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FCC "Paperless" Amateur Radio License Policy Goes into Effect on February 17

Starting February 17, the FCC no longer will routinely issue paper license documents to Amateur Radio applicants and licensees. The Commission has maintained for some time now that the official Amateur Radio license authorization is the electronic record that exists in its Universal Licensing System (ULS), although the FCC has continued to print and mail hard copy licenses. In mid-December the FCC adopted final procedures to provide access to official electronic authorizations, as proposed in WT Docket 14-161 as part of its "process reform" initiatives.

Under the new procedures, licensees will access their current official authorization ("Active" status only) via the ULS License Manager. The FCC will continue to provide paper license documents to all licensees who notify the Commission that they prefer to receive one. Licensees also will be able to print out an official authorization — as well as an unofficial "reference copy" — from the ULS License Manager.

"We find this electronic process will improve efficiency by simplifying access to official authorizations in ULS, shortening the time period between grant of an application and access to the official authorization, and reducing regulatory costs," the FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) said. According to the WTB, the new procedures will save at least \$304,000 a year, including the cost of staff resources.

In comments filed November 5, the ARRL had strongly recommended that the FCC "give serious consideration to

continuing a default provision for sending an initial paper license document to new licensees in the Amateur Radio Service, along with detailed, simple instructions for how to make the elections set forth in the notice relative to future modified or renewed licenses."

Under the new procedures, a new license applicant who already has an FCC Registration Number (FRN) and provides a valid e-mail address under "Applicant Information" in the ULS will receive an official ULS-generated electronic authorization via e-mail. New license applicants lacking an FRN will receive in the mail an FRN and a temporary password to access the Commission Registration System (CORES).

New applicants will no longer automatically receive a license document and must request one by changing their "Paper Authorization Preference" in the ULS License Manager.

The ARRL and other Amateur Radio commenters also worried that unless a license document is printed on distinctive paper stock, its authenticity could be questioned in such situations as obtaining vanity call sign license plates. To address this, the FCC said the watermark "Official Copy" will be printed on each page of an official authorization that a licensee prints out from the ULS. The WTB recently stopped using distinctive paper stock to produce hard copy licenses and has been printing these on "standard, white recycled paper." The Bureau noted that the distinctive paper stock it had used was six times more expensive than the plain recycled



Next Meeting - February 10, 2015

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 10, at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Birthday Party with cake and ice cream. Program; Slide show by Dave Langley, W4YDY, will be about QSL cards, why and how to collect them and keeping the cost down with info about bureaus, LoTW, eQSL and some net requirements. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.

The next Board Meeting will be February 24 at 7:30 at the Offices of Monday & Monday, (CPA), Suite D, East Victoria Court. Members invited.

paper it now uses.

The ULS License Manager now includes settings that allow licensees to notify the WTB that they prefer to receive official authorizations on paper. Once the final procedures go into effect designating electronic access as the default, licensees can change the ULS License Manager setting so that the Bureau will print and mail a license document. Licensees also may contact FCC Support via the web, telephone or mail to request paper licenses.

The FCC rejected as "outside the scope of this proceeding" an ARRL argument that Section 97.23 of the Amateur Service rules be amended to replace "licensee mailing address" with other alternatives, including e-mail, for use in Commission correspondence. The rule, which requires that any licensee mailing address be in an area where the licensee has US Postal Service access, has precluded FCC issuance of location-specific call signs in such areas as Navassa Island (KP1) and some Pacific islands. - via ARRL.ORG

2015 Dues

Membership dues for BARC are due January 1. Those who have not paid their dues will not be listed on the roster and will be removed from the Ham Chatter mailing list starting in April. Membership dues are the same as they were in 2014 and are as follows:

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

Please mail your dues or bring them to the meeting, along with the member application form if there are any changes to: Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835. We are requesting that you send the application form in so that we can have your correct information on the roster. The form can be downloaded from <http://www.w4amc.com/application.pdf>. If anyone has any questions concerning their membership status or their dues, please email Jeff Meyer, K4DKW, BARC Treasurer, at n8aha@hotmail.com (remove spaces in email address).

