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## Meet the Member Taylor Millar, KG4SNC

Taylor was recently elected as secretary of BARC.

Born in Durham, NC, Taylor comes to Greenville via Augusta, GA; Charlotte, NC; Jackson, TN; and Littleton, CO. In Littleton he worked for Fox Photo until it was bought out by Kodak. He came to Greenville in 1982 and opened the Overnite Photo in the K Mart Shopping Center. He became semi retired in 1995 when he turned the business over to son Randy (Randy has since closed the business). He is currently with Duffus Reality where he has been for eight years.

His interest in photography, and radio, got started by his father who was in the photography business and liked to listen to short wave radio. He can remember working in the dark room a young when seven years old and hearing hams on the radio. In the 1950's he worked as a mail carrier until he con-

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Taylor Millar, KG4SNC

## Officer elections for 2003

Elections were held at the November 12 BARC meeting and the following have been elected to serve for 2003.

### President

Dave LeMoine, KV4CN

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Mark Weil, KD4SRK

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Jeff Hardee, K4RJH

### Secretary

Taylor Millar, KG4SNC

### Treasurer

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.

## Christmas Party December 10

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its annual Christmas Party on December 10 at 6:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 at 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Covered dish meal at 7 PM, All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*Awards will be made to the BARC Ham of the year, OM of the Year, YL of the year, New Ham of the year and Elmer of the year.*

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

# Merry Christmas

## BARC VE Special Session Results

On November 23, six applicants from the BARC Ham class that recently finished took exams for the Technician Class Amateur Radio exam. They all passed with flying colors and are now waiting for their new FCC license and call signs. They are David Cox, KG4WEU, and John Manning, KG4WEV, from Grif-ton, NC, Peter Van Houten, KG4WEZ, Terry Monday, KG4WEW, Maria Weed,

KG4WEX, and Mindy Weed, KG4WEY, from Greenville. The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club congratulates and welcomes all of the new Amateur Radio operators to a great hobby.

Tom Parsons, W4TEP, VE Liaison, Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, and Dave Langley, W4YDY administered the exams. Murray Merner, K4MHM, the New Class Manager was in attendance.

## President's Corner *Dave, KV4CN*

The internet has become a tremendous asset to the amateur radio hobby. Some may have thought that it would initiate the demise of the hobby, but I feel that it has done nothing but strengthen it and assure its continued success. The amount of ham radio and electronics information available on the web is mind

boggling. If you haven't tried <http://www.eham.net>, please surf to it during your next session

on the internet. It is a great site. The leading articles usually make for great reading, but the forums are the site's real asset. Looking for information or got a question? The forums are a great place to look. I've posted requests for help with the club's donated Kenwood TS-820 radio and the Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge. Each time I have received timely, positive, and helpful advice. Check it out. I think that you won't be disappointed.

In the hobby, there is a time and a place for politics. On the radio is not (usually) the time, but a letter to your congressman expressing your support of pending legislation or the public service value of amateur radio is the time. Twice, I have written our congressman in support of pending legislation that affects amateur radio and I encourage you to do the same

(all congressmen have email links on the Congressional web site).

Thanks to everyone's effort, it has been a great year. To the outgoing officers, thanks for your hard work and time to make the club better today than yesterday, and to the incoming officers thank you for your interest in making the

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club better tomorrow that it is today. We have a lot lined up for the new year, but more on that next month.

Please remember to attend and bring your friends and family to the December dinner meeting. It's a meeting of fellowship with very little business. Hope to see you there, but if I don't; best wishes to you and your family for a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

See you at the meeting!

*73, Dave, KV4CN*

### Vanity Call Signs November 15, 2002

There are 731790 active Amateur licenses. 90.9% of hams have call signs which represent their home QTH district. 6.4% of the active call signs are HV vanity.



**Happy Birthday**

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

2	W4YBN	John Mentha
2	W4ZRA	Rick LaMonica
8	WB4SLF	Joe Melton
8	WD4JPQ	Wayne Ross
11	KG4CCX	Tod LeMoine
13	KC4RBE	June Highland
16	N8FF	Ken Graf
17	KF4MHV	Marlin Hardee
19	K4FWL	Bob Connelly
26	KG4PIL	George Smith

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

## Field Day 2002 Report

The December issue of QST has the Field Day results (page 100). BARC, W4AMC, (and GOTA station NC4PC) had: 42 participants, a total of 1,229 contacts and 4,804 points. In category 2A we were 83 out of 518 and fourth of the 14 NC stations. Great participation, execution and results. With teamwork we succeed together. - *K4MHM*

## ARRL VEC examination fee to rise

Starting January 1, 2003, the fee charged all applicants at ARRL VEC-coordinated Amateur Radio test sessions will increase from \$10 to \$12 for the year 2003. This fee is charged to anyone applying for a new amateur license or upgrading their operating privileges.

