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## Meet the Member, Charlie Ingle, KI4DEE



### Charlie Ingle, KI4DEE

When he was a boy, Charlie Ingle, KI4DEE, enjoyed listening to evening AM radio broadcasts. Now, not only does he enjoy listening to the airwaves, but using them to talk to others across the U.S. and the world, particularly on HF.

Charlie, a native of Newton, N. C. remembers being able to pick up station WOWO in Fort Wayne, Ind. He grew up building short distance FM transmitters. In 2003 David Cox, KG4WEU, helped Charlie get involved in Amateur

Radio, encouraging him and letting him borrow equipment.

In November 2003 Charlie got his first ham ticket, and in March 2007 he upgraded to a General license.

Included in his equipment are a Kenwood TS 50, LDG AT100 PRO auto-tuner and G5RV dipole. For mobile use he has a Alinco DR605 dual band radio.

In addition to working HF Charlie still enjoys listening to AM and 2-meter.

He works as a physical therapist and runs a clinic in Kinston for Novacare, a division of Select Medical. He specializes in lymphedema but treats clients from babies to geriatrics for sport and other injuries.

He has degrees in Biology and physical therapy.

Charlie lives in Grifton with his wife of 18 years, Pam, and kids, 15-year-old Megan and 13-year-old Jared.

He's a scoutmaster, a job that unfortunately has kept him from Field Day in the past. Charlie also enjoys the outdoors and counts hunting, fishing, camping and boating among his hobbies. - Amanda Karr, KI4IWS

## Next Meeting June 12

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, June 12 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville.*

*The program will be about Field Day preparations by Murray Merner, K4MHM. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*The next board meeting will be June 26 at 7:30 PM at 631 Dickinson Avenue - entrance at back of the building. All members invited.*

## Ham Chatter Associate Editor leaving

Amanda Karr, KI4IWS, is moving to Virginia to attend William & Mary College.

Amanda and Eric Christensen, KF4OTN, will be married in August. They are in the process of buying a home in Virginia.



Amanda has been the Ham Chatter Associate Editor since December 2005. She has written several articles and the monthly column, Meet the Member. In Greenville, she was a reporter for The Daily Reflector, Greenville's daily newspaper. Her primary duties were reporting on Pitt County government activities.

BARC wishes her good luck on her new endeavors.

## It's That Time of Year Again

(Jun 1, 2007) -- The 2007 Atlantic hurricane season officially began today and runs through the end of November. The National Hurricane Center (NHC) in Miami is the focal point for hurricane predictions and advisories once a storm is identified. Information on the storm is gathered from a variety of sources, one being Amateur Radio. When a hurricane comes within

300 miles of landfall, the Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) generally is activated. HWN is not a "check-in" net, and checking in from outside of the affected area is strongly discouraged. HWN is also not a health and welfare traffic. When there is a named storm, feel free to tune to 14.325 and listen, but please don't transmit unless you have good reason. More information at <http://www.arrl.org/?artid=7494>.

## President's Corner, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV



It's that time of the year again when our attention turns to Field Day. While Murray, K4MHM and Terry, K4ZYD

are busy putting the finishing touches on Field Day preparations, I want to talk about the other item we start focusing on in this time of the year – the upcoming hurricane season.

Last year, both Dr. Gray's team and NOAA predicted a very busy season. The prediction of 17 named storms, 9 hurricanes and 5 major hurricanes (category 3 or higher). The actual numbers ended up at 10, 5 and 2. Although this is an average year, it felt like a below average year. This is because we have grown used to the above average years we have experienced over the past decade.

This year the forecast again calls for 17 named storms, 9 hurricanes and 5 major hurricanes. Only time will tell if this is any more accurate than last years forecast. So far, it is off to a fast start as we have already had 2 named storms.

This means that the time to start making your preparations is now, not when

the storm gets a name and starts in our direction. Last year in the Gulf, we saw all too well what can happen when personal preparedness is ignored, put off, or worse - left to the government.

With any luck, we will have another year like the past three years. However, this could be the year that the law of averages catches up with us. If it is, let's be ready.

*Dave Pulver, KG4CZV*

## W4AMC.COM

The BARC web site is updated often with late breaking news and updated web pages. Check out the *What's New* page to see what the latest updates are.

