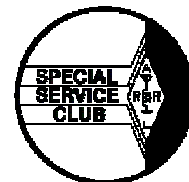




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The following was printed in the November 1998 issue of Ham Chatter.

Joe was born and raised in Breslau, PA and graduated from high school in Cleveland, OH. Shortly after that he was in the Navy amphibians in the Atlantic and Pacific during World War II. After discharge he returned to Cleveland and completed the two year course at the National Radio Institute and then took an additional year on advanced radio in a course developed by Case Western. He worked for radio stations WERE in Cleveland and WEVL in Elira, OH. He also worked



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Next Meeting - November 13

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next regular meeting on November 13 at 7:30 PM at the **American Legion Post 39 at 403 Saint Andrews Drive.** Elections will be held for 2002 club officers. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

The next board meeting is set for November 27 at 7:30 PM. The meeting is open to all members.

New meeting location

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Thanks to efforts of **Walt Verdick, KA4WFS**, BARC will hold future regular meetings at the **AMERICAN LEGION POST 39** at 403 Saint Andrews Drive in Greenville. The board met there on October 30 and everyone was very happy with the facilities. There is plenty of parking and a very nice and large room for meetings.

Correction: The HC editor goofed again and had the wrong call sign for Jeff Hardee. His call is **KG4HMF**.

Angelina LaMonica

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club extends its condolences to club member Rick LaMonica, W4ZRA, and his family in the passing of his mother, Angelina LaMonica on October 14, 2001.

2002 BARC Officer Elections to be held at the November meeting

Nominations were held at the October club meeting and the Nominating committee presented the following list of officers for 2001.

- President - **Dave LeMoine, KV4CN**
- 1st Vice President - **John McCoy, K4KBB**
- 2nd Vice President - **Jeff Hardee, KG4HMF**
- Secretary - **Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW**
- Treasurer - **Dave Pulver, KG4CZV**

The following will be board members for 2002.

- Past President - **Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ**
- Board Member - **Mike Langley, KD4MTT**

The meeting was open for other nominations but none were offered. Therefore nominations were closed and the slate was presented for the election at the November meeting.

Wayne extended his thanks for the club to the Nominating Committee that consisted of Bernie Nobles, **WB4MOK**, John McCoy, **K4KBB**, Tom Parsons, **W4TEP**, and Dave Langley, **W4YDY**.

Thanks to the anonymous donor for stamps for this issue of Ham Chatter.

President's Corner

Wayne, WD4JPQ

A word from your President

This month we will be checking out a new place for our meetings. I would like to thank to Walt, KA4WFS for securing the American legion building for us. It is located across from the Beef Barn. This building has easy access, large assembly room and plenty of parking spaces. See Map else where in Ham Chatter for directions.

The Christmas party will be held at the American legion building due to conflicts at St. Peters that night. More on that next time

The nominating committee has presented you with a great slate of officers for the coming year. Please come to the November meeting and cast your vote for these or nominate others for your officers for the coming year.

I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you at the November meeting.

Thanks and 73'S

Wayne Ross WD4JPQ

SATERN ends World Trade Center support operation

The Salvation Army Team Emergency Response Network (SATERN) Amateur Radio volunteer support effort in the wake of the World Trade Center attack in New York City has ended. SATERN Amateur Radio Liaison Officer Jeff Schneller, N2HPO, says the operation wrapped up October 18. The Salvation Army now is relying on Nextel and cellular telephone service.

During its five weeks of service, several dozen Amateur Radio operators from all over the US assisted the Salvation Army's relief efforts. REACT International provided volunteers in the early weeks of the activation. Ham radio primarily was used to provide logistical support for the organization's canteens and feeding centers.

Among the more recent volunteers were Steve and Kim Merrill, KB1DIG and KB1GTR, from New Hampshire. They did a tour of duty October 7-18. Working anywhere from 10 to 14 hours a day, the couple called their time in New York City "a very humbling experience."

"There was so much devastation," the Merrills recounted. "Nothing read in the newspapers or seen on TV

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CQ asks contesters to email all logs

CQ magazine is asking all participants in CQ-sponsored Amateur Radio contests to submit their logs electronically. "In light of recent events regarding hazardous items sent through the mail, logs received through the mail at the CQ offices will be held unopened until all potential health risks have been evaluated," a CQ Communications news release said. CQ said it cannot guarantee that logs submitted

via the US Postal Service will be opened.

Contests should be submitted via e-mail according to the instructions in the rules for each contest.