Thank you for your support and participation in BARC.



Happy Birthday

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

4 **KB5B** Steve Horne, II
 9 **NC4RR** Neal Sumrell
 16 **KG4WEZ** Peter Van Houten
 17 **K4ROK** Doug Ferris
 20 **WD4JAD** George Dale
 22 **K4HMW** Dan Wallace
 25 **N4GVK** Tom Forrest

Additions or corrections to W4YDY

ARRL Roanoke Division Director Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, Retires

ARRL Roanoke Division Director Dennis Bodson, **W4PWF**, has stepped down, and Vice Director Dr Jim Boehner, **N2ZZ**, has succeeded him. Bodson announced his retirement on January 16 -- before the official end of his term next January 1 -- at the Board of Directors' Annual Meeting in Windsor, Connecticut.

Fellow Board members gave Bodson a standing ovation in recognition of years of service to the League. The Board elected Bodson as an Honorary Vice President. Bodson served the League for more than 20 years — as Roanoke Division Vice Director from 1993 through 2000, and as Director from 2001 until his retirement.

An ARRL Life Member, Boehner served as ARRL South Carolina Section Manager from 2003 until 2009, when he was elected Roanoke Division Vice Director. He was re-elected in 2013. Boehner is an avid DXer and has achieved DXCC Honor Roll and 5-Band DXCC. Originally from New York, Boehner is in private medical practice in Aiken, South Carolina.

ARRL President Kay Craigie, **N3KN**, has appointed Bill Morine, **N2COP**, of Wilmington, North Carolina, to fill the remainder of Boehner's term as Roanoke Division Vice Director, effective immediately. An ARRL Life Member, Morine served as North Carolina Section Manager from 2010 until 2014, and is a past ARRL Public Relations Committee chairman. Morine was the 2001 recipient of the ARRL Philip J. McGan award for public relations. - [ARRL.ORG](http://www.rrl.org)

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Charlie Wells, K4SKI

Tom Parsons, W4TEP

Please inform Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD**, gclayton4@suddenlink.net of any changes.



Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held **Tuesday, February 17** at the VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road and will start promptly at 6:30 PM. Email Steve Horne II, KB5B, VE Liaison at 07jkrubi@gmail.com. Walk-ins welcome. Please bring the following **required**:

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- ◆ **Original** Amateur Radio License
- ◆ **Copy** of Amateur Radio License
- ◆ **Original** CSCE's
- ◆ **Copy** of CSCE
- ◆ Test fee is \$15.00 .
- ◆ Proof of Tech Plus if before 3/21/87 and doing paper upgrade to General.
- ◆ SS Number will be needed if you don't have an FRN number. *

* **More info** at <http://www.w4amc.com/barcinfo.html#VE>.

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

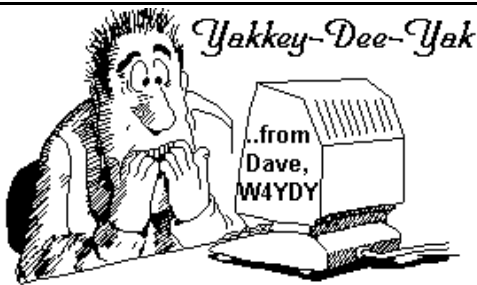
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On page 7 of this newsletter, there is a story about the ARRL's on-the-air Centennial celebration in 2014. Several from Pitt County participated. Some were working for awards and others just made a few contacts with the W1AW/portable stations.

The W1AW/p stations were on the air for a week two times during the year. North Carolina started it off by being on the first week in January and again in September. If you worked a W1AW/p station in every state, you can get a Worked All States (WAS) award by just working W1AW/p. If you didn't do it in 2014, they may do it again in 2015. You just have to hang around a little longer!

