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My Entrance into Ham Radio A 42-Year Journey by Geraldine Sanchez, KJ4DMV

As I look back on the process of my becoming a ham radio operator, I am truly amazed at just how long it took me to decide to get my license and, having decided to become licensed, how quickly I was able to do so. The decision took more than 42 years to make, while studying for the licensing examinations took approximately 1 month, and sitting for and passing both the Technician and General licensing examinations took less than two hours one Friday evening.

My first contact with ham radio occurred when I was about 12, during my summer stay at a camp for blind children in the mountains of northwestern New Jersey. One of the counselors decided to teach us Morse code, whether or not we wanted to learn it, and I dutifully learned all my letters; however, when copying code, I became quite frustrated at my inability to place spaces where they belonged. After toiling for all of two weeks to acquire this skill, I decided that this ham radio thing was just not for me, and I forgot about it.

Now let us fast forward 15 years. During this time, I had graduated magna cum laude from the University of Notre Dame, as part of the first class who had entered as freshmen, and I had graduated from Duke University School of Law (with absolutely no distinction whatsoever), passed the Indiana Bar examination, and landed a job working for the United States Department of Labor. Through the local chapter of the National Federation of the Blind, I met a man named Chris who, after our first lunch date, took me back to his place and showed me every piece of radio equipment he possessed. He also sent me home with a Braille list of Morse code characters, along with a straight key, and something he had cobbled together to allow me to practice sending receiving code. However, since this turned out to be our last date, I returned his equipment, and the list of code characters was consigned to the round file.

Now let us fast forward 18 years, to the end of 1999. By this time, I had met and married one Albert J. Sanchez, WA7FXB, who, in addition to me, has three major passions in his life: tuning and repairing pianos, reading good books, and the hobby of ham radio. It took me at least the first six months of our marriage to convince him that I would never learn even five percent of what he knows about the workings of a piano, and science fiction books were just not my cup of tea. However, ham radio was another matter. As Albert patiently explained circuits, transistors, transceivers and such, I saw myself eventually learning this stuff, but I also

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Next Meeting February 10

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, February 10 at 7:30 PM at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville.

The program will be by Prentice Tyndall, N4VBH. He is an electronics technology instructor at Pitt Community College and is starting an Amateur Radio Station there. His presentation will be on Multisim which is a computer aided design program. An electronic schematic can be put on the computer screen and tested as if it had real parts.. It's also the BARC annual birthday party, cake and ice cream with Terry Monday, K4ZYD, in charge. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be February 24 at 7:30 PM at 631-B Dickinson Avenue - entrance at back of the building. All members invited.

BARC DUES ARE DUE!

It's January and it's always taxes and BARC dues! BARC dues are due on January 1st while most have until April 15 for the big one. Those that have not paid by March 1 will receive a big **RED DOT** on their March newsletter or email. Also about March 1, the password will change on the W4AMC.COM site for the rosters.

See page 7 for more information about the dues.

NOTICE * NOTICE * NOTICE **Pitt County ARES Meeting**

Meeting will be Wednesday, February 4. See page 7 for complete details.

President's Corner, Bob Moore, N4USB

Wow! What a Sunday on the radio (Jan. 24, 2009). The radio waves of the world were beating a path to my antenna. Twenty meters to MacQuarie Island, (VK0-M), 20 meters to South Cook Island, 17 meters to St. Helena Island, 10 & 12 meters to The Dominican Republic, 17 & 20 meters to the Falkland Islands, 12 meters to Panama, Aruba, Chile, Mexico & Alaska, and 160 meters to the world. Even the Magic Band (6 Meters) was open to Central America, Canada, Cuba and the U.S. What a day on the radio. I hope you were able to take advantage of the openings and log one of the DX countries or IOTA islands that you needed for that five band DXCC or IOTA award or just to fill that line in the log that you have wanted to fill. It has been a while since I have enjoyed a day like today.