Since the web site was moved to a new server with our own domain name, the traffic has doubled from the old site. The main reason is that web pages load ten times faster on the new site and we were also able to add videos of BARC activities. The old site got about 200 visitors a month but now gets about 400 on average.

If you don't have a particular home page set up on your web browser, set up your startup page on your browser to <http://www.w4amc.com/>. Then you can see the latest about BARC every time you start your browser. - W4YDY

## Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **June 15**. 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](mailto:w4tep@arrl.net). Please bring the following:

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- ◆ Original Amateur Radio License
- ◆ Copy of Amateur Radio License
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- ◆ Copy of CSCE
- ◆ Test fee is \$14.00
- ◆ Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.

Be sure to bring **copies** of your Amateur Radio license and / or CSCE if upgrading.

## NC ARES Internet

<http://www.ncarrl.org/ares/>



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**Happy Birthday**

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

- 5 KI4BNM Wilfred Cooper
- 11 WA4SLD Bill Dawson
- 14 K4MI Jack Kear
- 17 K4IDD Gerald Clayton
- 24 K4KCS Paul Copland
- 27 KG4SNE Richard Campbell

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

## Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

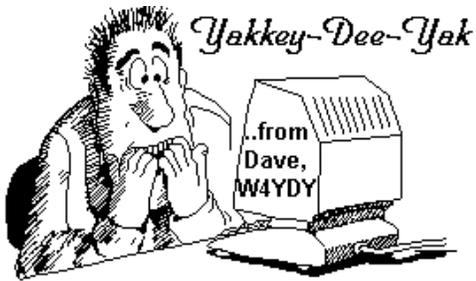
**Gail**, wife of Mac Manning, KD4AFL

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## Greenville repeaters on 147.09 and 145.35 permanently off the air!

That's shocking news! And it could happen if they are not financially supported.

In the April issue of Ham Chatter, there was an article about the history of the repeaters and a request to support them. So far, it has been reported that just a few hams came through and made

donations, but just enough to pay for the insurance required for a year. But there is still maintenance and repair costs. Everyone that uses VHF and/or UHF repeaters should support a repeater association or Amateur Radio club that operates repeaters. Since BARC does not have a repeater, it only seems fitting to donate to the Pitt County Repeater Association if you live in the Pitt County area and use VHF/UHF repeaters.

I got on 2 meters over 35 years ago and I have supported through repeater associations donations and/or a club in the areas that I have lived. That has been in Raleigh, Oklahoma City, Hickory and Greenville. While in Raleigh, I also supported the ENC repeater on the Grifton tower. In Hickory, I also joined the Wilkesboro radio club to help support their repeater since the Hickory repeater was not financed via a club or association.

If it wasn't for the repeater associations and local clubs, there would be very few on the air. Only hams with deep pockets could afford to keep repeaters on the air.

Donations for the Greenville repeaters can be sent to PCRA, 1401 E. Wright Road, Greenville, NC 27858. We don't want to see a headline like the one at the beginning of this article that turns out to be true!

It's June and time for Field Day on the fourth weekend of the month. Big plans are in the works for another successful Field Day operation by BARC. Murray Merner, K4MHM and Terry Monday, K4ZYD, have spent a lot of time making plans and getting support from club members. If you haven't been to a BARC Field Day, you have missed a great time of fellowship, operating, education and good food! Help out when you are called on. CU there! - W4YDY

## ARRL Files Federal Appeals Court Brief in Petition for Review of BPL Rules

The ARRL has filed a federal appeals court brief outlining its case and requesting oral arguments in its petition for review of the FCC's broadband over power line (BPL) rules. The League has petitioned the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit to review the FCC's October 2004 Report and Order (R&O) in ET Docket 04-37 and its 2006 Memorandum Opinion and Order. In its brief filed May 17, the ARRL contends, among other things, that the FCC's actions in adopting rules to govern unlicensed BPL systems fundamentally alter the longstanding rights of radio spectrum licensees, including Amateur Radio operators.

"For the first time ever, the FCC has permitted new unlicensed devices to operate in spectrum bands already occupied by licensees, even if the unlicensed operations cause harmful interference to the licensees," the League said in stating its case. "The orders under review reverse nearly seven decades of consistent statutory interpretation and upset the settled expectations of licensees without so much as acknowledging the reversal, let alone justifying it."

