL VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, advises that vanity applicants within their 90-day license renewal window should not attempt to do a "Renewal/Modification" (RM) when applying for a vanity call sign.

"I would recommend that you renew first," Jahnke said. "If vanity processing is delayed for some reason--as happened last fall and spring--your license could expire while awaiting processing, and your application would be dismissed."

The fee for a vanity call sign increased to \$14.50 in September. Jahnke says it is possible for vanity applicants to register a name, address or contact information (eg, e-mail or telephone number) change with the FCC while also applying for a vanity call sign, since both actions can be dealt with as a Modification. Note, however, that if you're only changing such data as name, address or contact information and not applying for a new call sign, you should check "Administrative Update" (AU) as the application purpose--and, yes, this is confusing.

By the way, unlike a vanity application, which requires a fee and goes to the FCC's fiscal agent in Pittsburgh, an Administrative Update application requires no fee and goes directly to the FCC in Gettysburg.

Amateur applications may be filed electronically via the FCC's ULS Web site <<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>> or on paper (using FCC Form 605). The FCC says that anyone filing any application with the FCC--whether for a vanity, license renewal, upgrade or modification--first must be registered with the Commission Registration System (CORES) and have obtained an FCC Registration Number (FRN).

For more information on vanity filing, visit the Amateur Radio Vanity Call Signs page <<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/vanity.html>> on the ARRL Web site. - via *ARRL Letter Online 10/30/02*

FCC rescinds 146.52 MHz advisory notices

FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth has told five amateurs in Ohio and Michigan to disregard his earlier admonitions to avoid lengthy QSOs on 146.52 MHz. That's the generally recognized national simplex calling frequency and is endorsed as such by the ARRL's 2-meter band plan. Acknowledging, however, that some confusion exists within the amateur community as to whether 146.52 is a national calling channel or just another simplex frequency, Hollingsworth decided to simply rescind the five advisory notices he'd sent October 15.

"We made an error in issuing that Advisory Notice, and you may disregard it," Hollingsworth wrote October 23 in letters to the affected amateurs. Commenting to ARRL, Hollingsworth was blunt yet good-natured. "I goofed," he said. "If I were worried about making a fool of myself from time to time, I never would have become a lawyer in the first place."

Amateurs commenting to the FCC and on various newsgroups reportedly were bewildered by the FCC advisory notices. An ARRL error apparently contributed to the confusion. Hollingsworth did not find 146.52 MHz singled out as the national simplex calling frequency in his edition of The ARRL's FCC Rule Book (12th edition, 1st printing). The designation does appear in subsequent printings of the Rule Book, however, as well as in recent editions of The ARRL Operating Manual and The ARRL

Repeater Directory 2002/2003.

Hollingsworth says that operation that does not comply with a generally accepted band plan such as ARRL's is not illegal. He points out, however, that band plans--to the extent that they're followed--do help to keep down friction among various users and make his job a lot easier.

"I don't consider it a big deal. I was just trying to raise awareness," he said, adding that the FCC has no intention of making band plan compliance mandatory.

Hollingsworth told ARRL this week that he had initially written four amateurs in Ohio and one in Michigan on the basis of complaints about lengthy contacts on 146.52 MHz in late September and early October. Those QSOs, he said, averaged 45 minutes and in some cases lasted up to an hour. Two of the amateurs who had received the October 15 advisories already have contacted Hollingsworth and agreed to cooperate with the original requests, now rescinded.

"In an ideal world, stations making initial contact on 146.52 MHz probably should move off to another accepted simplex channel to continue their conversation," Hollingsworth said. "The main thing is, we're all in this together, and the goal is to make Amateur Radio last 1000 years."

