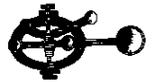




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Meet The Member Joe Aleksa, KQ4BN



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 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

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The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its monthly meeting on November 10 at St. Peter's School on 4th Street. Murray Merner, K4MHM, will show some video tapes about Amateur Radio he picked up on his visit to WIAW. Also, there will be a discussion concerning BARC and VOA Site C plans. All members and guests are invited to attend. The next board meeting is set for December 3. The meeting is open to all members.

Mac Manning, KD4AFL, Elected Pitt County Sheriff

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club member Mac Manning, KD4AFL, was elected Pitt County Sheriff on November 3. He will take office on December 7. Congratulations Mac!

Election of 1999 BARC Officers

Elections for the 1999 Officers were held at the September meeting. Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, withdrew his name from consideration for President due to other commitments. Since there were no other nominations from the floor for any of the positions, the nominees were elected as presented by the nominating committee.

The new officers are as follows:

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ARRL Board Reaffirms, Modifies Its Restructuring Plan

In a special meeting October 24, the ARRL Board of Directors reaffirmed the bulk of its July 1998 Amateur Radio License Restructuring plan with some modifications. Among other things, the Board's July plan would eliminate the Novice and Tech Plus license classes. To provide a logical entry path to HF for Technicians, the Board now has suggested offering CW privileges to Technicians in the current General CW allocations on 80 through 10 meters. Technicians would be permitted up to 200 W PEP.

"The July plan eliminated the HF door by eliminating the Novice license," observed ARRL Executive Vice President David Sumner, K1ZZ. "This is, in effect, a replacement for the Novice, but without an additional license class." The Board also agreed to replace its originally proposed A, B, C, and D license class designations with Extra, Advanced, General, and Technician.

Under the July plan--and under the FCC's proposed streamlining--the entry-level HF license would be the General. Board members at the October 24 meeting near St Louis expressed concern that the leap to HF privileges under the July plan could prove too daunting, especially for younger newcomers. Under the ARRL plan, it would require passing two written examinations plus a 5 WPM code test to become a General. Some also were troubled about the growing gulf between the "traditional" HF operator and the

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President's Corner - Tom,

The elections for BARC officers for 1999 beat the local political scene by a full month. We have a fine slate of officers, headed by President-Elect Murray Merner, K4MHM, will lead our club in the new year's activities. As the outgoing president, I will be serving as Board Member to render whatever assistance lies within my power. I have enjoyed my second term as president even more than my first term. I guess experience does help. I just hope I have satisfied your needs. Having had Murray as my First Vice President this past year, has convinced me that he will render an admirable performance as president. I must also thank Juanita Humbles KE4JWK for her work as Secretary, not just during my term but, for the last several years she has held the position. She served, not only as my memory, but a valuable resource in many ways. She will be a hard act to follow.

This month we must vote, not only our choices for senators, congressmen, and state and local representatives but, for the individuals who have served the

amateur radio community in such a great manner this past year. Please come out to our November meeting and make your vote count. The individuals selected will be recognized at our December meeting/holiday party. This meeting is usually a pot-luck party with spouses or significant others invited. I have appointed myself as the committee head for this affair. I guess, since I am retired, I have just a little more time than some of our other members.

I have enjoyed my second term as president even more than my first term.

JOTA has come and gone and, I might say, I was a little disappointed in the actual outcome. I was not disappointed in the ham radio community but in the adult Scouters who failed in their responsibilities. I have assigned myself the difficult task of ensuring a more successful affair in October 1999. As in all affairs, there are problems but, I feel I can overcome them. See the article on JOTA for more on this year's activities.

Tom, W4TEP

Hams Helped Anchor Space Coverage

CNN announced that Miles O'Brien would coanchor that network's coverage of John Glenn's historic return to space with CBS broadcast legend Walter Cronkite, KB2GSD. O'Brien replaced the late John Holliman in covering the October 29 shuttle flight. Sources at CNN said the coverage would be dedicated to Holliman, who died in an automobile accident September 12.

Meanwhile, SAREX Working Group Chairman and former NBC newsman Roy Neal, K6DUE, from High Point, NC, was on NBC's Today show for the STS-95 launch and subsequent coverage.