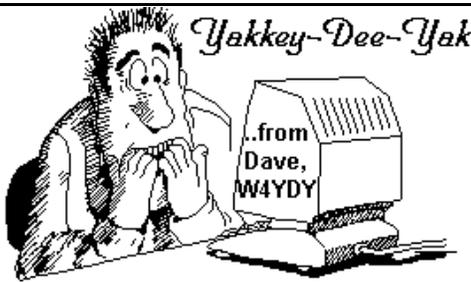
"While the number of examinees has remained relatively unchanged in the past 24 months, our cost of doing business-and the expenses incurred by ARRL VEC-continues to rise," said ARRL VEC Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ. "An adjustment was needed in the 2003 test fee if we intended to maintain the same level of service that our VEs and VE teams have come to expect."

Applicants failing an exam element at ARRL sessions where examiners permit retesting on the same exam element also must submit a retest fee of \$12. Additionally, the maximum reimbursement ARRL VEC allows ARRL volunteer examiner (VE) teams to retain to directly offset their "prudently incurred" out-of-pocket expenses will go up from \$4 to \$6 in 2003 (this fee has remained at \$4 per person served since 1991).

Jahnke said that adjusting the reimbursement level for ARRL VEs also was past due. For more information, contact ARRL VEC, [vec@arrl.org](mailto:vec@arrl.org). - *via ARRL Letter Online 11/15/02*

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*Yakkey-Dee-Yak*

## Annual Skywarn recognition day is December 7

The fourth annual SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) <<http://hamradio.noaa.gov/>> is December 7 (UTC). That's when Amateur Radio operators set up stations at National Weather Service (NWS) offices and contact other operators around the world. The event is sponsored by the ARRL and the National Weather Service.

"The purpose of the event is to recognize the vital public service contribution that Amateur Radio operators make during National Weather Service severe weather warning operations," said David Floyd, N5DBZ, warning coordination meteorologist, at the NWS Goodland, Kansas, office. "It also strengthens the bond between Amateur

Radio operators and the local National Weather Service office."

For several decades now, hams have assisted the NWS by providing real-time reports of severe weather and storm evolution. The information radio operators locate near a storm can provide plays a key role in aiding forecasters. SKYWARN operators in several states activated to spot and track an outbreak of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes November 10.

Scott Mentzer, N0QE--the meteorologist-in-charge of the NWS office in Goodland, Kansas, and the creator and annual organizer of SRD--says more than 90 stations are registered to participate, up from 80 last year. Most participating NWS stations will operate on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, and 2 meters using SSB and FM. Mentzer says a number of NWS offices will be equipped to support Internet Radio Linking Project (IRLP) stations.

All contacts will be made utilizing the General or Novice portion of the bands. Stations will exchange signal report, location and a one-word description of the current weather at their respective locations ("sunny," "partly cloudy," "windy," etc). This is not a contest, so no scoring will be computed.

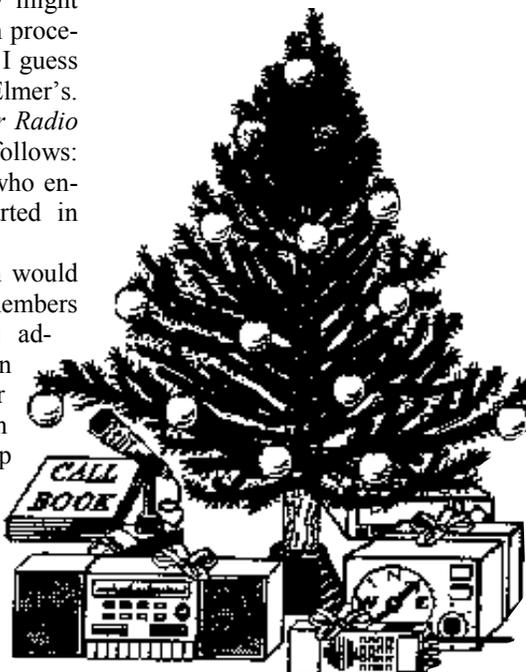
SKYWARN Recognition Day will take place December 7 from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC. Since SRD is being held on Pearl Harbor Day, each NWS office will transmit a special message from approximately 1800 to 1900 UTC--approximately the time of the Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, attack on December 7, 1941--to honor the World War II veterans.