All ARRL band plans are available on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bandplan.html>>. - via *ARRL Letter Online 10/25/02*

UK holding the line on additional 5 MHz experimenters

The Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) reports that the Radiocommunications Agency (RA) in the UK on October 31 put a temporary moratorium on applications from full Class A amateurs who wish to experiment in the 5 MHz band. Eligible amateurs in the UK have had to apply for a Notice of Variation (NoV) to experiment in the band using five spot frequencies. The RA says applications for 5

MHz NoVs exceeded its expectations; it now worries that the risk of congestion may be detrimental to the overall success of the experiment. The RA says it will monitor occupancy of the five channels and review its position. "It is likely that an announcement will be made later this year for action early in the new year," the RSGB said.--RSGB - via *ARRL Letter Online 10/30/02*

Meet the Member - George Dale, WD4JAD

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His interests back then were general DX . He had a Swan 240 which he remembers having a lot of drift. He did even have an interest in CW. His equipment now is a 2 meter HT and a 2 meter base station with a Icom IC 228H. He has an interest in getting a Icom 746. He does have a challenge with a lot loaded with trees.

He has been involved in BARC as Secretary and vice president . At that time he remembers that they met at a bank on Greene Street. The bank was Planter's National Bank.

After graduating from high School, he attended the Insurance Institute of America after which he got a job with Nationwide Insurance Co. He was with them for 32 years and retired in 1996. He and wife Shirley married in

1956 and have two daughters Tammy and Rhonda. There are no other hams in the family.

Another serious interest is medicine. He has been a paramedic and is on the EMS Advisory Commission of Pitt County. While always interested in medicine, he served six years in the Army as a medic and was discharged in 1962. He is also a life member in Optimist International. Ron is also an active Shriner in Pitt County, was a member of Fire/Rescue Squad in Eastern Pines.

Ron has been involved in Amateur Radio for 25 years and been involved in BARC for most of that time. Ron was helped by hams to become a ham just as we do in BARC today. The tradition continues. We appreciate Ron's contribution to BARC and to the hams he helped come along. *K4MHM*



Amateur Radio glossary, abbreviations available on ARRL Web site

A glossary <<http://www.arrl.org/qst/glossary.html>> of Amateur Radio and electronics terms and a list of abbreviations <http://www.arrl.org/qst/aguide/Abbrev_AWE.pdf> found in ARRL publications now are available on the ARRL Web site. The glossary covers the range of terms from "Alternating current (ac)" to "Yagi antenna" and "73." The abbreviations cover the field from "a"--the abbreviation for "atto," the prefix for 10 to the minus 18th--to the Greek letter Omega, the symbol for ohm(s). Also posted is a list of corrections that will appear as "Feedback" <<http://www.arrl.org/qst/feedback/>> items in QST. The posting of the glossary, abbreviations list and "Feedback" came about as a result of suggestions from members and should prove especially helpful and convenient to newcomers to Amateur Radio. - via ARRL Letter Online 10/11/02

Slow Speed CW Net

Want to dust off that straight key?
Does that keyer in your desk drawer still work?
Maybe a little rusty on CW?
Want to see if the HF rig's CW-mode switch still works?
Want a little slower pace than the lower end of 40?
Want a little more than a one-on-one RST QTH and name?

Give it a whirl!
Carolina's Slow Net (CSN)
3.695 every night at 8 p.m.

Only a handful of Q signals are used . . . and you really don't have to know them.

QNI - Check in.
QRU - Have no traffic.
QTC - Have traffic for _____.
QNX - You are excused from the net.
QNF - The net is over.
Tripp, N4NTO

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on December 13. Exams will be held at St. Peter's School on 5th Street and will start promptly at 6:30 PM. Tom Parsons, W4TEP, 355-2815, parsonstom@earthlink.net. Please bring the following:

- ◆ Photo ID (drivers license)
- ◆ Original Amateur Radio License
- ◆ Copy of Amateur Radio License
- ◆ Original CSCE's
- ◆ Copy of CSCE
- ◆ Test fee is \$10.00
- ◆ Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.

Email addresses

Please send me your new addresses so I can update my records. I need the correct addresses to notify members when the latest *Ham Chatter* goes online, important notifications and update the email roster on the web site. - *W4YDY*

K4KBB

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BARC Monthly Minutes - October 2002

BARC Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

7:30 pm at the VFW hall

Meeting was opened.