John Glenn's closest friend, Tom Miller, K4IC, would sit in during launch-day coverage as well.--*New York Post/ShopTalk via The Hudson Loop - via ARRL Letter Online 10/23/98*



Happy Birthday Donation to BARC

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

1	WA4SLD	Bernice Turnage
1	KA4WFS	Walter Verdick
6	K7GM	Rick Niswander
8	KD4NHZ	Walter Allen
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*

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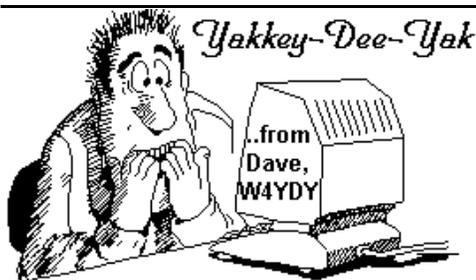
Mildred Hecker, widow of SK Jim Hecker, KD4VBX, has donated Jim's 10 meter mobile rig to the club to do with as the club saw fit. Thanks Mildred, Jim is still in our thoughts. - *K4MHM*

Patty Wins Again

Country songstress Patty Loveless, KD4WUJ, recently took home the Country Music Association's Vocal Event award for her hit single "You Don't Seem to Miss Me," recorded with special guest artist George Jones. This marks her fourth award from the Country Music Association.--*thanks to Newslite - via ARRL Letter Online 10/16/98*

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For those that are planning to take an Amateur Radio exam and have Internet capabilities, there are some web sites that might be of much help to you. A couple are located at <http://www.biochem.mcw.edu/Postdocs/Simon/radio/exam.html> and <http://w5ac.tamu.edu/ham-exam-v2/ham-exam.html>. The sites will generate sample test exams of all Amateur Radio classes. It is an excellent way to practice for your upcoming exams. I'm sure there are several other sites that offer the same service, but I don't have the addresses at this time. By the way, for those looking for their first callsign, the FCC has used up all of the KF4 callsigns. They are now into the KG4 block.

In an article that starts on the front page of this newsletter, the ARRL Board met on October 24 to talk about the licensing restructuring plan. They propose letting the Technician have all CW privileges. I think that would be a good idea, but my understanding of International regulations, a requirement is to pass a CW test to have HF privileges. Don't know how they will work that one out. They still want to award a General Class license to those that pass a 5 WPM test. I don't know what they want for Advanced and Amateur Extra. Anyway, I feel that the Morse code requirements that are now in use are reasonable. It has been for about 50 years or more. During the daylong session, the Board also proposed that the FCC rules ban multiple-choice Morse code tests and

establish that a passing grade for a code test be either 70% correct answers to 10 fill-in-the-blank questions or one minute out of five of solid copy.

I feel it should be a one minute out of five of solid copy. There should be no exam questions for copying the code. It's just another way for cheaters to cheat. We don't want any temptations out there for those that do not belong in Amateur Radio. They think that they can get away with it, but the cheaters are known even if they are not aware that we know who they are. If they cheat to get a license, they will cheat in other aspects of Amateur Radio, not to mention other aspect of life! Amateur Radio does not need or want them and we don't need to make it easy for them. The 10 question exams used for code exams made it possible for several to get an Amateur Extra class license and if they were required to take a code exam today, I

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know they couldn't pass a 13 WPM exam and probably couldn't pass 5 WPM. If the FCC made only one change in their regulations, they should drop the code written exams and require one minute of solid copy out of five minutes.

Congratulations to the new Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club officers elected for 1999. Thanks very much for the hard work of the 1998 officers. Tom Parsons, W4TEP, and the others have been very helpful in getting articles to me and keeping me up to date with the club activities so I could pass them along to you via the newsletter and the Internet. Juanita Humbles, KE4JWK, has helped me very much in getting the newsletter out every month by getting the mailing labels ready each month. I look forward to working with the newly elected officers in 1999. - W4YDY

FCC Fines Florida Ham In Interference Case

The FCC has levied a \$2500 fine on a Florida ham for malicious interference on a business radio service frequency. Jeffrey G. Guss, KF4MWT, of Palm Bay, Florida, was cited by the Commission following an investigation of several months that also involved malicious interference to an amateur repeater.

In February 1997, the FCC's Tampa office responded to complaints of unauthorized transmissions containing foul language and threats on 154.6 MHz. Agents tracked the transmissions to Guss's residence, but he denied having equipment that could transmit on 154.6 MHz. The FCC sent Guss a warning letter regarding the unlicensed 154.6 MHz operation that had been traced to his residence, but he failed to reply as required.

Later that year, the Tampa office responded to complaints of malicious interference to an amateur repeater. Using DF gear, agents tracked the transmissions to a mobile source and ultimately spotted Guss riding in the bed of a pick-up truck. Guss denied knowledge of the transmissions on the amateur repeater, but when agents asked to inspect his amateur station, they found a hand-held transceiver that transmitted on 154.6 MHz. They also spotted what appeared to be an RF amplifier inside a vehicle Guss owns, but he refused permission to inspect it.