The deadline to register an NWS site is December 1. Contact Mentzer to register: [scott.mentzer@noaa.gov](mailto:scott.mentzer@noaa.gov). Complete information is available on the 2002 SKYWARN Recognition Day Web site <<http://hamradio.noaa.gov/>>. - via ARRL Letter Online 11/22/02

**B**ernie Nobles, WA4MOK, suggested a committee for club members to assist new hams just getting their license. Many of the new hams that have completed the BARC license classes know more of the requirement to get the license but when it comes to the practical stuff, there is still some learning to do. Due to the limitations of the classes, not much time is spent on that area of Amateur Radio. They may need some help on type and operation of equipment they might require for their interest, operation procedures, antenna requirements, etc. I guess this would be a committee of Elmer's. The *ARRL Handbook for Amateur Radio Operators* defines an Elmer as follows: "A traditional term for someone who enjoys helping newcomers get started in ham radio on a one-to-one basis."

A committee chairperson would need to compile a list of BARC members with phone numbers and email addresses who would be interested in assisting newcomers with their questions. The list would contain the areas that the Elmer could help with, such as antennas, VHF, HF, transceivers, net operations, etc. The list could be printed in *Ham Chatter* several times a year and also be given to new ham class students. If anyone is interested in chairing the committee, please let BARC President Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, know. Does anyone have a suggestion for a chairperson????

We look forward to seeing everyone at the BARC Christmas party and



hope everyone has a very nice holiday with their Christmas tree surrounded by lots of presents like the one above! - W4YDY



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## Ohio Ham suspended following repeater interference

An Ohio amateur accused of interfering with a local repeater system has agreed to stay off the air for one year. FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth notified Gary R. Weiler, KI8DI, of Loveland by letter October 22 to confirm the voluntary license suspension.

"The interference consisted of sound effects, harassment and unidentified communications," Hollingsworth said in his letter. In late September, Hollingsworth had served Weiler with a Warning Notice citing monitoring information alleging that on several occasions since last March Weiler had "deliberately interfered" with the K8CLA repeater in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Warning Notice also threatened him with enforcement action up to and including a fine of up to \$7500 and revocation of his amateur license.

Hollingsworth credited the Cincinnati Amateur Radio Club with helping to pin down the source of the interference to Weiler's location. In his reply September 30, Hollingsworth said, Weiler owned up to the infractions and said they'd involved a personal dispute of some kind. "He said he realized he shouldn't have done it," Hollingsworth said.

After reviewing his reply, Hollingsworth said Weiler agreed to the proposed one-year suspension, during which he will not maintain an Amateur Radio station. FCC said the suspension will end at midnight October 30, 2003, and that Weiler's amateur license would be returned automatically on or before that date.

On October 24, Hollingsworth issued a welcome reminder to Danny A. Kenwood, WA6CNQ, of San Francisco. In November 2000, Kenwood agreed to a modification of his ham ticket that prohibited all but CW operation below 30 MHz for two years. It was not the first FCC sanction Kenwood had endured. In the fall of 1999, Kenwood lost his VHF and UHF privileges for 90 days following allegations of profanity, obscenity and deliberate interference directed at users of the K7IJ Grizzly Peak repeater, and of

## RC-03 Conference preparatory meeting under way

The Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) for next year's World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-03) opened in Geneva, Switzerland November 18. Some 1000 delegates are attending the worldwide gathering.

"The objective of the CPM is to approve a 500-page CPM Report to WRC-03 that will provide a technical basis for consideration of administrations' proposals for changes in the international Radio Regulations," explained ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ. Sumner is attending in his role as International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) secretary. He says 174 "input documents" to the CPM offer comments on the existing draft CPM Report text and propose additions, deletions, and changes.

Chairing the CPM is Germany's Eberhard George, DL7IH. At the day-long opening plenary, George and the chairpersons of the various working groups provided an overview of the meeting's structure and the major issues facing WRC-03.

"Several of the working group chairs were quite candid in their remarks," Sumner said. "Music to many ears including amateurs' was the assessment by New Zealand's Alan Jamieson regarding so-called little LEOs--mobile satellites operating below 1 GHz." According to Sumner, Jamieson said there was no congestion in their existing bands,

failure to properly identify.