I was lucky enough to work one or more W1AW/p stations every week. They have to be confirmed on Logbook of The World (LoTW). I did have every state confirmed so if I want to pay for it, I can get the award. Also, they will send QSL cards via the ARRL incoming bureaus. The bureaus are usually only used for DX but an exception is being made this one time only. You can sign up online and you will get cards from each state that you worked. You will need envelopes and postage on file. It could be up to about 107 cards if you worked them all since each state was on the air for two different weeks. Territories were also on the air.

I have 907 W1AW/p contacts confirmed on LoTW but I made 981 contacts. Don't know why the other 74 were not confirmed but it could be because of they busted my call. There was a couple of times I wasn't sure they had it right but

QRM was very heavy at times. About 5% of the time on SSB, they would call me W4DYD! They confirmed the correct call on the air but it still could have been entered in their log as W4DYD.

Guess I did fairly well working the W1AW/p stations. Out of 615 in North Carolina that uploaded to LoTW, I came in 9th. On the Centennial Points Challenge, I came in 18th out of 656 from NC that uploaded to LoTW.

Overall it was a lot of fun but sometimes a little frustrating because of the heavy QRM. It seemed like most of the states operated the higher bands in the daytime and the low bands at night. I had to get Virginia, South Carolina and North Carolina mostly at night and the distant stations in the daytime. But there were some I could get most any time. I worked Arizona, Wisconsin and New Mexico on all bands from 160 to 10 meters. Got some of them on SSB, CW and RTTY on the same band. I did work W1AW/p in all states on CW and SSB but only missed Kentucky and Nevada on RTTY.

The stations changed States on Wednesdays at 0000Z which was Tuesday evening here. I would sometimes work a couple of stations if they were real strong to me because that was when the QRM was worse. At the end of the week, it was much easier to work them. I was able to find some of the state schedules on the Internet so I could see what time and band they were on. Also, they were spotted a lot on the DX spotting web sites.

I was glad when it ended because it did take a little extra time from other things, especially on weekends when Ham Chatter was due. So the QSO party took a back seat! I am happy that I got to participate in a once in a lifetime event.

In case you didn't know, Ham Chatter will need a new editor for the June issue. I will be happy to assist anyone that takes over the job. - W4YDY

North Carolina QSO Party

The following report was received from Marc Sullivan, W4MPS, Logs Manager, regarding the upcoming North Carolina QSO Party: "The North Carolina QSO Party will hold its 45th annual event on Sunday, March 1, 2015. The QSO party starts at 1500 UTC (10:00 AM Eastern local time) and runs for 10 hours through 0059 UTC (8:00 PM Eastern local time). Complete details can be found at the NCQP website: <http://rars.org/ncqsoparty/> The North Carolina QSO Party [NCQP] has consistently grown in popularity, with over 32,000 QSO's logged in 2014. It is a favorite among County Hunters. All 100 of N.C.'s counties were activated last year. There are 21 award categories with beautiful trophies presented to the top finishers in each. You don't have to be an avid contester to participate and have fun. Casual Ops with modest stations do very well in this event since power levels are limited to 150 watts maximum. There is also a very popular QRP category. There will be six bonus stations on the air in 2015, including the much sought after Battleship North Carolina operating as NI4BK. The website includes links to some very enjoyable videos showing operations from the Battleship as well as an interview with Bill McDowell, K4CIA, winner of the first NCQP back in 1970. K4CIA will be a bonus station in the 2015 event. You'll also enjoy reading the extensive Soapbox comments submitted by enthusiastic participants. We encourage you to visit the NCQP website and join the fun on March 1. The North Carolina QSO Party is sponsored by the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society: <http://rars.org/>" Thanks to Marc Sullivan, W4MPS, Logs Manager, North Carolina QSO Party for providing this information! - via ARRL SM Karl F Bowman, W4CHX, Newsletter

Ham Chatter Editor needed starting June, 2015.

Dues are due on January 1, 2015 for the coming year. See page 2 for complete details.

Richmond, VA Frostfest carpool Saturday February 7

For those interested in going to the Richmond Frostfest, a group is planning to meet between 6 and 7 AM at Bojangles at 3775 MLK Hwy near the intersection of 264 & 33. (North of Hastings Ford). Leave at 7 AM. Hope to go in a couple of cars or more! Contact K4ZYD.