And the best thing is that it is not over yet as I type this article I keep switching back and forth between this program and my logging and web cluster (spotting) program watching for the next person that I would like to try to contact. Wow there is Hong Kong on 20 meters and Cuba and France on 80 meters. It has been very unusual for so many bands to be open on one

day. Ten and 20 meter to the U.S. today was great for contacting some of the states for that WAS award. I bet Dave Langley was working counties today. I hope you were as lucky as I was today to stumble on these great openings on the HF bands and enjoyed working the different countries as much as I did and are still doing.

73's and good DX

Bob Moore, N4USB

Wow! What a day!

Meet the Member, KJ4DMV

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saw no urgency in doing so, mainly because Albert was limited in the radio equipment he could use by the rules and regulations of the Condominium Association where we lived, and neither of us were skilled in the ways of putting up "stealthy" antennas. Also, the radio club in northern Virginia was far smaller and much less active than BARC is, and there were no regular times to take licensing examinations.

Thus, it took our move to Greenville and our introduction to BARC to rekindle my interest in getting my ticket. I attended my first meeting in February, 2008, with visions of birthday cake and ice cream dancing in my head, and when I learned that there were regular times every other month to take licensing examinations, I resolved to get my ticket before my birthday, which is April 16. I did just that, and the rest, as they say, is history. — *KJ4DMV*

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on **February 20**. 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 \$15.00 (*\$1 increase in 2009*)
- ◆ Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.

Be sure to bring ORIGINAL and 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 **February**.

4	KI6AEU	John Brawl
5	KI4CRC	Sandy McLaughlin
8	KI4UCZ	Allen Stocks
9	W4GDF	Heber Adams
10	N4BNO	James Bridges
16	KG4WEZ	Peter Van Houten
17	K4ROK	Doug Ferris
20	WD4JAD	George Dale
20	KE4UGG	Michael Metcalf

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

Well Wishes

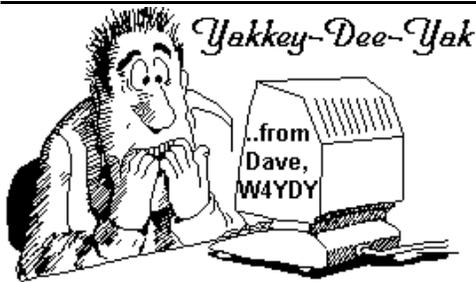
Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Charlie Wells, K4SKI

Please inform Albert Sanchez, *WA7FXB*, albertsanchez@suddenlink.net of any



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Pardon to the non-computer types, but I am going to cover some computer links this month that are interesting to most. It's about map programs on the Internet. If you want to see your house or most anything else in Greenville, use these maps at Google <<http://maps.google.com/>> and Microsoft <<http://maps.live.com/>>.

On the Google map, zoom in or type in the street address and zip code for the area you want. Same works for the

Microsoft map. At Google, there is a little human character above the Zoom bar. Drag it over the map and you will see many streets turn blue. Drop it on the street you want and you will get a picture to replace the map. It's from a car that took 360 degree pictures about ever 100 feet. You can rotate it and look up and down. Also, click on the arrows to move to the next picture about 100 feet away. Google sent cars over most of the US so that took a lot of gas. It came by our area in February 2008. I could tell because of a nearby driveway repair done in February.

Suppose you just had a QSO and wanted to see the stations house and maybe antenna. Get his address at QSL.COM and paste it in the search box to go to his house. It's not 100% covered but a lot are.

On the Microsoft maps, when you zoom in, you will see "Bird's Eye" view in

many locations. Greenville is one of those. When you click on "Bird's Eye" view, a very clear picture will come up replacing the map. Our Field Day aerial picture was from this map. It looks like you are about 1 or 2 hundred feet in the air and you can look from North, East, South or West and zoom in 1 level. My beams are easy to see.

Check out your QTH and the ARRL QTH. Also, check out the antenna farms at contest stations W3LPL (7 towers) and KC1XX (5 towers). I have worked both in several contests. The price for those are way over my bank account! And they aren't exactly cottages those guys have near the towers.