In the spring of 2000, the FCC issued Kenwood a Warning Notice on the basis of reports from the K7IJ repeater system control operator that the repeater had to be shut down due to what Hollingsworth called Kenwood's "interference and harassment to other operators on the repeater system." Kenwood subsequently agreed to the HF CW-only sanction. The modification of Kenwood's General license expires December 1. - *Via ARRL Letter Online 11/8/02*

and sharing studies had been unfavorable. Sumner predicted that the likely outcome at WRC-03 would be the suppression of an existing Resolution that invites sharing studies on the basis of an "urgent need" that no longer exists.

A thornier issue is 7-MHz "harmonization." The IARU backs a 300-kHz worldwide allocation in the vicinity of 7 MHz. "At this stage, we have six methods to address the agenda item," Sumner said--

including no change in the status quo. The item is in Working Group 5 (WG5) "We can't say for sure that the six methods will be in the CPM Report until WG5 takes another pass at the revised draft text and it's approved in plenary." That's not supposed to happen until next week.

Substantive work of the CPM will be wrapped up November 28--Thanksgiving in the US, but just another work day in Geneva.

In addition to Sumner, those representing the IARU at the CPM include President Larry Price, W4RA, and Region 1 Executive Committee member Wojciech Nietyksza, SP5FM. IARU Vice President David Wardlaw, VK3ADW, is on the Australian delegation and ARRL Technical Relations Manager Paul Rinaldo, W4RI, is on the US delegation.

Several other amateurs are on their national delegations, either to represent the amateur services or in professional capacities. - *via ARRL Letter Online 11/22/02*

## A thornier issue is 7-MHz "harmonization."

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If someone had submitted some copy for *Ham Chatter*, this space would have been filled! Send in your Amateur Radio activities or thoughts.

## Meet the Member - Taylor Millar, KG4SNC

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tracted polio. He was laid up for six months and became a mail clerk. In 1958 he started in the photography business. In the 1960's when in Durham he got into Citizens' Band Radio; got active in a club and while working only five watts, was able to work stateside and DX using a tube type radio which he still has.

He got his Technician Class license in April, 2000 as a graduate of a BARC course. He still thinks of the miracle of a "voice traveling through the air." He is working on the Morse code and later the General license. While currently restricted to VHF/UHF he gets on two meters at home and mobile. He intends to get into DX and ARES. His equipment consists of a 2/440 Icom HT give to him by his brother, John, N4JTM who also gave him an Icom HF rig. (Want to trade brothers?) He has a mobile 2/440 mobile rig for the car which he hasn't set up yet.

Taylor served in the Navy Reserve for five years. He was in the quarter master corps where, among other things, he was a helmsman and a telephone talker. (Ask him how he taught his ship to eat sand!) He also did semaphore, but regrets that he was not able to get training in blinking light.

Taylor and Billie have been married for 49 years. They graduated from high school together in 1953. They have two children: Randy who now teaches at

Epps Middle School and Doug who is a missionary currently in Mexico. They have no interest in Amateur Radio, yet.

Taylor's other interests include: the Greenville Police Community Relations Committee with a tenure of three years; digital photography, the Emanuel Baptist Church (choir, Deacon and web master); and serving on the Board of the Brook Ridge Neighborhood Association.

Taylor has had a long time interest in Amateur Radio and got interested enough to take the course and get his Technician license. He is getting involved in BARC by serving as Secretary. We welcome Taylor's contribution and his easy going personality. Maybe he'll be able to convince Randy and Doug to get interested too. - *K4MHM*

## New Executive Committee.

We have a new Executive Committee. Our custom is to make sure a Meet the Member interview is done on each one. Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, was interviewed January, 2001; John McCoy, K4KBB, was interviewed April, 1998; Mike Langley, KD4MTT, was interviewed July, 1998, and Jeff Hardee, K4RJH, was interviewed on October, 2001. Mark Weil, KD4SRK and Richard Campbell, KG4SNE, will be interviewed. Taylor Millar, KG4SNC, is this month's featured BARC club member. - *K4MHM*