Members and visitors introduced themselves.

The previous minutes were approved. The secretary and treasurer's reports were given.

OLD BUSINESS

HEALTH AND WELFARE: John McCoy, K4KBB, reported that there is no activity.

EQUIPMENT: Mike Langley, KD4MTT, reported that the connectors are for sale.

PUBLICITY: Pat William, KG4NSC, reported that there will be a display at the Pitt County Fair in the Agriculture Building. It will contain our brochures.

VE SESSION: Tom Parsons, W4TEP, reported that 1 person took the test. The next session is October 18th at St. Peter's School.

HAM CLASS: Murray Merner, K4MHM, reported. The classes have started and 9 students are attending.

ARES: Doug Ferris, K4ROK, reported. He is asking for everyone interested in ARES and RACES to fill out forms of registration. Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, reported that a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) was held on October 5 & 6. The Eastern Branch office was activated during the morning. The Pitt County

EOC was manned by Paul, Jim Smith, KF4VHH, Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, and Dave Pulver, KG4CZV. Walt Verdick, KA4WFS, reported for the hospital and Tom Parsons, W4TEP, reported for the Red Cross. The SET was considered a success.

PATCHES: Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, reported that the BARC patches are still available at all BARC meetings. The cost of the patches will be \$ 2.00 per patch or 3 patches for \$ 5.00.

QRP KIT PROJECT: The project group met at VOA Site C on Saturday, September 29 and assembled the kits.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: We will be voting on the new board at the November meeting. The following members have been nominated:

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| PRESIDENT | Dave LeMoine, KV4CN |
| 1 st VICE-PRESIDENT | Mark Weil, KD4SRK |
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| Secretary | Taylor Millar, KG4SNC |
| Treasurer | John McCoy, K4KBB |
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NEW BUSINESS

FUTURE ACTIVITIES: We need committee chairmen for previously proposed future activities.

Meeting was closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW

BARC Board Minutes - October 2002

BARC Board Meeting: October 29, 2002

Present: Jeff Hardee K4RJH, Dave Langley W4YDY, John McCoy K4KBB, Pat Williams KG4NSC, Mike Langley KD4MTT and Dave Pulver KG4CZV.

ELECTIONS: The election of officers will take place at the November meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS: There will be a special event in February 2003 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of VOA in Greenville. A formal committee and

committee chairman will be organized at the November meeting.

BOY SCOUTS MERIT BADGES: Boy Scout merit badge classes will be held at Pitt Community College, periods 2 (9:50 am - 10:50 am) & 3 (11:00 am -12:00 pm) on 01/18/03, 02/01/03 & 02/15/03. We are in need of instructors for these sessions.

FUTURE PROGRAM: The program at the November meeting will be CW.

HOLIDAY MEETING: Coordination for

the December meeting was discussed and will be finalized with the membership at the regular November meetings.

CROP WALK: The CROP walk is scheduled for November 16, 2002 at 1:30 pm. The board discussed providing our communication services for this event. It was decided that we should pursue this event and participate if the promoters of the event want our services.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Pulver KG4CZV

Ham Ads

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

For Sale:

Joe Aleksa, KQ4BN, SK, Estate.

1. Ten Tec Omni VI Plus Transceiver, \$1500, Power Supply PS 960, \$150, Ten Tec desk mike, \$40, all for \$1650.
 2. Cushcraft R7 Vertical Antenna, \$200
 3. Heathkit test equipment, IG-62 Color bar generator, IM-11 VTVM.
- Contact Dave Langley, W4YDY, 321-2525 or email w4ydy@arrrl.net

Wanted:

Icom EX-243 keyer
Icom EX-242 xtal calibrator
Icom MB12 mobile bracket
Icom HP-1 headphones
Icom SM-10 eq desk mic
Icom IC-FL44a SSB filter or Inrad equivalent These accessories are for the Icom IC-745 HF rig
Neal Sumrell, nc4rr@arrrl.net

For Sale:

Mosley TA-33 HF Beam. 10, 15, 20 and 40 meters. 3 elements with 40 meter

Special VE Session

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- ◆ Copy of CSCE
- ◆ Test fee is \$10.00
- ◆ Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.

extension. \$200.