CQ Communications President Dick Ross, K2MGA, said CQ regrets the inconvenience to contesters lacking Internet or e-mail access or those who log by hand, but he said CQ did not want to risk

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*Happy
Birthday*

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

1	KA4WFS	Walter Verdick
1	WA4SLD	Bernice Turnage
8	KD4NHZ	Walter Allen
11	KE8NW	Gary Wise
12	W4OCT	Frank Tate
13	K4NBH	Charlie Knowles
13	KE4CTL	Joyce Robins
21	KF4VHH	Jim Smith
26	W4RGF	Robert Sickles

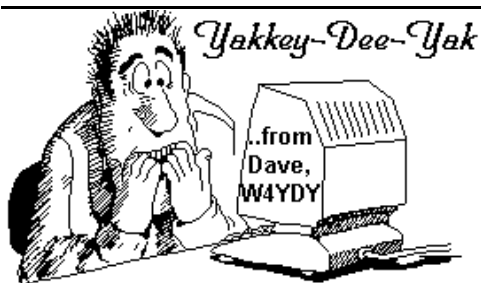
Please let me know of any additions or corrections. - *W4YDY*

Morse Code to be featured on upcoming X-Files episode

Rob Ginkowski, WA6CW, of Hollywood, California, served as a technical adviser to The X-Files star Robert Patrick for an upcoming episode. Patrick's character, John Doggett, was in a hospital bed, paralyzed, and was required to send a Morse code message by tapping his index finger. WA6CW (who also works as an actor) taught Patrick how to tap out the message at about 5 WPM. "He was a fast learner," Ginkowski commented. No word on what the message was, but it might be, "The truth is out there." The episode, entitled "4-D," is scheduled to air Sunday, December 9, on the Fox TV Network. - *Via ARRL Letter Online 11/1/01*

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FCC clarifies details of CORES Amateur implementation

PSK31 is becoming more popular all the time. At least three BARC members are on PSK31. They are Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ and W4YDY. If any others are on, please let me know. If you have a computer with a sound card and an HF radio, you are just about set. All you need is a couple of wires to connect it up and a free software program. You can work the world on 20, 15 and 10 meters with 20 to 50 watts.

I had a thrill on PSK a few days ago! I tuned in on 20 meters about 9:45 PM on Saturday night (11/3/01) and I saw KC4AAA coming across the screen calling CQ. I called back running 70 watts and the beam was pointed South.

PSK31

Holly and Nick came back and thanked me for answering. They were trying out PSK31 for the first time from the South Pole. Part of one transmission was **"We will send QSL card from South Pole in honor of this auspicious occasion"** That is one that I am looking forward to receiving. The contact lasted 15 minutes and then they started calling CQ again. A little later that night, I was talking to a friend in Texas and told him about the QSO. He told me he was watching the PSK a few minutes earlier and saw KC4AAA and they had a pileup. Now is a good time to get on PSK31 because there are a lot of new firsts coming up. - W4YDY



The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau has clarified several issues regarding Amateur Service implementation of the Commission Registration System--or CORES. Starting December 3, everyone doing business with the FCC--including amateur licensees--must obtain and use a 10-digit FCC Registration Number (FRN) when filing. Many amateurs will not need to take any action to comply with the new requirement, which further expands the number of FCC abbreviations, numbers and systems hams need to be aware of.

Amateur licensees now registered in the Universal Licensing System (ULS) already have been cross-registered in CORES and issued an FRN by mail. The FCC said it

planned another cross-registration by November 28. Amateurs can check to see if they have an FRN via a ULS license search. Many Internet call sign servers, including ARRL's, also provide this information.

Once CORES becomes mandatory, the FCC will "auto-register" all amateurs who seek to register in ULS and will issue them an FRN. Amateurs then should use the FRN in place of a Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN--typically an individual's Social Security Number) when filing applications with the FCC.

New or upgrade license applicants not previously registered in ULS will be registered automatically in both CORES and ULS when they provide a TIN on a license application filed through a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator.

Both ULS and CORES will contain a licensee's FRN, but updating infor-

mation in one system will not update the other. For amateurs, CORES registration will replace ULS "TIN/Call Sign" registration. Once CORES becomes mandatory, those registering in ULS will be redirected to CORES registration. The ULS will remain the Amateur Service licensing database within WTB, however, and only ULS will associate an individual with a particular call sign and FRN.

Going away December 3 will be the so-called Assigned Taxpayer Identification Number, or ATIN, which the FCC has been issuing to applicants ineligible to obtain a Social Security Number, such as foreign applicants and club station li-

icensees. CORES will offer exemptions to amateur clubs and to foreign entities not holding a TIN/

SSN. The FCC is encouraging club station applicants to first register in CORES and then use their FRN when filing via a Club Station Call Sign Administrator. Club station applicants also may use a trustee's TIN/SSN or a tax-exempt club's IRS-assigned EIN.