An Official Notice of Violation went out last September, but Guss again failed to reply as required. Last February, the Tampa office issued a Notice of Apparent Liability to Guss for unlicensed operation on 154.6 MHz, for failing to permit inspection of radio equipment in his van, and for failing to respond to the FCC's correspondence.

An FCC review upheld the initial findings in the case. On October 7, the FCC ordered Guss to pay the \$2500 fine within 30 days. There is no

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FCC Issues Universal Licensing System Rules

The FCC has issued its long-awaited Report and Order on the Universal Licensing System, which affects all Wireless Telecommunications Bureau licensees. Among other things, the ULS will result in replacing Amateur Radio's familiar FCC Form 610 series with a new Form 605. The new rules become official 60 days after publication in The Federal Register--sometime around the end of the year. The FCC said it expects to have the ULS fully operational by next April. Using the ULS, applicants and licensees will be able to file, modify, and renew electronically. Access to the ULS is via <http://www.fcc.gov/wtb/uls/>.

The FCC's action consolidates approximately 40 existing forms into four ULS applications, including the new Form 605. Electronic filing in the ULS will not yet be mandatory for individual amateurs. Hams will have the option of filing electronically or on paper. However, electronic filing via the ULS will be required for Volunteer Examiner Coordinators in the Amateur Service.

Under the ULS, amateurs will use Form 605, the Quick-Form Application for Authorization in the Ship, Aircraft, Amateur, Restricted and Commercial Operator, and General Mobile Radio Services for all purposes. Applicants may continue to use the old forms for six months after the new rules go into effect, however.

Responding to comments from

the ARRL and the W5YI Group, the FCC said it would include the Physician's Certification of Disability (Physician's Certification) on the new Form 605 in Part 2 of Schedule D.

As part of its Report and Order on the ULS, the FCC also issued amended rules (in WT Docket 96-188) to authorize visiting foreign hams to operate in the US pursuant to recent international reciprocal operating agreements. "We conclude that all alien amateur radio reciprocal operation should be authorized by rule," the FCC said. This means that foreign hams holding a CEPT radio-amateur license from a CEPT country or

Canadian hams to operate in each other's countries. The authority would not extend to US citizens claiming second citizenship and an amateur license from another country, however.

The FCC said it will require the submission of a Taxpayer Identification Number by applicants and licensees using ULS, "consistent with the requirements of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996." Some commenters, particularly amateur operators, argued against the requirement, saying that disclosure of a TIN--typically a Social Security Number--raised privacy concerns and was unnecessary to the Commission's regulatory goals. But, the FCC said its security measures will limit access to TIN data both online and to FCC staff. "Once data has been entered into ULS, sensitive data such as TINs will not be accessible to the public," the FCC said. The FCC has not addressed how it plans to handle applicants who do not have a TIN, such as foreign nationals who hold FCC licenses.

The FCC stood by its plan to use certain eligible private-sector entities, on a strictly voluntary basis, to issue club and military recreation station call signs.

Both text and formatted versions of the complete Report and Order, WT Dockets 98-20 and 96-188, are available on the FCC Web site, <http://www.fcc.gov>. - via *ARRL Letter Online 10/23/98*

Electronic filing in the ULS will not yet be mandatory for individual amateurs.

an International Amateur Radio Permit issued by a participating CITEL country may operate while visiting the US without having to apply for permission. Additionally, it will be easier for US hams to operate in participating countries in Europe and the Americas.

Against ARRL objections, the FCC eliminated the one-year term for an alien reciprocal permit and will not require an FCC license document. The FCC noted that the new system is similar to the one already in place for US and

Election of BARC Officers

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President - Murray Merner, K4MHM; First Vice President - Gary Gasperini, KU4NQ; Second Vice President - Jim Smith, KF4VHH; Secretary - Lily Fainter, KE4UGD; Treasurer - Bob Fainter, KE4UGC; Board Member (One year) - Tom Parsons, W4TEP, and Board Member (Two year) - Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ. Congratulations to all.