There's a lot to see on the two maps. Take a drive down Times Square or Greenville Boulevard. You don't have to worry about stop lights! Or zoom in on Disney World. - W4YDY

Laura L. Smith Named to Amateur Radio Enforcement Role

Laura L. Smith of Pennsylvania has been named by the FCC to fill the vacancy created when Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, retired in 2008 as Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau. Hollingsworth served in that position for more than 10 years as the FCC's enforcement watchdog over the Amateur Radio Service.

A 1990 graduate of the Pepperdine University School of Law, Smith began her legal career with the FCC, working in the Mass Media Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. She also served as Deputy Division Chief of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division. Smith is currently licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In 1998, Smith left the FCC to become Executive Director of Governmental Affairs for the Industrial Telecommunications Association (ITA), now Enterprise Wireless Alliance. In that role, she monitored FCC and legislative proceedings and participated in all regulatory proceedings relevant to the private wireless industry. In 2001, Smith became ITA's President and Chief Executive Officer. While in that position, she was instrumental in the formation of the Consensus Group, a group of public safety and private wireless entities responsible for drafting the "Consensus Plan," a proposed resolution for interference in the 800 MHz band; this was

adopted by the FCC in 2004.

Smith returns to the FCC after serving Of Counsel with the Maryland law firm of Shulman Rogers. While there, she dealt with telecommunications matters and provided counsel to numerous entities in the private radio and public safety communities. Smith has served as an industry consultant and written columns for a variety of trade publications including Mobile Radio Technology Magazine and The Private Wireless Magazine.

In an October 2008 letter to then-FCC Chairman Kevin Martin, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, urged Martin to name a successor to Hollingsworth: "The appointment of a replacement Special Counsel in this position is of critical importance to the Amateur Radio Service, as the delay in finalizing the appointment stands to undermine in very short order an exceptionally successful and low-cost program of enforcement in the Amateur Service."

Calling the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement program "spectacularly successful," Harrison reminded Martin of the "long period in the late 1980s and 1990s during which the Commission was essentially uninvolved in enforcement in the Amateur Service. The Amateur Service, consisting of some 680,000 licensees of the Commission, is in essence a self-regulating service; however, due to the shared frequency allocations in the Service and the

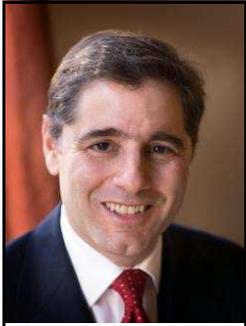
long distance propagation of amateur communications, a very few rule violators can cause severe disruption in the Service. On the other hand, even a minimal Commission presence has a very strong deterrent value."

When Hollingsworth was appointed as Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement, Harrison said that Hollingsworth "established a visible presence in the Service and very quickly, and with very little investment of Commission resources, using little more than the awareness of an enforcement presence, created strong deterrence against rule violations."

Upon learning of Smith's move to the Amateur Radio enforcement role, Harrison remarked that he was "very pleased to see the Commission move forward with the hiring of a new Special Counsel responsible for enforcement of the Amateur Radio Service rules," said Harrison. "Ever since Riley Hollingsworth announced his retirement, we have met with the Enforcement Chief numerous times and corresponded with FCC Chairman Martin to ensure this position remains intact at FCC. The Commission acknowledges the self-regulating environment we maintain, but also understands that we need their assistance occasionally to resolve a few situations. They have continually reassured us that this is an important matter for them, and Ms Smith's hiring confirms that." - *via arrl.org 1/26/09*

Julius Genachowski Reportedly Picked to Head FCC

Democratic sources are reporting that President-elect Barack Obama has selected Julius Genachowski, 45, a technology executive and former classmate from



Genachowski

Harvard Law School, to lead the Federal Communications Commission. If confirmed by the Senate, Genachowski would replace current Chairman Kevin Martin; Martin could stay on as a Commissioner until 2011,

when his present term expires.