The WTB says that starting December 3, "all passwords will be maintained in the CORES database." Amateurs using paper FCC Form 160 to register in CORES will be mailed a CORES password for on-line access.

The FCC continues to work out the details of how amateurs, CORES and ULS will coexist. Amateur Service testing with CORES is planned for November. For more information about CORES, visit the FCC Web site <<http://www.fcc.gov/>> and click on the "Commission Registration System" link.

Via ARRL Letter Online 10/26/01

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Silent Key - Joe Aleksa, KQ4BN

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for stations in Moundsville, WV and Silver City, NM.

Then he joined the VOA in 1952 and worked constructing and upgrading stations in Manila, Philippines; Okinawa, Japan; then back to in the Philippines to Tinang and Poro Point; then a move to Munich, Germany; Greenville, NC (Sites A and B); Hue, Viet Nam (in 1964); Bangkok, Thailand; Okinawa, Japan; and the GE transmitters in Greenville, NC. He was assigned to be the VOA representative engineer with the Swiss company Brown Boveri and lived in Baden, Switzerland. Later in 1981 he returned to Greenville to train broadcast engineers and retired in 1986.

When asked about how he got into Amateur Radio he replied, "I tested into it." He explained that when he became ill he retired, but he felt useless and wanted more activity and stimulation so he bought some amateur radio books and tapes. One day in 1994 he decided to get some more information so stopped into see Brother Simon, KQ2V, and Gary Ambert, AI4J. He told them what he had been up to and was given the code test - he passed. They gave him the written test and passed and in his words he "wound up a ham." He studied some more and in about six months he passed his General and about a month later passed his Advanced. Now that's fast! Joe also credits Bernie, WA4MOK, for helping him.

Joe's equipment includes: a Ten-

tec Omni 6, a 500 watt Hercules amplifier, a Mosley 4 element, 5 band beam, on a tower up about 32 feet and a 2 meter Icom. He operates mostly on 40 and 20 meters talking to stateside retirees and old friends in Europe including Lithuania and Germany. His club activities include being a Volunteer Examiner.

What has Joe gotten out of Amateur Radio? Camaraderie, contacts, the spark to keep mentally active, reading to be aware of the progress of radio technology. He admits he's still fighting the computer, but even that may be conquered if he takes that class at PCC.

Joe has had some special challenges in his life. He was first diagnosed with cancer in 1989 Multiple Myeloma (Bone Cancer). The regular chemotherapy didn't work so he got a special treatment - full strength medicine directly into the heart 24 hours a day for five days. He did that six times. They were encouraged after the fourth time, but they did the full schedule. About two years ago they found cancer again and he was in for six more sessions and after the third time things looked better. The doctors tell him he still has it so he has to watch what he does. Joe tries to golf a couple of times a week at the Ayden County Club, but he will miss a game if he's visiting someone in the hospital who has cancer.

Joe is married to Evangeline. They have three children - one daughter is an attorney, the other is a speech pathologist. Both of his daughters are in

Atlanta and his son is in Cincinnati where he is an engineer for Proctor and Gamble.

Radio and Amateur Radio has been a life source for many people. Joe was a big part in the VOA giving hope to many people of the world. Amateur Radio gave new life to Joe. Thanks Joe, your story is an inspiration to us all. This a great hobby with great people. - *K4MHM*

Editors Note: Joe became a Silent Key on October 1, 2001 and a Mass of Christian Burial was held on October 3 at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church, 2700 E. Fourth Street, Greenville, NC 27858.

Joe is survived by his wife, Eve Aleksa; daughters, Cynthia Mason of Tucker, GA, and Barbara Parr of Decatur, GA; son, Robert Aleksa of Cincinnati, OH; brother, Leonard Aleksa of Cleveland, OH; sisters, Helen Garnis of Cleveland, OH, his twin sister, Genevieve McGowan of San Juan Capistrano, CA; and five grandchildren.