Bill Dawson, WA4SLC, Doug Ferris, K4ROK, Byron Highland, KA4KGZ, John McCoy, K4KBB, and Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ were on the nominating committee. - *W4YDY*

Next VE Session December 18

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on October 16. Exams will be held at St. Peter's School on 4th Street. Exams will start promptly at 6:30 PM. - KQ2V
Please bring the following:

- Photo ID (drivers license)
- Original Amateur Radio License
- Copy of Amateur Radio License
- Original CSCE's
- Copy of CSCE

1998 Field Day Results

The results of the 1998 Field Day will appear in the December 1998 issue of QST. Field Day results typically have appeared in the November issue, which, this year, carries instead the updated and corrected results of the 1997 ARRL 10-Meter Contest. This November's issue does include several photographs from this year's Field Day event, submitted by numerous participants. - via *ARRL Letter Online 10/9/98*

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS Meet the Member?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
 Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
 Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
 Or do you meet in private and criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help work along?
 Or are you satisfied to be the kind who just belongs?
 Do you work on committees, to this there is no trick?
 Or leave the work to just a few, and talk about the clique?

Please go to meetings often, and help with hand and heart.
 Don't be just a member, but take an active part.
 Think this over, members, you know what's right from wrong,
ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?

Contributed by Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ

New Ham Class

We have 15 people who want to be hams. They include: Judi Spaulding wife of ham Fred Spaulding, Dave and Bonnie Pulver and son Robert Walker (Bonnie is Tom Parson's (W4TEP) daughter), Judy Andrews whose husband Carl, KE4UGA, is a ham, Maggie Frank and Linnea Olsson who were both informed about it by their science teacher Nancy Bray, KE4WGT, Carolin and Laura Dail who were brought by their dad Macon Dail, WB4PMQ, Kim and Wayne Lukhard - Wayne was exposed to amateur radio by a neighbor when he was a teenager, Tod LeMoine was brought by

his father David LeMoine, KE4SQI, Bill Katrobos who was encouraged to come by his wife and new ham Shirley, KF4VHJ, and Larry Dendy who teaches at PCC and has had an interest in ham radio for many years.

Most of these people found out about the class from the article in the Daily Reflector. Thanks Walt, KA4WFS, and to all those who posted flyers - it's important to get the word out.

The first classes went well with instructors Ken, N8FF, doing the Morse code, Bill, WA4SLC, and Gary, KU4NQ, doing presentations based on the book Now You're Talking. Thanks.
K4MHM

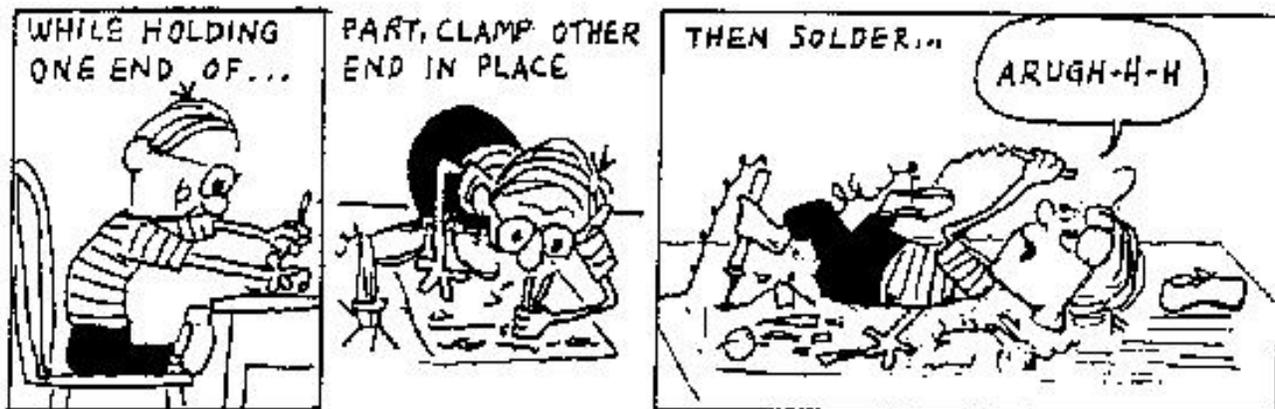
You hear him on the repeater, you see her at the club meetings. You've known them for years - but do you really?

To many of us the challenge of amateur radio is the hardware, the numbers - the rigs, the antennas, how many, how far. To me the interest is the people, the who, what, when, where and why of the person I'm talking to (and not so much the how). Amateur radio provides us with a great opportunity to learn about other people in our state, country and the world.