After graduating from law school, Genachowski clerked for federal judge Abner Mikva; he also clerked for Supreme Court Justice David Souter. Genachowski later served as chief counsel to Reed Hundt, chairman of the FCC from 1993-1997. After leaving the FCC, Genachowski was a senior executive at IAC/InterActiveCorp, Barry Diller's e-commerce and media company. He went on to found an investment and advisory firm for digital media companies and co-founded the country's first commercial "green" bank. According to Obama's Web

site, Genachowski raised at least \$500,000 for Obama during the presidential election campaign.

Characterizing Genachowski as "not a radio guy," ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, said, "We can only hope that under the new chairman, the FCC bureaus and offices that deal with Amateur Radio issues will be empowered to do their jobs without clearing every detail through the Chairman's office."

Early in the Obama presidential campaign, Genachowski urged the candidate to capitalize on the organizing power of the Internet. The New York Times called Genachowski "a prolific fund-raiser and chairman of the campaign's group of technology-policy advisers, who produced a report advocating an open Internet, diversity in media ownership and a nationwide wireless system for emergency personnel." The Washington Post, which described Genachowski a "local venture capitalist," credits him with "spearheading Obama's online campaign strategy, which used social networking and other tools to spread Obama's campaign message and raise record campaign contributions."

The Post credited sources close to Obama's transition team who said that "Genachowski had been recently meeting with key Democratic lawmakers to see if

the role of Chief Technology Officer would have policy-making authority and decided against taking the job when he realized the definition of CTO would not include a strong regulatory role. Instead, Genachowski expressed interest in the FCC [Chairmanship]."

Genachowski explained in his Obama campaign blog that he "was fortunate to chair the group that advised Senator Obama and the [presidential] campaign on the tech & innovation plan, a large and hardworking group that generated terrific ideas, rooted in the great work that the Senator and his strong Senate staff have been doing in this area for quite some time."

According to Bloomberg.com, the FCC may turn to expanding Americans' access to high-speed Internet service once the pressure from the digital television transition eases: "Obama has made universal broadband a cornerstone of his plan to boost US competitiveness. It is 'unacceptable' that the nation ranks 15th worldwide in high-speed Internet adoption rates, he said in a December 6 speech. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a California Democrat, has said broadband funds will be part of the economic stimulus package Congress intends to take up this month." - Via ARRL.ORG 1/14/09

FCC license activity on the rise

According to ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, there continues to be a heightened interest in Amateur Radio following the FCC's elimination of the Morse code exam requirement in February 2007: "The number of new license applicants remains strong under the new Amateur Radio Service rules. The following table chronicles all 14 FCC authorized VEC organizations' new license activity over the last few years." In 2008, the total number of US amateurs rose 1.2 percent, from 655,800 in 2007, to 663,500 in 2008:

Feb	1605	2435	2998
Mar	2531	3478	2816
Apr	1728	2673	3090
May	2283	2607	2562
Jun	1967	2281	2402
Jul	1401	1786	2077
Aug	1623	2183	2084
Sep	1357	1462	1763
Oct	1781	2109	2303
Nov	1993	2132	2197
Dec	1569	1935	2019

Totals: 21,112 26,728 28,066

New Amateur Totals
2006 through November 2008

Month	2006	2007	2008
Jan	1274	1647	1755

Somma said that the number of General and Extra class upgrades is also on the rise. "When looking at 2006 totals," she said, "we see that upgrade applications for 2007 were up 286 percent; in 2008, they were up 146 percent over 2006. Requests for new club licenses also remain strong. In 2008, we had 671 applications for club

licenses come in, while in 2007, there were 506 applications. That's an increase of 133 percent."

Calling it a "ripple effect," Somma said that the number of amateurs who want to be volunteer examiners and who want to teach Amateur Radio classes is also going up. "Here at the ARRL VEC, we've seen a spike in the number of applications from General and Extra class radio amateurs who want to give back to their community by serving as examiners and instructors," she said.