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members extend their condolences to his family. He will be missed very much by the club members. It was always a joy to be with him at club meetings, Field Day and the VE sessions he so enjoyed helping with. - *W4YDY*

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on October 19. Exams will be held at St. Peter's School on 5th Street and will start promptly at 6:30 PM. Cliff Kendall, K3LEX, 752-0107 : cpkendall@aol.com

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 -

Texas ARES/RACES teams activate following bridge collapse

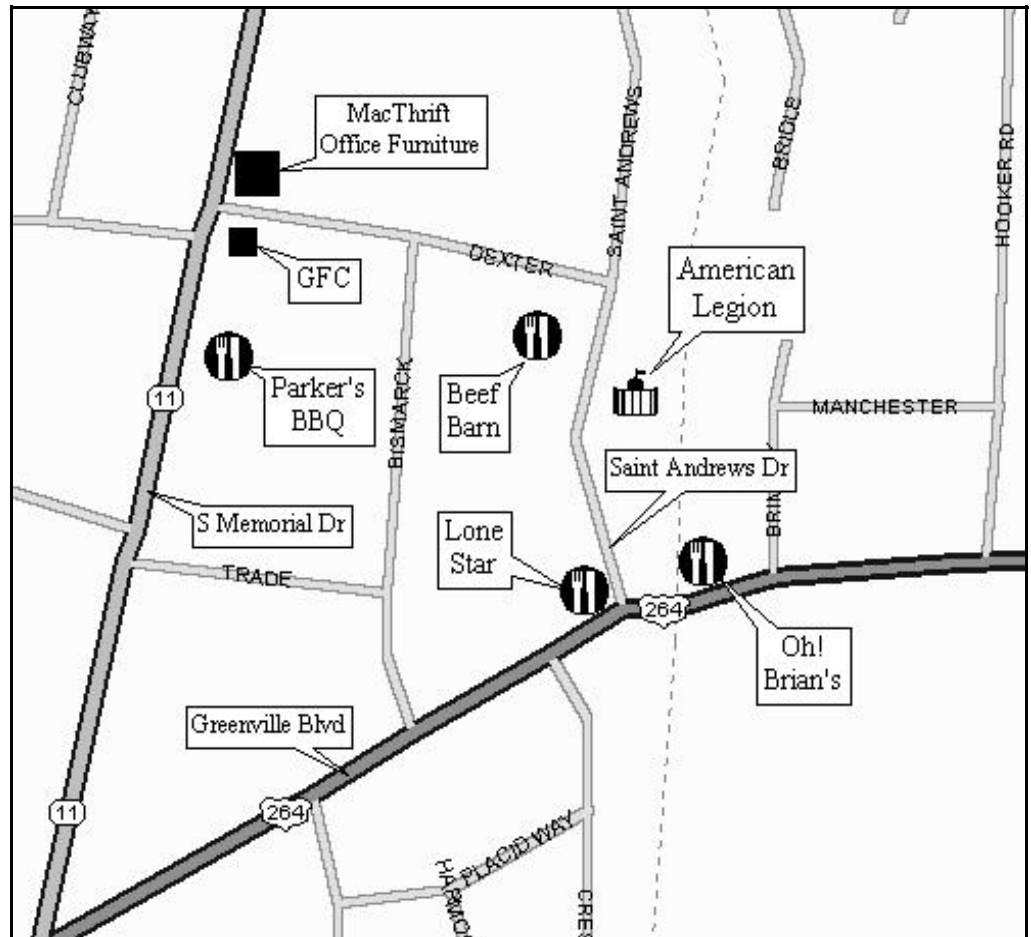
Disaster struck in South Texas early on the morning of September 15 when a 240-foot section of the Queen Isabella Causeway between South Padre Island and Port Isabel, Texas, collapsed after barges slammed into the bridge supports. The mishap sent several vehicles plummeting into the water 80 feet below and claimed 11 lives. The Texas Department of Public Safety contacted John Teer, AK5Z, to request Amateur Radio assistance with communications, because all phone lines between South Padre Island and the mainland had been severed. "I called

around to get volunteers to place on the Island EOC and the Port Isabell EOC," Teer reports. The DPS provided boat transportation to the Island for an operator. "We provided 2-meter communication for government and Red Cross officials on Saturday and Sunday until landline telephone and cell phone communications could be re-established," Teer said. Participating in addition to Teer were Pat Patterson, N5SLI, Virginia Scarth, KC5SAM, Ed Scarth, W8AHU, and Gregg Sargent, KA0ARS. - *Via ARRL Letter Online 10/5/01*

Amateurs assist with American's United Flag Run

"American's United Flag Run"--a grass roots effort sponsored by American Airlines and United Air Lines employees--is seeking help from the Amateur Radio community to provide short-range communications as the run progresses across the US along a southerly route. "This event is to honor the crew and passengers killed on September 11, to show the American Spirit and to raise money for relief funds already established," said American Airlines Captain Bill Lokes. Runners started in Boston on October 11 and are scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles November 11. Recently, hams in Georgia contributed their services to the cause as the flag run passed through that state. Georgia ARES--under the leadership of Section Emergency Coordinator Lowry Rouse, KM4Z--provided communications for the organizers from the South Carolina to the Alabama borders. The flag run Web site <<http://www.flagrun.org>> has a map, anticipated itinerary and more details about the event. Amateur Radio clubs or groups are invited to contact Bill Lokes, 610-767-9246; blokes@fast.net, or Gene Atwell at 215-348-1594; atwell@mindspring.com.