## No comments filed on multiple vanity applications petition

A Petition for Rulemaking put on public notice (RM-10582) by the FCC in late September that asked the Commission to consider only one vanity call sign application per applicant per call sign attracted no comments. The period for comments ended in late October. The application, filed by Marvin Edwards, K4BWC, Frank Lynch, W4FAL and Norman Young Jr, KA4PUV, sought either a change in Part 97 Amateur Radio Service rules or modification of the FCC's current vanity call sign policy. FCC rules do provide for filing comments beyond the filing deadline, but commenters must justify the reason for late filing. The petitioners said that permitting multiple applications from the same applicant for the same call sign "has created a de facto lottery" that favors applicants who can afford to pay multiple application fees (now \$14.50 per application and refundable if the call sign is not granted) and put applicants unable to do so at "a distinct disadvantage." The petitioners also cited specific instances where the winners of particular call signs had filed as many as 30 separate applications. By dismissing all applications after an initial vanity request for a given call sign, the FCC "would permit every licensed amateur competing for an available call to have an equal chance of having that call granted," the petitioners concluded. - *via ARRL Letter Online 11/8/02*

## 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, w4tep@arrl.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*

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## BARC Monthly Minutes - November 2002

BARC Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 12, 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.

**PUBLICITY:** Pat Williams, KG4NSC, reported that notices about our monthly meetings are being published in the *Daily Reflector*.

**VE SESSION:** Tom Parsons, W4TEP, reported that there will be a special VE session at 9 am on November 23 at St. Peters. The next regularly scheduled VE session will be Friday, December 13.

**HAM CLASS:** Murray Merner, K4MHM, reported that the final class for this session is this Saturday.

**ARES:** Byron Highland, K4BMH, discussed signing up on the EOC Yahoo Group.

**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:** Kits are still available and can be purchased at the next meeting.

**FIELD DAY RESULTS:** Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, reported that we finished in the top third of our category.

### NEW BUSINESS

**BENSON HAMFEST:** This Sunday.

**VOA SPECIAL EVENT:** The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Greenville Transmission station will be celebrated on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Site C is proposed as the location for this special event. Eric

Kehew volunteered to work with BARC on this event. Pat Williams, KG4NSC, will publish information in QST. Bryon Weil, KG4UAZ, volunteered to lead the committee. The hours of the event are suggested to be 8 am to 5 pm.

**BSA RADIO MERIT BADGE:** The merit badge will be presented from 10 am to Noon on January 18, February 1 and February 15. A committee needs to be formed.

**DECEMBER HOLIDAY MEETING:** The December meeting will be held at 6:30 pm. It is a potluck where everyone brings a dish to share. The club provides paper goods, drinks, ice and table decorations. New officers will be sworn in at this meeting.

**RED CROSS:** Tom Parsons, W4TEP, purchased a manual that goes with the radio donated earlier in the year to the Red Cross. It was a unanimous vote to reimburse Tom the \$ 21.00 that he paid for the manual.

**BOARD MEETING:** The next board meeting will be on November 26 at 7:30 pm at Mike's Marine. All members are invited.

**OPERATION SANTA CLAUS:** Murray Merner, K4MHM, will check into times that will be available at the hospital.

**ELECTION RESULTS:** Ballots were handed out and the new board was unanimously voted in. The following members make up the new board of directors:

PRESIDENT	Dave LeMoine	KV4CN
1 <sup>st</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT	Mark Weil	KD4SRK
2 <sup>nd</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT	Jeff Hardee	K4RJH
Secretary	Taylor Millar	KG4SNC
Treasurer	John McCoy	K4KBB
1 year trustee	Mike Langley	KD4MTT
2 year trustee	Richard Campbell	KG4SNE

Meeting was closed.  
Respectfully submitted,

**Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW**

## BARC Board Minutes - November 2002

BARC Board Meeting: November 26, 2002

Present: Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, Dave Langley, W4YDY, John McCoy, K4KBB, Pat Williams, KG4NSC, Mike Langley, KD4MTT, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, Bonnie Pulver KG4CZW, and Taylor Millar, KG4SNC.

**VOA SPECIAL EVENT:** There will be a special event February 8, 2003 to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VOA in Greenville. The committee chairman is Bryan Weil, KG4UAZ. The rhombic may be repaired by VOA personnel be-

fore the special event for BARC's use.

**HAM CHATTER:** Dave Langley, W4YDY, reported that money has been saved this year for BARC by not mailing as many newsletters. More members are electing to receive their newsletter by downloading it from the website. Money has also been saved because our printing has been donated.

**RADIO CLASS:** Six students finished the class and passed the exam. All students will be invited to join us at the December meeting.

**BOY SCOUTS MERIT BADGES:** Boy Scout merit badge classes will be held at

Pitt Community College from 10 am to Noon on 01/18/03, 02/01/03 & 02/15/03. We are in need of instructors for these sessions.