The ARRL argues that the FCC's approach to adopting rules to govern BPL flies in the face of Section 301 of the Communications Act, which re-

quires that operators of devices that emit radio frequency energy first obtain an FCC license. "For years, the FCC has consistently read Section 301 to apply to unintentional radiators, such as BPL devices, and has expressly embodied that interpretation in its rules," the League's brief recounts.

The Commission then compounded its error by asserting that BPL devices do not fall within Section 301 at all, the League said.

The ARRL contends that the FCC orders under review "jeopardize the license rights of ARRL's members and other license holders by authorizing providers of a new device -- Access Broadband over Power Lines, or 'BPL' -- to send radio signals across the electric grid in the frequencies the license holders occupy, but without having to obtain an FCC license."

The League's brief further asserts that the FCC "has failed to discuss or disclose significant information in the record that potentially contradicts its key interference findings." The Commission not only withheld its internal studies until it was too late to comment, the ARRL alleges, but has yet to release portions of studies that may not support its own conclusions.

The ARRL wants the appeals court to determine if the Commission acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner for not disclosing "significant information that potentially contradicts its key interference finding," the League said in its brief.

The League also has taken issue with what it argues is the FCC's "arbitrary and capricious" adoption of a BPL emission measurement standard that's unsupported by the record in the proceeding and ignores contrary evidence.

The ARRL brief asserts that, for the first time ever, the FCC "has authorized the operation of unlicensed devices that it concedes interfere with licensed devices" and has declared that such devices "may continue operating even where proven to cause interference."

The FCC, ARRL contends, has concluded that BPL's acknowledged interference risks are manageable, but it bases that conclusion -- which ARRL calls "the linchpin of the challenged orders" -- on FCC studies the Commission has declined to make public in unedited form.

The FCC's response to the League's brief is due July 2. - *via ARRL Bulletin 15 5/30/07*

## 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."

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## Field Day is June 23 and 24 this year and WE NEED YOU.

Terry Monday, K4ZYD, and I have got our team leaders in place. Last year during our critiques it was advised to start earlier and contain a learning component so others would learn what to do. Our Primary Team Leader is usually the more experienced ham and the Secondary Team Leader to back up the primary and to learn that part of the Field Day operation.

Our team leaders are: **Site** - Mike Langley, KD4MTT, (Primary), Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, (Secondary); **Electrical** - Richard Campbell, KG4SNE, (Primary); **Operators** - Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, (Primary), Paul Copeland, K4KCS, (Secondary), Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, (Secondary); **Loggers** - Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, (Primary), John Prokop, N8MPX, (Secondary); **Radios** - Bob Moore, N4USB, (Primary), Terry Monday, K4ZYD, (Secondary); **Safety and First Aid** - Dan Drake, W4ISO, (Primary), Richard Cox, K4CRD, (Secondary); **Food** - Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, (Primary), John McCoy, K4KBB, (Secondary); **Antennas** - Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, (Primary), Joel Muhaluk, KI4LMY, (Secondary); **GOTA station** - David Cox, KG4WEU, (Primary); **Public Information** - Part Williams, KG4NSC, (Primary), Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, (Secondary), **Liaison** - Dave Pulver, KG4CZV. Our thanks to you all.

Our location is the same as last year: on Arlington Blvd. beside the Wendy's just off Fire Tower Road.

Field Day is not just about points; it is about effort too. The effort to do the best we can. The points are only one manifestation of the effort we have made. To tell you the truth, I don't remember the points we got last year, but I do remember the efforts made to have a successful Field Day. That effort that led us to: getting to know somebody a lot



better; working as a team to get things done; learning something new or operating a new piece of equipment; experiencing the sense of fellowship at supper. There are many more and maybe some are unique to you. All this was a result of coming together at the last full weekend of last June to participate in Field Day. This year we need the muscle, skill and knowledge of each BARC member to

make this Field Day a success - no matter how **you** measure it.