The Frostfest Committee encourages you to head on over to <http://www.frostfest.com> for details about Frostfest 2015 on **February 7!** They are in the Exhibition Hall at the Richmond Raceway Complex, the entire hamfest under one roof.

ARRL Board Okays Changes to DXCC Program, VHF and Above Contesting Rules



The ARRL Board of Directors has tweaked the DX Century Club (DXCC) rules to clarify and expand their recognition of remotely controlled station technology. It also has added a rule that puts greater ethical responsibility on operators with respect to remotely controlled operation. In addition, the Board adopted changes to the ARRL VHF/UHF contest rules that are aimed at encouraging greater participation. The Board took the actions during its annual meeting January 16-17 in Windsor, Connecticut.

The DXCC Rules changes, which affect Section I, subsections 8 and 9, explain and extend how contacts with remotely controlled stations now may be applied toward the DXCC award. According to ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, the changes are subtle but significant. The modified rules make clear that contacts with legally licensed, land-based, remotely controlled stations count for DXCC, but the control point — the operator's location — of a remotely controlled station no longer has to be land based; the operator can be literally anywhere.

"It has always been permitted for a QSO to count for both stations, if either station was operated remotely from a control point within the same DXCC entity," Sumner explained. "Now the location of the operator doesn't matter; the operator could be on the far side of the Moon if he or she could figure out how to remotely control a station on land back on Earth from there." Transmitter location continues to define a station's location, and, for DXCC purposes, all transmitters and receivers must be located within a 500 meter diameter circle, excluding antennas.

Under the old rules, if either station was operated from a control point in another DXCC entity, the contact did not

count for DXCC for either station. "This was unenforceable unless someone was transparent about what they were doing," Sumner said.

The Board further adopted a new rule, now Subsection 11 (subsequent rules will be renumbered accordingly), that acknowledges the reality of the technology enabling remote operation, and it puts greater responsibility on individuals when it comes to applying that technology ethically and responsibly.

"Issues concerning remotely controlled operating and DXCC are best dealt with by each individual carefully considering the ethical limits that he/she will accept for his/her DXCC and other operating awards," the new rule states. It adds, in part, "the owner of these achievements needs to be comfortable standing behind his/her award and numbers. Peer attention has always been a part of awards chasing, of course, but in these times with so many awards and so many players, it is more important than ever to 'play the game ethically.'"

Subsection 11 acknowledges that technological advances "add to the difficulty in defining rules for DXCC," but stresses that the intent of the rules is what's important. "It will continue to be up to the operator to decide what types of legal remote control operating he/she will use (if any) to contribute to an operating award," the new rule concludes.

The Board also adopted amendments to the General Rules for ARRL Contests Above 50 MHz to encourage greater participation and band utilization. The changes become effective with the 2015 June ARRL VHF Contest. The revisions stemmed from recommendations offered by the Board's Programs and Services Committee's ad-hoc VHF and Above Revitalization subcommittee, composed of active VHF/UHF contesters, and they received strong support from the VHF/UHF community.

The subcommittee was charged with developing recommendations to increase the level and breadth of ARRL VHF and above contest participation and encourage operation on lesser-used bands. As a start to the process, the Board approved three changes that will permit assistance

for all operator categories, with no effect on entry category; permit self-spotting for all operator categories, and allow single operators to transmit on more than one band at a time.

The changes will permit assistance in arranging contacts, but not in conducting contacts. They will, for example, allow a station to announce its location in a chat room, on a repeater, or even via e-mail.