Via ARRL Letter Online 10/26/01




**Directions to the American Legion Post 39
403 St. Andrews Drive, Greenville, NC
BARC meeting location starting in
November**

FCC to dismiss filings submitted on outdated Form 605

The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau has announced that, starting Monday, October 15, it will dismiss all submittals it receives on Form 605 Quick-Form Application for Authorization in the Ship, Aircraft, Amateur, Restricted and Commercial Operator, and General Mobile Radio Service that bear edition dates prior to March 2001. This change does not affect applicants filing on-line via the Universal Licensing System (ULS). WTB encourages applicants to use ULS to speed application processing and to have access to the other information available via the ULS. The FCC advises that amateurs can avoid problems by submitting on-line application via the FCC's Universal Licensing System Web site, <<http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls>>. To obtain a current copy of Form 605, visit the FCC "Forms" page, <<http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/csinfo/orderfrm.html>>. Paper copies of Form 605 also are available from the FCC Forms Distribution Center, 800-418-3676.-- FCC - *Via ARRL Letter Online 10/5/01*

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IARU Administrative Council calls for Hams undertake end to Morse requirement a random act of kindness in Florida

Saying that it was "setting aside any previous relevant decisions," the International Amateur Radio Union Administrative Council this week resolved that IARU policy supports "the removal of Morse code testing as an ITU requirement for an amateur license to operate on frequencies below 30 MHz." The Council further resolved to urge member societies--as an interim measure--to seek Morse code testing speeds "not exceeding five words per minute."

The resolution was adopted during the IARU Administrative Council meeting October 6-8 in Guatemala City, Guatemala, which followed the 14th General Assembly of IARU Region 2.

The Council's Morse resolution took into consideration the approval--without opposition--of ITU-R Recommendation M.1544. That document sets out the minimum qualifications of radio amateurs. The Council also said it recognizes that Morse code "continues to be an effective and efficient mode of communication used by many thousands of radio amateurs" but that Morse code profi-

ciency as requirement for an HF amateur license "is no longer relevant to the healthy future of Amateur Radio."

The principal business at the Administrative Council session was to review the status of IARU preparations for WRC-2003. Agenda items of concern to amateurs include, among others, the harmonization of amateur and broadcasting allocations near 7 MHz, the adequacy of HF broadcasting allocations below 10 MHz, and possible revisions to Article S25 of the international Radio Regulations.

Among other things, Article S25

spells out Amateur Radio operator qualifications. It now provides that Amateur Radio license applicants demonstrate the

ability "to send correctly by hand and to receive correctly by ear, texts in Morse code signals" for operation below 30 MHz. The IARU Administrative Council supports the revision of Article S25 and the incorporation by reference of Recommendation M.1544.

The IARU Council selected the theme of the next World Amateur Radio Day, April 18, 2002, as "Amateur Radio: Continuing Innovation in Communication Technology." - *Via ARRL Letter Online 10/12/01*

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BARC VE Session Results - October 19

Four examinees were happy with their results at the October session of the BARC VE exams. Michael Sepcialo from Greenville, took and passed Elements 1, 2 and 3 to earn his General Class license. Also, Scott LeMoine from Winterville, son of KV4CN, passed Element 2 to earn a Technician license. Michael and Scott are now waiting for the FCC to assign then new call signs.

Two new Hams

Jimmy Pernell, KG4ODW, from Eure, NC passed Elements 1 and 3 to earn his General class license. Jeff Hardee, KG4HMF, passed Element 3 and he

is looking forward to getting the code behind him for the General license.

Murray Merner, K4MHM, was acting VE liaison. Other VE examinees were Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, Gary Gasperini, AF4XV, and Dave Langley, W4YDY.

It had very little if anything to do with ham radio Saturday, September 21, when the Dade County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps organized a group of active hams in Southern Florida to spruce up the Flight 592 Memorial. Many of the hams involved had helped provide communication in the aftermath of the 1996 ValuJet crash in the Everglades.