This is also a demonstration of our ability to respond to an emergency and make something out of nothing - taking a vacant lot and making a communications center out of it where we can talk across the state, the country and the world. Most times, Amateur Radio is a hobby or an activity or even a reason to socialize. During an emergency Amateur Radio is a service. Field Day is then a test of our ability and commitment to prepare our selves for when that need to serve arises. Support our Team Leaders let them know how, and when, you can help.

This is the single biggest event of the year for Amateur Radio and BARC - come be apart of it.

Involvement, Training, Camaraderie,  
Fun, Competition

Murray Merner, K4MHM  
Field Day Co-Coordinator

*Editor's note:* Last year's points were QSO points: 974 (CW QSOs: 468 points; Phone QSOs: 498 points; Digital QSOs: 8 points). With the power multiplier of 2, our QSO score is: 1948. Bonus points add another 1270 points. Grand total **3218** points. - *W4YDY*

### QCWA, Newsline to collaborate in mentoring program ARRL congratulates centenarian

The Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) <<http://www.qcwa.org>> and Amateur Radio Newsline (ARNewsline) <<http://www.arnewsline.org>> have joined forces in cosponsoring the Roy Neal, K6DUE, Amateur Radio Mentoring Program. ARNewsline launched the post-licensing educational service in 2004. It's designed to pair newcomers with veteran radio amateurs who can share their skill and experience. "Amateur Radio is a tremendously complex arena", says Newsline Executive Producer Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF. "We have hams who are truly experts in numerous fields [and] we want to take advantage of that talent pool to help educate the next generation of operators and generations to

follow."

The collaboration with QCWA makes thousands of veteran radio amateurs available as potential mentors -- each with at least 25 years of experience in the hobby. QCWA President John B. Johnston, W3BE, called the arrangement "a good deal for all of Amateur Radio." A retired FCC employee and Dayton Radio Amateur of the Year, Johnston says he believes that it is important to keep ham radio traditions alive. ARNewsline and the QCWA are now seeking both new radio amateurs and potential QCWA mentors -- or Elmers. E-mail <[mentor@arnewsline.org](mailto:mentor@arnewsline.org)> your name, call sign, address with ZIP code, telephone number and a convenient time to call. *Online 5/17/07*

: The ARRL has extended its congratulations to League member Harvey Baalke, W9HNX, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, who celebrated his 100th birthday March 23. Wrote ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, on the League's behalf: "I seldom have the privilege of writing to an ARRL member on the occasion of their 100th birthday! Please accept belated congratulations on behalf of the Board, staff and your fellow members of the ARRL. I know you have seen many changes since you were first licensed. One thing that has not changed is the unique camaraderie among radio amateurs of different generations and cultures. Best wishes from the worldwide Amateur Radio community. Sincere 73." Baalke first joined the ARRL in 1936. - *via ARRL*

# BARC Meeting Minutes - May 2007

## Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club Membership Meeting Minutes VFW Hall, May 8, 2007

**Call to Order:** President Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, called the meeting to order at 1930 hours.

There were 24 members present and are listed in the roll book.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the BARC membership meeting on April 16, 2007 and Board Meeting of April 24, 2007 were accepted as published in the May 2007 Ham Chatter.

**Secretary's Report:** No report.

**Treasure's Report:** Richard Cox, K4CRD, gave the report. Further information is available to members upon request.

**Health and Welfare:** Rose Mary Turnage wife of Burnice Turnage, W4SLD, is ill. Paul Copeland, K4KCS, was welcomed back after his operation.

**Ham Chatter:** Dave Langley, W4YDY, noted that there are pictures and video of the Boy Scout Camporee attend by him and Murray Merner, K4MHM. He requested pictures of the Dogwood Festival. The number of hits on the BARC web site have been increasing with April being the second highest month ever.

**Publicity:** No report.

**Volunteer Examiners:** The last VE session was 4/13 and had 2 candidates. Each upgraded to General Class and Frank Silverthorne, KI4URY, joined BARC. The next regular VE session will be Friday June 15 at St Peter's School at 18:30 hours.

**Equipment:** The reconfigured trailer worked well at the Dogwood Festival. There is no need to work on the trailer before Field Day. There is a need for more power ports. Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, and Richard Cox are to purchase the rotator equipment that was approved at the last meeting.