**DECEMBER MEETING:** Coordination for the December meeting was discussed. The meeting will be at 6:30 pm instead of 7:30 pm and will be our annual Holiday Potluck Dinner.

**PROJECT SANTA CLAUS:** At least 4 people will be needed to make this event successful. The date will be announced on the weekly BARC net on Monday evenings at 8 pm and at the December

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# Ham Ads

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

**For Sale:**

Mosley TA-33 HF Beam. 10, 15, 20 and 40 meters. 3 elements with 40 meter extension. \$200.

Wayne, WD4JPQ, 756-7719

**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](mailto:dawsonw@mail.ecu.edu).

**Wanted:**

Two or three 10 foot sections of Rohn 25G tower, used or new. Hollis Thigpen, KC3X, Snow Hill. Ph: (252) 747-3282. Email: [hthigpen@icomnet.com](mailto:hthigpen@icomnet.com)

## November Board Meeting

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meeting. Volunteers are being called for. **ELMER COMMITTEE:** The possibility of starting an Elmer Committee was discussed. The purpose will be to mentor new hams. Anyone interested in this should contact one of the Board members.

Respectfully submitted,

**Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW**

## DXCC Legend Bob White, W1CW, SK

Former ARRL Headquarters staff member Bob White, W1CW, died November 22 in Florida from complications arising from pneumonia. He was 83. White was an ARRL Life Member and had belonged to the League for 62 years.

Known to many as "Mr DXCC," White was the manager of the ARRL's DX Century Club program from 1952 until 1976, establishing the award--and its stringent standards--as Amateur Radio's premier DX achievement. White codified the rules for the DXCC program and oversaw the checking of some 250,000 QSL cards submitted yearly, often working as many as 90 hours a week to ensure that the job got done right. White also oversaw the ARRL QSL Service from 1976 until 1978.

"Dad was the guy who made DXCC what it was," said White's son, Jim White, K4OJ, in a posting to the CQ Contest reflector. "He didn't cut any corners--everyone was held to the same high standard--and this is what made holding DXCC meaningful."

Introduced to Amateur Radio in his youth by his stepfather, Gordon Brown, W6APG, White was first licensed in 1938. He served as a radio operator in the US Navy during World War II.

White was an avid DXer, con-tester and CW enthusiast whose fist was familiar to thousands of hams. Active in the First-Class CW Operators' Club, White was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 1998. He also was a member of the A1 Operator Club.

Survivors include his wife Ellen, W1YL, and his son Jim, K4OJ, both former ARRL staff members. - *via ARRL Letter Online 11/22/02*

## Congress adjourns

HR 4720 expires without action: The US House of Representatives officially adjourned for the year November 22 at 2:33 PM. The US Senate wrapped up its business earlier this week, so the 107th Congress is officially in the books. With adjournment go any hopes of passage of HR 4720, the CC&R bill introduced by New York Democrat Steve Israel earlier in the year. ARRL members are requested to wait until a new CC&R bill--with a new bill number--is introduced in the next session of Congress before seeking cosponsorship support from members of Congress. - *via ARRL Letter Online 11/22/02*

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- ◆ 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.

### HF

- ◆ 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*

Dec 7. ....	ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest	Feb 8-9 . . . . .	CQ/RJ WPX RTTY Contest
Dec 10. ....	<b>BARC Christmas Party</b>	Feb 11. ....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Dec 13. ....	BARC VE Session	Feb 15-16 . . . . .	ARRL CW DX Contest
Dec 14. ....	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	Feb 22-23 . . . . .	CQ WW SSB 160M Contest
Dec 30* . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b> (*Monday)	Feb 25. ....	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Jan 1. ....	ARRL Straight Key Night	Mar 1. ....	<i>Ham Chatter Deadline</i>
Jan 4. ....	<i>Ham Chatter Deadline</i>	March 1-2 . . . . .	ARRL SSB DX Contest
Jan 4-5 . . . . .	ARRL RTTY Roundup	Mar 11. ....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Jan 14. ....	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Mar 25. ....	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Jan 18-19 . . . . .	ARRL VHF Sweepstakes	Mar 29. ....	<i>Ham Chatter Deadline</i>
Jan 25-26 . . . . .	CQ WW CW 160M Contest	Mar 29-30 . . . . .	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest
Jan 28. ....	<b>Board Meeting</b>		
Feb 1. ....	Ham Chatter Deadline		

**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  
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