The amateur volunteers put in some 40 work hours pulling weeds and grubbing out their roots, killing ant colonies, applying herbicides, cutting grass, sweeping, refilling missing sand, re-leveling brick walkways and piling up the debris--mostly natural overgrowth. About a dozen hams participated in the effort.

"These folks do this kind of thing without request, but because there is a need to care," said ARRL Southeastern Division Vice Director Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR. "This group of amateurs are very special people with hearts as big as the whole world."

Family members of Flight 592 victims also expressed their appreciation for the effort. This comment was typical of several posted on the Flight 592 Memorial Web site <<http://www.flight592.com/>>: "I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you did. It was a wonderfully selfless act and greatly appreciated. Those of us who live too far away and are unable to see to the care of the memorial are greatly touched by the generosity of strangers. Thank you again and God bless you."

Additional information and photographs are available on the South Florida FM Association Web Page <<http://sffma.net/cleanup.htm>>. Said Ray Vaughan, KD4BBM "To everyone who helped, we did make a difference. Let's do it again." - *Via ARRL Letter Online 11/1/01*

Sharing Spectrum with other services a ham radio reality

Amateur Radio operators can get mighty territorial when they perceive that some other radio service is intruding upon "their" turf. What many hams often don't understand, however, is that Amateur Radio is a secondary service in the US on several popular bands or subbands. As such, it's subject to interference from primary radio service occupants and, by law, must avoid interfering with them. And, of course, ham bands are not all the same everywhere in the world.

Hams share most of their spectrum--especially the UHF and microwave allocations--with other users, typically the US Government and Fixed and Mobile services. The popular 70-cm band, 420-450 MHz, is a good case in point, says ARRL Field and Regulatory Correspondent Brennan Price, N4QX.

"Amateur use of the 70-cm band is secondary to government radiolocation services in the US, so hams must tolerate interference from the primary service and may not QRM it," Price explained. No operation in the 420-430 MHz band is permitted in some parts of the US (in the vicinity of the Great Lakes), while 50-W output power limits apply to operations centered near certain US military installations.

Price notes, however, that military use of the band is not confined to these areas, and the band is utilized aboard aircraft. "We occasionally receive inquiries from amateurs who complain of 70-cm disruptions when military planes fly overhead," said Price, who also serves as the ARRL Monitoring System coordinator. "We have every reason to believe that the current spate of widely heard disruptions is due to high-altitude

airborne operations by the band's legal, primary occupant--the US Government." The 420-430 MHz segment is allocated on a primary basis worldwide to the Fixed and Mobile (except Aeronautical Mobile) services.

Two meters--144 to 148 MHz--is an exclusive allocation in ITU Region 2, which includes North and South America. US hams who have taken along an H-T while vacationing in Europe or elsewhere in Region 1, however, know that the 2-meter band in that part of the world is 144-146 MHz. In Region 3, hams have exclusive access to 144-146 MHz and share 146-148 MHz on a co-

Hams share most of their spectrum--especially the UHF and microwave allocations--with other users

primary basis with Fixed and Mobile Service stations.

Six meters--50 to 54 MHz--is an exclusive ham allocation in Regions 2 and 3, but the band is allocated exclusively for broadcasting in Region 1--although certain countries do allow limited 6-meter operation.

The sharing news is much better on the higher HF bands. The 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10-meter bands are allocated to the Amateur Service on an exclusive basis worldwide--with a few minor exceptions for the high end of 20. On other HF bands, some sharing occurs.

On 30 meters--10.1 to 10.15 MHz--hams are secondary to non-US Fixed Service stations throughout. Amateurs must avoid harmful interference to these stations.

The 40-meter band is currently

the focus of an effort supported by the International Amateur Radio Union and ARRL to obtain a 300-kHz worldwide exclusive allocation. Most of the world does not have access to the 300 kHz-wide swath from 7.0 to 7.3 MHz that US hams enjoy. In the rest of the world, the upper two-thirds of 40 is dominated by broadcasters. This issue is on the agenda for the 2003 World Radiocommunication Conference <<http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/WRC-03/>>. One suggested remedy would shift the allocation downward to create a 300-kHz worldwide band at 6.9 to 7.2 MHz.

The 80/75-meter band--3.5 to 4.0 MHz--is exclusive to the Amateur Service in the US. Elsewhere in Region 2 hams have exclusive status from 3.500 to 3.750 MHz and share the rest of the band with foreign Fixed and Mobile services on a co-primary basis. Amateurs in Regions 1 and 3 share parts of the band with Fixed and Mobile. There is no amateur operation allowed above 3.8 MHz in Region 1, which includes Europe.