**State ARES:** Bernie Nobles made note of the passage of NC House Bill 1340. The vote was 115 to 0. This bill prevents the prohibition of towers of  $\leq 90$  feet high. The legislative effort was spearheaded by Hamilton "Ham" Hicks, KB4BR, and Rep. Danny McComas (New Hanover). It now goes before the

Senate.

Bernie, and Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, attended the Hurricane Expo in Elizabeth City and had a display there. Jeff Orrock from the National Weather Service in Raleigh and Bill Proenza, Director of the National Hurricane Center were there. Bill commented on the value of Amateur Radio during the times of weather disasters.

Bernie also announced the State Emergency Sections 1 and 2 meeting in Columbia 10:30 hours on 5/12.

There is to be a hurricane drill Wednesday 5/9 at Pamlico ARES starting at 19:30 hours frequencies are 3.923 MHz and 440 linking system will be activated.

**Pitt County ARES:** Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, has had e-mail communication with Jamie King, KJ4JK regarding a simulated call via the Carolina 400 linked system.

June 1 is the official start of hurricane season and this will kick off a number of drills – some will be table top exercises using hurricane scenarios

**Old Business:** The sale of the raffle tickets was a financial success.

### **Announcements:**

Dave Pulver noted that the MS Walk on 14 April, the Dogwood Festival and Boy Scout Camporee the weekend of 4/28 were all a success.

Pat Williams, KG4NSC, thanked everyone who helped take down Jeff Hardee's, K4RJH, (SK) tower last Wednesday.

Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, announced the Roanoke Swap Fest in Williamston on 5/15. Bill has tickets.

Byron Highland, K4BMH, announced that he had been approached by Melanie Staples of the March of Dimes to see if BARC could help with their 5K run. It appeared if many members were going to be out of town and attending the meeting in Columbia, It was with regret that the request was not able to be acted on and more advance notice was suggested.

Bob Moore, N4USB, suggested that the BARC e-mail reflector could be used to announce such things as the House vote on Bill 1340, the Elizabeth

City Hurricane Expo, etc. It was also suggested that the PIO (Pat Williams) also be one of the people who can put notices on the reflector.

Clarification was sought on the status of the Red Cross background checks. It was pointed out that we are not Red Cross volunteers – we are ARES members and are activated by Pitt County Emergency Management. Also apparently we can operate for 7 days without the need for a check.

An interest in a new ham class was expressed. One is being considered for this fall. There was also an expressed interest in an Elmer Class especially since many have upgraded and now have HF privileges.

### **New Business:**

Dave Pulver announced that the Board had discussed the need to have someone in BARC who was responsible (with the family's permission) to notify QST of an SK. The Board decided to have the Second Vice-President do that.

### **Program:**

Murray Merner announced that most of the leadership positions for Field Day have been filled and encouraged participation. The program next meeting will be Field Day.

Peter VanHouten, KG4WEZ, and Paul Fletcher gave a demonstration on Winlink

### **50 / 50 Drawing:**

**Adjourn:** Dave Pulver adjourned the meeting at 2100 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Murray Merner, K4MHM*

## Lunch meetings

Every week usually on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, several get together for lunch between 12 and 1 PM somewhere in Greenville. For several days, an announcement is made on the hour on the 145.35 repeater of the time and place of the lunch. Also, an email is sent to those that might be interested. Contact Terry Zipes, W4RCN, [w4rcn@embarqmail.com](mailto:w4rcn@embarqmail.com) to get on his notification list. - W4YDY

## BARC Board Minutes - May 2007

**Brightleaf Amateur Radio club  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 28, 2007**

**Call to Order:** at 19:30 by President Dave Pulver, KG4CZV.

**Others in Attendance:** Dave Langley, W4YDY; Taylor Millar, W4WTN; John McCoy, K4KBB; Pat Williams, KG4NSC; Murray Merner, K4MHM; Terry Monday, K4ZYD; Mike Langley, KD4MTT.

**Treasurer Report:** by Dave Pulver: Report was made and handed out

**Health and Welfare:** No known health and welfare needs were noted.

**Programs:** by Taylor Millar:

- June – Field Day – Murray Merner and Terry Monday
- July – Disaster preparedness – Mike Langley
- Tarheel Antennas – Robert Young

Taylor is working on several ideas including Pitt County Repeater Association, hospital disaster SMAT, Oakwood School Amateur Radio Society, emergency preparedness, Pitt County Emergency Management, Paul Catrou, WA4MTX, on QRP.