In other actions, the Board instructed the HF Band Planning Committee — which soon will solicit members' comments on proposed changes to the ARRL HF Band Plans — to include the possibility of requesting that the FCC add RTTY and data privileges for Novices and Technicians on 15 meters. -via ARRL.ORG

March Issue of The American Legion Magazine to Feature Amateur Radio

Amateur Radio will be featured in the March 2015 issue of The American Legion Magazine. The article, by best-selling author Don Keith, N4KC, will explain how ham radio remains exciting, important, and relevant, even after more than a century in existence and changes in technology. The article also will talk about the American Legion Amateur Radio Club (TALARC) — home to club station K9TAL at American Legion Headquarters in Indianapolis, which sponsors regular operating events. It also will explain how the American Legion is integrating Amateur Radio into its organization and for its members, how members can become licensed and perhaps establish a club station at an American Legion post.

The Legion has an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security to provide assistance during emergencies, and Keith's article will discuss how Amateur Radio meshes with that effort. Keith has written more than 2 dozen books, including *Riding the Shortwaves: Exploring The Magic of Amateur Radio*, *Firing Point* — a submarine thriller — and *Wizard of the Wind*, which includes a ham as a key character. He also has written extensively about World War II history. - via ARRL.ORG 01/30/2015


Ham Ads **K1N Navassa Island DXpedition 2015 (Early-February, 2015)**

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)
NOTE: Commercial rates on page 7.

The **K1N** Navassa Island DXpedition 2015 will begin in early-February, 2015. On Friday, January 22nd, several DXpedition team members had begun traveling to Navassa Island; the exact dates of operation have not been posted. Please visit the **K1N** Navassa Island DXpedition website frequently for update information, see <http://navassadx.com/>. As reported previously, activation of Navassa Island (**K1N**) is very important news for DXers worldwide since Navassa Island is the #1 "most wanted" DXCC entity. Stay tuned! - via *NC ARRL Newsletter, Section Manager Karl F Bowman DVM, W4CHX* w4chx@arrl.org

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BARC Regular Meeting Minutes - January 2015



BARC Meeting Minutes **Health and Welfare:** Larry Swartz, W4RHY, disabled and needing help.

Date: 1/13/15 **Ham Chatter:** Need a new editor starting in June.

Call to Order: 7:30 PM **Publicity:** Sunday D-R will have meeting announcements.

16 members **Public Service:** None upcoming.

were present. **Future Programs:** None announced.

Secretaries Report: N/A **Old Business:** 5 hams upgraded or got new call signs from last VE session.

Treasurer's Report: Account balance reported. **New Business:** Motion approved to sponsor award for NC QSO party as last year.

Equipment Report: None **Discussion about need to plan for NC QSO**

VE Session: Next Session Tuesday Feb 3rd.

party, March 1st, and have work day to set up the Saturday before.

Announcements: Some going to Frostfest in Richmond, VA Feb 7th and want to share rides. Time to pay club dues. Volunteer field day coordinator needed.

Program: Denali National Park video presented by John McCoy, K4KBB

Adjournment: 9 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Erin Davis, KK4HHY

BARC Board Meeting Minutes - January 2015

BARC Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/27/15

Call to Order: 7:30 PM

6 members were present. Terry Monday, K4ZYD, Richard Campbell, W4JNC, John McCoy, K4KBB, Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, Morris Lewis, AK4MU, Dave Langley, W4YDY,

Secretaries Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: No report

Equipment Report: We have multi-year plates for the trailer.

VE Session: Next session February 17

Health and Welfare: No report

Ham Chatter: Looking for new editor.

Publicity: No report

Public Service: No report

Future Programs: February; Birthday party - Dave Langley will have QSL presentation. March set for Danny Garris, KJ4FH, to do digital and antenna demos. Discussed other future programs.

Old Business: Need to send money to RARS for NC QSO sponsored trophy.

New Business: None

Announcements: Richmond Frostfest: Meet between 6 and 7 AM at Bojangles at 3775 MLK Hwy near the intersection of 264 & 33. (North of Hastings Ford). Leave at 7 AM

Adjournment: 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted by:

Terry Monday, K4ZYD

Acting Secretary (or just acting!)

CQ Magazine Combining January, February 2015 Issues, Closing CQ Plus Digital Supplement



CQ magazine has announced that it will publish a combined January/February 2015 issue and cease publication of its CQ Plus digital supplement as of the March 2015 issue. Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, said that both moves are intended to help restore the magazine's normal schedule for its print edition and to strengthen its foundations moving forward as it enters its 8th decade of publication.