The 1.8 to 1.9 MHz segment of 160 meters is exclusive to US amateurs. Hams in the US are secondary on 1.9 to 2.0 MHz to the primary Radiolocation Service (government and non-government).

A table of US Amateur Radio allocations is available on the ARRL Web site <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/USbands.pdf>>. The "Considerate Operator's Frequency Guide" details band plans for Amateur Radio <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/conop.html>>. - Via ARRL Letter Online 11/1/01

SATERN ends World Trade Center support operation

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could have prepared us for the actual sight of all of this."

The Merrills said they came away from their SATERN volunteer experience feeling as though they had "lived a lifetime in a few short days," but with "friendships that will last a lifetime" and "stories that have no end."

"Salvation Army SATERN is to

be commended," they said. "They were more than nice to us. We felt like a part of a family!"

Schneller has urged all Amateur Radio operators to prepare for the future by first getting acquainted with and joining their local ARES or SATERN teams, then by taking the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course <<http://www.arrl.org/cce>>. - Via ARRL Letter Online 10/26/01

ARRL not soliciting for affinity credit cards

The ARRL is not telemarketing amateurs to sign up for an affinity credit card. Some ARRL members have reported being solicited for such products that were said to be offered in connection with an Amateur Radio organization. The ARRL is not sponsoring these solicitations and has no plans to do so in the future. - Via ARRL Letter Online 10/26/01

BARC Monthly Minutes - October 2001

**Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club
General Meeting**
Tuesday, October 9, 2001 at 7:30 pm
Cypress Glen Retirement Community

Meeting called to order 7:38 pm. Introductions of all present were made. Minutes from the September meeting were approved. The Secretary, Treasurer and President reports were given.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Beginning with the November 13, 2001 meeting, the club will meet at the American Legion hall across from the Beef Barn.

Committee Reports

HEALTH AND WELFARE – Joe Aleksa (KQ4BN) passed away on October 1, 2001. A card from the club was sent to his widow, Eve Aleksa.

HAM CLASS – The next class is tentatively scheduled to start in January. It

will follow basically the same format that was used for the summer class.

VE SESSION – The next session will be at 6:30 pm on Friday, October 19 at St. Peter's School, in the library.

EQUIPMENT – Mike Langley (KD4MTT) solicited input from the membership for purchasing new equipment for the club. There are funds available in the budget and Mike would like for the club to use these funds before the end of the year. He stated that these funds should be used for those items that we know we need, not just for the purpose of spending the money.

VOA SITE C – Doug Ferris (K4ROK) stated that ECU plans on taking down many of the towers at VOA Site C. We have specified to ECU what we want salvaged. We currently have access to a room at the site and plan to utilize the

facility more in the future.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Bernie Nobles (WA4MOK) presented the following list of officers nominated for 2002. President - Dave LeMoine (KV4CN); 1st Vice President – John McCoy (K4KBB); 2nd Vice President – Jeff Hardee (KG4HMF); Secretary – Bonnie Pulver (KG4CZW); Treasurer – Dave Pulver (KG4CZV); Past President – Wayne Ross (WD4JPQ); Board Member – Mike Langley (KD4MTT).

PROGRAM – Dave LeMoine (KV4CN) gave the program for the evening. The topic for the evening was 2-packet meter scatter.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Pulver, KG4CZV

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Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 30, 2001 at 7:30 pm
American Legion Hall Post 39

Those in attendance: Wayne Ross WD4JPQ, Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW, Dave LeMoine, KV4CN, Dave Langley, W4YDY, Mike Langley, KD4MTT, and Walt Verdick, KA4WFS.

The secretary and treasurer's reports were given. Dues are due January 1st by all members. If they are not paid by March, the member will be taken off the mailing list. Dave Pulver, KG4CZV, will write up a notice for the December *Ham Chatter* on dues.

Committee Reports:

MEETING LOCATION: The committee met at the American Legion Hall Post 39 at 403 St. Andrews Drive to see if the location was suitable for future general meetings of BARC. It is a larger meeting space with closer and generous parking.

It also has a large kitchen. There are plenty of tables and chairs. The meeting space was approved and our November meeting will be our first general meeting at the new location. A talk in will be held the night of our first meeting.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: A sympathy card was sent to Rick LaMonica W4ZRA on the death of his mother.

VE SESSION: The VE session was held on October 19th.