**Ham Chatter Report:** by Dave Langley: He noted that Amanda Karr is leaving with Eric Christenson for Virginia so he will be losing a reporter.

**Equipment Report:** by Mike Langley: No equipment issues. Rotators have been ordered. Cables still need to be purchased

**Secretary's Report:** by Murray Merner: No Report

**Old Business:**

- Concern was expressed over being able to control spending and not deplete our treasury. It was agreed that a policy for purchasing non-budgeted items be tabled for a future Board meeting.

- BARC's expressions of sympathy will be a card.

- Field Day 6/23 and 6/24: Terry and Murray noted that the team leadership has been put in place. Terry displayed a post card to send to inactive members to get them to participate. Mike has been working on confirming the site, but it still has not been finalized.

**New Business:** No new business was discussed.

**Announcements:** No announcements were made.

Adjourned at 20:30

Respectfully submitted by

*Murray Merner, K4MHM*

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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.
- ♦ Wilson Amateur Radio Club Net, Monday 2000 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 Ahoskie 145.13, Buxton 145.15, Columbia 146.835 & 443.30, Elizabeth City 146.655, Greenville, 145.35, Hertford 147.33, Williamston 145.41 & 444.25
- ♦ 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

- ♦ 3.571 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

## Pitt County Repeater Association

<http://www.pcrs.us/>

## KD5PLA to succeed KD5PLB aboard ISS



NASA has announced that US astronaut Clay Anderson, KD5PLA, will succeed Suni Williams, KD5PLB, as International Space Station Expedition 15 Flight Engineer later

this spring. Anderson will arrive aboard the ISS aboard the shuttle Atlantis, set to launch June 8. The same shuttle mission, STS-117, will carry Williams back to Earth after several months aboard the space outpost. NASA originally planned the astro-swap for the STS-118 shuttle mission, first set to fly in June but now targeted for an August launch. Unexpected hail damage to Atlantis' external fuel tank forced the

change in plans, and NASA managers approved the revised crew rotation April 26, after determining that it would have no impact on space station operations or future shuttle mission objectives. A Massachusetts native, Williams has been in space since early December. During her ISS stay, she's set a record for spacewalks by a female astronaut, conducting four excursions for a total of 29 hours, 17 minutes. Upon her return, she will have accumulated more time in space than any other woman. She's also logged 20 Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) school contacts so far. Anderson, a Nebraska native, is making his first spaceflight. He'll return home next October. - via *ARRL Letter Online* 5/17/07

# BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jun 12 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Sep 11 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Jun 15 . . . . .	BARC VE Session	Sep 25 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Jun 23/24 . . . . .	<b>ARRL FIELD DAY</b>	<b>Sep 27</b> . . . . .	<i>Ham Chatter Deadline</i>
Jun 26 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Sep 29/30 . . . . .	CQ WW RTTY Contest
<b>Jun 28</b> . . . . .	<i>Ham Chatter Deadline</i>	Oct 9 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
July 10 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Oct 12 . . . . .	BARC VE Session
July 14/15 . . . . .	IARU HF World Championship	Oct 27/28 . . . . .	CQ WW SSB DX Contest
July 21 . . . . .	CQ WW VHF Contest	Oct 30 . . . . .	Board Meeting
July 31 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Nov 1</b> . . . . .	<i>Ham Chatter Deadline</i>
<b>Aug 2</b> . . . . .	<i>Ham Chatter Deadline</i>	Nov 3/4 . . . . .	ARRL CW Sweepstakes
Aug 14 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>	Nov 13 . . . . .	<b>Regular Meeting</b>
Aug 17 . . . . .	BARC VE Session	Nov 17/18 . . . . .	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes
Aug 28 . . . . .	<b>Board Meeting</b>		
<b>Aug 30</b> . . . . .	<i>Ham Chatter Deadline</i>		
Aug 31/Sep 1/2 . . . . .	Shelby Hamfest <b>NOW 3 DAYS!</b>		

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

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*Next Meeting  
June 12*

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