"These decisions were not made lightly," Ross added, "but in recognition of the realities of the publishing industry. It's a tough time to be in the magazine business, and we appreciate the patience and loyalty of both our readers and our advertisers."

CQ announced last February that it was incorporating content from the magazine's three sister publications — Popular Communications, CQ VHF and

WorldRadio Online —into CQ Plus. The publisher also phased out the print editions of Popular Communications and CQ VHF and said WorldRadio Online would no longer exist as a separate online publication.

CQ will continue to publish both print and digital editions, but the digital edition will no longer contain the 50-60 additional pages each month that constituted CQ Plus. Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, has said he hopes to include some CQ Plus content within the pages of CQ, but added that ham radio will remain the magazine's primary focus. CQ marks its 70th publication anniversary with its January/February issue.

The magazine also announced that, "as a consequence of the changes," CQ Plus Editor Richard Fisher, KI6SN, will be leaving the CQ staff after serving for many years as a columnist for — and then as editor of — Popular Communica-

tions, WorldRadio Online, and CQ Plus. He was also CQ magazine's emergency communications editor.

Due to the combined January/February issue, CQ will extend by 1 month all print and digital edition subscriptions to CQ.

CQ also has named veteran DXer, DXpeditioner, and QSL manager Bob Schenck, N2OO, as its DX editor. A 2008 inductee into the CQ DX Hall of Fame, Schenck succeeds Wayne Mills, N7NG, who stepped down to pursue other ham-related interests, CQ said. Schenck's first "CQ DX" column will appear in the magazine's January/February 2015 issue. Via ARRL

Ham Chatter Editor needed starting with June, 2015 issue.

Contact K4ZYD.

Participation in ARRL Centennial On-the-Air Events Exceeds All Expectations

Attendance at the ARRL's on-the-air Centennial celebration in 2014 was through the roof! Approximately 3.5 million contacts were recorded for W1AW portable operations and the Centennial Points Challenge during the Centennial QSO Party last year.

"The Centennial QSO Party was a huge success, and participation was way greater than anyone anticipated it would be when we were in the planning stages," said Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, Assistant Manager, Field Services and Radiosport Department. As a result, the window for operators to apply and pay fees for awards they earned in the Centennial QSO Party is not expected to open until mid-March.

Fusaro said that while award certificates have been printed, the task of checking and double-checking the electronic logs and resolving any anomalies has put an unexpected burden on staff resources.

To compete in the Centennial Points Challenge, logs must have been submitted through Logbook of the World (LoTW). The system will automatically look for points-qualifying QSOs from submitted logs and apply them to each participant's Centennial QSO Points total. During January, ARRL Headquarters has been recalculating all submitted scores to come up with final tallies.

"Recalculating will allow operators to earn points for contacts they made with stations that were not yet in the database when the logs went into LoTW," Fusaro explained. "Accuracy in fulfilling awards is important, and we need to get this right the first time. It's been a very time and staff-intensive process, researching busted call signs and running down claimed contacts and mode discrepancies for operators."

The deadline to submit logs for 2014 via LoTW was January 22, but participants may apply for Centennial awards indefinitely, once the application process is up and running. Operators do not have to use LoTW to apply for Points Challenge certificates or W1AW WAS awards.

Enhancements to LoTW — which served as the repository for Centennial

QSO Party contacts — also contributed to the delay. And a few operators logged on paper; those logs were keyed into the system manually.

Qualifying for the Top Level Award requires 15,000 points. The Third Level Award requires 7500 point, while the Second and First Level awards require 3000 and 1000 points, respectively. Point totals will be printed on certificates.

Meanwhile QSL cards for W1AW portable and W100AW operations are not yet back from the printer's. "We did not plan to have as many W1AW/p operators, which contributed to the bonanza of Centennial QSO Party contacts," Fusaro said. US stations that worked W1AW/p and W100AW during the Centennial may request QSL cards via the Incoming QSL Service on the Centennial QSO Party web page.