EQUIPMENT: Mike, KD4MTT, reported that he ordered the balun. There is an old trailer frame that belongs to BARC that is presently stored at Tom Parsons', W4TEP, home. It can be modified to store many of the items that are cluttering the enclosed trailer and denying proper access to the trailer. Wayne, WD4JPQ, and John McCoy, K4KBB, will look into the possibility for modifications and use and report back to the committee. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to separate out equipment so that equipment

needed for special events will be in the enclosed trailer and other equipment will be on the modified trailer.

PUBLICITY: Walt, KA4WFS, agreed to notify the *Daily Reflector* and have the notice changed of the meeting location.

HAM CHATTER: Dave, W4YDY, is drawing up a map to publish in the *Ham Chatter* and on BARC's web site of the American Legion Hall.

NEW OFFICERS: The new board of director's will be voted on at the November meeting. Any new nominations will be accepted at that time.

ANNUAL AWARDS: A voting sheet will be handed out at the November meeting to elect members for the Annual Awards. The awards will be for BARC Ham of the Year, Elmer of the Year, OM of the Year, YL of the Year and New Ham of the Year.

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For Sale:

Johnny Williams, WA4VMZ, SK, Estate.

1. Transceiver Kenwood TS-520
2. Speaker SP-520
3. VFO-520S
4. Modulation Scope SM-220

Total package estimate is \$450 but will discuss it. Contact Bernard Nobles, WA4MOK, 756-0020 or email bnobles@unctv.org

For Sale:

Radio Shack HTX-202 with battery and spare battery pack. Wall Charger, Speaker mike, 12 VDC adaptor for car. \$75. Thomas Settle, KF4HFH, 746-2881

For Sale:

Vectronics VC3000LP antenna tuner MFJ 4245MV switching power supply Kenwood 430S HF transceiver Call Sandy Steinberg, KG4FTC, at 252-355-1170. \$600 firm.

Wanted:

Back issues of QST, CQ and 73 Magazines to replace ones lost in Hurricane Floyd.

Neal Sumrell, nc4rr@arrl.net

For Sale:

Premier 200 Dexk mic/compressor/equalizer (same as MFJ-299). Like new. \$40. John, W4FA, 355-3415

NETS

VHF

- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- ◆ Pitt County Emergency Communications Net, Mondays, 2100 on 147.09 MHz. (131.8 Hz Tone)
- ◆ Kinston Amateur Radio Society Net, 1,3,4 Tuesdays, 2000 hrs. on 145.47 MHz., W4OIX repeater in Kinston.
- ◆ Eastern North Carolina Traffic Net, Every night, 2030 on 146.685 MHz.
- ◆ New Bern Amateur Radio Club/ Eastern NC 220 Association for the WD4JMS & WA4DAN Net, Monday, 2000 on 146.61 and 224.84 MHz
- ◆ Wilson Amateur Radio Club Net, Monday 2030 on 146.76 MHz.
- ◆ Piedmont Coastal Traffic Net, Nightly 2030 on 146.88 MHz.
- ◆ Newport WFO SKYWARN Net, Wednesday, 2100 on 145.21 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, (Buxton 145.150 Coming Soon)
- ◆ 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

CQ asks contesters to email all logs

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the chance that staff members or contest committee volunteers might be exposed to dangerous packages sent through the mail. CQ suggested that contesters not now using computer logging programs start doing so.

CQ also suggested that hand loggers transcribe their logs into an ASCII (.

txt) file using a word processor, separating each contact element with a tab, separating each contact with a carriage return, and e-mailing the resulting file to the address listed in the contest rules. "Be sure to include the required information about your station in a covering e-mail message," the CQ notice advised.--CQ Communications news release - *Via ARRL Letter Online 11/1/01*

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CHRISTMAS PARTY: The December meeting will be BARC's Christmas party. It will start at 6:30 pm at the American Legion Hall. Bonnie, KG4CZW, has agreed to be chairperson for the committee. Any one wishing to participating with helping, donations or program can contact her at 353-7161. The party will be a pot luck dinner. There will be more details on the party in the December issue

of the *Ham Chatter*.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Any interested BARC members are invited to attend the November board meeting. It will be held on Tuesday, November 27 at Mark's Marina on Highway 33 at Avon Road.

Respectfully submitted by
Bonnie Pulver, KG4CZW

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 10	Myrtle Beach, SC Hamfest	Dec 8-9.	ARRL 160 Meter Contest
Nov 13	Regular Meeting	Dec 11	Christmas Party
Nov 17-18.	ARRL SSB Sweepstakes	Dec 14	BARC VE Session
Nov 18	Benson Hamfest	Dec 15-16.	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
Nov 24-25.	CQ WW CW DX Contest		
Nov 27	Board Meeting		
Dec 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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Next Meeting November 13

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