Somma further broke down the numbers to show the approximate number of licensees per FCC license class:

Novice:	18,500
Technician:	322,500
General:	145,000

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FCC license activity on the rise

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Advanced: 62,000
 Extra: 115,500
 Total US Amateurs: 663,500

"I can think back to the mid 1980s when there were approximately 450,000 US Amateurs," Somma recalled. "These are the highest numbers of General and Extra class licenses I have ever seen." As of April 15, 2000, the FCC no longer issues Novice or Advanced class licenses. "As expected, the number of Novice and Advanced class licensees has decreased," she said. "As I look toward 2009, I see Amateur Radio growing in a positive direction." -- Some information provided by Joe Speroni, AH0A - via ARRL Letter Online 1/15/09

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: barc@w4amc.com (no spaces)

For Sale: Mint condition Yaesu FT-1000MPS transceiver, asking \$1200.

Also two Kenwood TS-50 transceivers with quick disconnect mobile mounts, asking \$425 each. Phone 919 394 2627 (C) or 252 747 3282. Or Email Hollis, KC3X, at hdsoftail01*-at-*embarqmail.com.

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BARC Meeting Minutes - January 2009

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Call to Order: President, Bob Moore, N4USB, brought the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. There were 22 members and visitors present and are listed in the roll book. A new roll book has been started. A quorum was present. Introductions were made by all.

Minutes: There were no minutes of the December meeting since the BARC Christmas party was held instead of the regular meeting.

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV gave the report. Further information is available to members upon request. Membership dues are due. The dues schedule is published on the club web site

Health and welfare: No report

Ham chatter: no report

Public Information: Pat Williams, KG4NSC, announced that the meeting information was published in the newspaper.

Volunteer Examiners: Bob Moore, N4USB, announced that the next exam is February 20, 2009. There are 5 students from Belhaven that plan on taking the exam.

Equipment: no report

State ARES: Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, reported that there is an Area 1 & 2 meeting on February 14, in Plymouth, at the Golden Skillet.

Pitt County ARES: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, is calling a meeting on Wednesday, February 4, to discuss future plans and standard operating procedures. The goal is to increase training.

Applications for ARES are available.

Old Business: Tim Nelson, WA4TMN, announced that Dr. John McKnight had presented a letter which had offered the club an opportunity to take down the tower at his residence. On January 3rd, a group of 5, took it down. The hardware was rusted. It was a TET antenna. Tim, WA4TMN, took the tower. John McCoy, K4KBB's, son was offered a variety of the equipment.

New Business: Peter Van Houten, KG4WEZ, discussed what is occurring with the Tarheel net.

Announcements: Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV, announced that there is a fund raiser for the Friends of the Pitt County Animal Highland Shelter on February 13. If anyone is interested in information, please see her.

Byron Highland, K4BMH, announced that the DownEast Hamfest is April 5. Further information may be found at www.downeasthamfest.org. For tickets, please see Byron. There was a discussion of setting up tables for dispersing equipment that has been acquired over the years, including and Icom 736 and a Simpson 260.

50/50 Drawing Winner: Byron Highland, W4BMH, won. The amount was \$ 10.00.

Program: Doug Blizzard, N4HAJ, from the Baptist Men talked about ham radio use in the disaster relief of Hurricane Ike.

Adjourn: Bob Moore, N4USB, adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV

BARC Board Minutes - January 2009

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club
Board Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2008

Call to Order: Bob Moore, N4USB, at 7:30 pm

Board Members Present: President, Bob Moore, N4USB; 2nd Vice President, Ted Bertrand, K14 PWX; Secretary, Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV; Treasurer, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV; Trustee, John Prokop, N8MPX

Others in Attendance: Taylor Millar, W4WTM.; John McCoy, K4KBB, Dave Langley, W4YDY; Pat Williams, KG4NSC

Minutes: approved as published

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, made the report and it is available to members upon request. A discussion ensued about verifying the intentions of those who send more than the normal dues.

Health and welfare: No report

Equipment: No report

Ham Chatter: Dave Langley, W4YDY discussed that the paper was heavier in this past newsletter. There are currently 17 people that the newsletter is being sent out to. 100 copies of the newsletter are printed. The remaining are placed in the library,

Batteries Plus and both Radio Shack's. Future newsletters will have the lighter paper. Discussion ensued.