This is a one-time only use of the QSL Bureau for this purpose, and those who want to receive cards via the Bureau should ensure that their accounts are sufficiently funded, because cards will not be held. Cards destined for stations outside the US will be sent via the QSL Bureau. Participants also may request cards directly, providing one SASE for up to six cards per envelope.

W1AW/p and W100AW will not confirm every contact on the traditional paper QSL cards, but will confirm QSOs for each mode and on most bands on a single card for each weekly operation. - *via ARRL.ORG 01/30/2015*

Editors Note: As far as I know, at least 4 Pitt County AR operators qualified for the Top Level Award that required 15,000 points. Richard, **W4JNC**, got 17,723 points with 848 QSO's, Dave, **W4YDY** got 28,288 points with 2,543 QSOs and former BARC member Rick, **W4UEF**, got 18,152 points with 2,861 QSO's. There may have been others from Pitt County.

Rick Niswander, **K7GM**, ARRL Treasurer worth 150 points, operated a remote station in New York. He got 47,306 points with 5,256 QSO's. He operated remote from his house in Pitt County because of antenna restrictions in his area.

NETS VHF/UHF

- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- ◆ Newport SkyWarn Tues. nights 2100E Grifon-146.685-88.5 tone Newport-145.450.....
IRLP 8561 links to Columbia Jacksonville-147.000- 88.5 tone Oriental-147.210-151.4 tone 444 Newport-444.825- 88.5 tone Swansboro-146.760- 88.5 tone Grantsboro-145 230 - 85.4 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, Thursdays @ 2000 on 146.76 MHz.
- ◆ Piedmont Coastal Traffic Net, Nightly 2030 on 146.88 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

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.pcra.us/>

Greenville repeaters

147.09/69 - 145.35/144.75

444.8/449.8

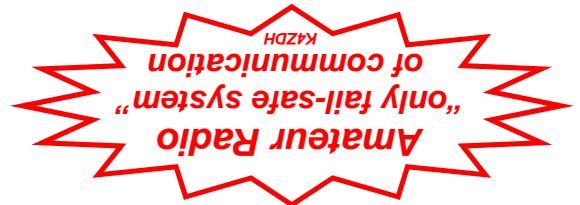
All use 131.8 tone

BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 7.	Richmond Frostfest **	Apr 21.	BARC VE Session - Tuesday
Feb 10	Regular Meeting	Apr 28.	Board Meeting
Feb 14/15	CQ WPX RTTY Contest	May 2	Ham Chatter Deadline
Feb 17.	BARC VE Session - Tuesday	May 12	Regular Meeting
Feb 20/22	CQ WW SSB 160 Contest	May 26	Board Meeting
Feb 21/22	ARRL CW DX Contest	May 30/31.	CQ WW CW WPX Contest
Feb 24.	Board Meeting	June	NEW EDITOR
Feb 28.	Ham Chatter Deadline	Jun 10.	Regular Meeting
Mar 1.	NC QSO Party	Jun 27.	BARC VE Session - Tuesday
Mar 7/8.	ARRL SSB DX Contest	Jun 27/28	ARRL Field Day
Mar 10	Regular Meeting	Jun 30.	Board Meeting
Mar 28/29.	CQ WW SSB WPX Contest	Jul 11/12.	IARU HF World Championship
Mar 31	Board Meeting	Jul 14	Regular Meeting
Apr 4.	RARSFest - Raleigh **	Jul 28	Board Meeting
Apr 4.	Ham Chatter Deadline		Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
Apr 14.	Regular Meeting		Board Meeting - Last Tuesday @ 7:30 PM <i>**Hamfests</i>

BARC 2 METER NET - MONDAY NIGHTS AT 8:00 PM - 147.09 W4GDF REPEATER - 131.8 Tone
BRIGHTLEAF AMATEUR RADIO CLUB STATIONS

W 1 V O A - W 4 A M C - W 4 U H S



**February 2015
Next Meeting
February 10, 2015**

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