Wayne, WD4JPQ, 756-7719

For Sale:

Radio Shack **Digital Signal Processor** - Advanced digital audio signal processor using microprocessor-controlled dynamic notch filtering reducing noise and removing whistles, tones and whines. Has communications-type speaker, 5 watt audio amplifier and phone jack. Filter selection for: noise reduction, SSB and CW. Bandwidth selection: narrow, medium and wide. Separate volume control and power switch. Plugs into earphone or speaker jack. Original box with instructions and mounting brackets. Requires 12 VDC. Price: \$25.00 Murray, K4MHM, 757-3429.

For Sale:

Mosley Classic 33 \$100. The center part of the reflector was bent in hurricane Floyd. I worked on it and got it as straight as I could.

Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, 946-4760 or dawsonw@mail.ecu.edu.

GREAT HAM LIES - By AC6V

I only own one radio!!

Ur 599 (ur call again please).

Your QSL is in the Mail

I'll Never Build Another Kit Project

I bought my mint TS-950SDX for \$300.00.

I worked em on the first call.

I never worked DX on a net!!

After a long boring QSO:

XYL says dinner is ready.

Just got the ___ call.

We're losing propagation (wiggle the RF Pwr control)

QRM Now -- Better Sign while we can!

OOpps -- there's the doorbell

Gotta land line OM -- 73

OOppss Rover!!! Gotta run and empty the dog!!

Oh shoot, lightning in the area, gotta shut down!

XYL says time to take my pills. Gota go!

Time for the local repeater net, Gota go!

I am just running a few watts, opps there goes the circuit breaker.

I usually copy code around 40 wpm but have an ear infection so using phone now.

Love code but had my Vibroplex stolen so have to use phone. - ac6v.com

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ATTN: Dave Langley or email w4ydy@arrrl.net

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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)
- ◆ Kinston Amateur Radio Society Net, 1,3,4 Tuesdays, 2000 hrs. on 145.47 MHz., W4OIX repeater in Kinston.
- ◆ Eastern North Carolina Traffic Net, Every night, 2030 on 146.685 MHz.
- ◆ 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, Tuesday, 2100 on 145.21 MHz
- ◆ Carteret County ARS (CCARS) Emergency Net, Tuesdays, 1930 on the Newport 145.45 (-) MHz.
- ◆ Coastal Emergency Linking Net, Wednesday, 2100 ET on Williamston 145.410 & 444.250, Columbia 146.835 & 443.300, Rocky Mount 147.120, Ahoskie 146.910, Franklin, VA 147.300, Farmville 145.270
- ◆ 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

- ◆ 3.695 2000 hours, slow speed (5-8 wpm) Carolinas Slow Net
- ◆ 3.573 1900 hours, high speed (20 wpm)
- ◆ 3.573 2200 hours, slow speed (12-14 wpm), South Carolina/North Carolina

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 12. **Regular Meeting**
 Nov 16-17 ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
 Nov 17. Benson Hamfest
 Nov 23-24 CQ WW CW DX Contest
 Nov 26. **Board Meeting**
 Nov 30. *Ham Chatter* Deadline
 Dec 7. ARRL 160 Meter Contest
 Dec 10. **BARC Christmas Party**
 Dec 13. BARC VE Session
 Dec 14. ARRL 10 Meter Contest

Dec ?? **Board Meeting**
 Jan 1. ARRL Straight Key Night
 Jan 4. *Ham Chatter Deadline*
 Jan 4-5 ARRL RTTY Roundup
 Jan 14. **Regular Meeting**
 Jan 18-19 ARRL VHF Sweepstakes
 Jan 25-26 CQ WW CW 160M Contest
 Jan 28. **Board Meeting**

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

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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