Publicity: No report

New Members Presented: None

Programs: Ted Bertrand, KI4PWX, announced that the next meeting will be a representative from Pitt County who will be talking about electronic circuit design. The March program will be Dave Langley, W4YDY, talking about sending and receiving QSL cards.

VE: Bob Moore, N4USB, announced that the next exam is February 20, 2009. There are 5 students from Belhaven that plan on taking the exam.

ARES: Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, announced the Areas 1 & 2 will be meeting at 10:30 am on Saturday, 14 February in Plymouth at the Golden Skillet. ARES Pitt County will have a meeting on Wednesday, February 4. This is open to everyone who is an ARES member. The meeting is at 7:30 pm at 631-B Dickinson Avenue

Old Business: Pitt Community College will accept equipment from Dr. John McKnight and will send a letter accepting the donation.

New Business: BARC's birthday will be celebrated at the next

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meeting, on February 10.

Discussion: None

Announcements: Batteries Plus is changing their ad every month and offering new deals. Members should check the ads.

Adjournment: by Bob Moore, N4USB at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZV

NOTICE * Pitt County ARES Meeting * NOTICE

“Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, Pitt County Emergency Coordinator, has called a general meeting to discuss the Pitt County ARES organization – where we have been and where we want it to go. The meeting will be at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at the offices of Glennon Bittan Investments (Dave’s workplace), located at 631-B Dickinson Avenue. This is at the corner of Dickinson and 8th Street (one block from the Sheppard Library). Parking and entrance are in the back of the building.”

All ARES members and those wanting to participate in ARES are invited to attend and share their thoughts and suggestions. If you plan to attend, please e-mail Dave at kg4czv@gmail.com, so he can properly configure the space for those in attendance. If you are not able to attend, but want to pass along any ARES related suggestions, please e-mail Dave with those suggestions. Thanks to all for their involvement in ARES and their service to our community.”

FCC Reports Decline in BPL Customers

On January 16, 2009, the Federal Communications Commission released data, as of December 31, 2007, on the services used for high-speed Internet access in the United States. All services increased except Broadband over Power Line (BPL). BPL declined. For complete info, go to <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2009/01/19/10572/?nc=1>

2009 Membership Dues

It’s that time of the year once again. Membership dues for BARC will be due January 1. Membership dues are as follows and are the same as 2008:

Regular Member	\$20.00
Family Member	\$2.00
Associate Member (Non-Licensed)	\$5.00
Life Member	\$0.00
New Hams: 18 and younger (1 st year)	\$5.00
New Hams: 19 and older (1 st year)	\$10.00

We are requesting that you send the application form in, so that we can have your correct information on file. The form can be downloaded at <http://www.w4amc.com/application.pdf>.

Please mail your dues, along with the member application form to:

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- ◆ 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

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- ◆ 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
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BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 7.	Frostfest, Richmond, VA	Mar 31.	Board Meeting
Feb 10.	Regular Meeting	Apr 2.	Ham Chatter Deadline
Feb 20.	BARC VE Session	Apr 5.	Down East Hamfest, Kinston, NC
Feb 14/15	CQ WPX RTTY Contest	Apr 11.	RARSfest, Raleigh, NC
Feb 21/22	CQ WW SSB 160M Contest	Apr 13	Regular Meeting
Feb 21/22	ARRL CW DX Contest	Apr 17	BARC VE Session
Feb 21/22	NA QSO Party - RTTY	Apr 28	Board Meeting
Feb 24.	Board Meeting	Apr 30	Ham Chatter Deadline
Mar 5.	Ham Chatter Deadline	May 12.	Regular Meeting
Mar 7/8	ARRL SSB DX Contest	May 26.	Board Meeting
Mar 10.	Regular Meeting		
Mar 28/29	CQ WW WPX SSB Contest		

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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February 2009
Next Meeting
February 10

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