But what about that person we hear or see almost every day? Many of us know little of them. Each of us has interesting stories about ourselves and our hobby. The Meet the Member column is an opportunity to learn more about the members of our club. As one of the writers of the column, it has been a great pleasure learning about the people that make up our club - we are diverse and interesting. While it takes some time to provide the biographical background and a few minutes to read the column, it adds a depth and humanity to our club and to our hobby. If you have already submitted your "bio", thanks; if you have not, please seriously consider it. Copies of the format are available from Dave Langley, me or the BARC web page. Let's all get to know each other better. -
K4MHM

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BY RICH REGENT, K9GDF

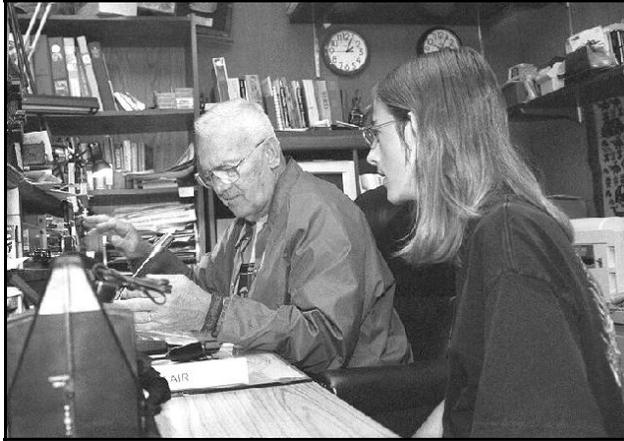


Via ARNS Bulletin

Jamboree-On-The-Air

Saturday, the 17th of October, marked the 41st Jamboree-on-the-air, or JOTA as it is known throughout the worldwide scouting community. The Pitt County station operated from W4TEP with Murray Merner, K4MHM, and John McCoy, K4KBB, assisting. Although many adult leaders had called and indicated they would be attending, things got off to a very slow start. Contacts were made on 10 meters with many 59 reports from

England, Belgium, and the Netherlands. Robert Walker, a scout from Troop 826 in Greenville, talked with a scout in England with the same name. The Scouts at both ends were slow to start talking but, once they started they were hard to stop. Other Scouts and Cub Scouts were able to trade information, not only with Europe but, also to Canada and the United States on 20 meters. Some Cub Scouts were impressed to be talking with K2BSA/9 in Canton, Michigan, one of the official Boy Scouts of America stations. Three separate VE3 stations in Ontario, Canada, were operating from camporee sites and had an endless amount of boys wanting to talk with



Tom Parsons, W4TEP, and Robert Walker (Tom's grandson) talk to scouts in England.

American Scouts and share information. Each of the Scouts were presented a 41st Jamboree on the Air card and a JOTA patch to remember their participation. Judging from the excitement displayed by these young Scouts, there might be a future ham operator or two in the coming years. W4TEP only operated from 0900 to 1500 but many stations were still being heard on Sunday morning. Plans are already underway to make next year even better. If we can get JOTA coordinated with a jamboree and sufficient operators are available, we could also operate into Saturday night and Sunday morning. - Tom, W4TEP

ARRL Board Reaffirms, Modifies Its Restructuring Plan

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newer VHF-only amateurs.

Addressing the Morse code requirement in the International Radio Regulations, Sumner summed up the Board's position by saying that the new privileges would amount to self-testing. "By their very nature, you can't use the privileges until you know the code," he said.

The special ARRL Board meeting was called to consider the League's comments on the FCC's amateur licensing "streamlining" proposals in WT Docket 98-143, released in August. Comments are due December 1. During the daylong session, the Board also proposed that the FCC rules ban multiple-choice Morse code tests and establish that a passing grade for a code test be either 70% correct answers to 10 fill-in-the-blank questions or one minute out of five of solid copy.

The Board affirmed its proposals in RM-9196 to improve the procedures for granting Morse code exam credit on the basis of a physician's certification of a disability. It also affirmed "its strong desire" that written exams be modified as necessary "to demonstrate better the depth of the applicant's current radio technical knowledge and operating skill."

The Board supported retention of the topic definitions to be included in written exams, as contained in §97.503(c) of the FCC rules, with some modification to accommodate the new four-class structure.

The Board also reaffirmed its desire that Advanced class volunteer examiners be permitted to administer General class exams, and it renewed its request in RM-9115 for several rules changes involving RACES stations.

The Board noted that it had "heard and considered the views of thousands of ARRL members" on the amateur licensing issues raised in both the ARRL and FCC proposals. - via *ARRL Letter Online 10/30/98*

Vanity Update

The FCC appears to be making a little headway in processing vanity applications. The FCC office in Gettysburg reports it has processed vanity applications received through September 30. On the most recent processing run, it granted 201 new call signs. Another 189 applications landed in the work-in-process (WIPs) stack. With the new \$13 fee in place as of September 14, the FCC received a whopping 1499 vanity applications during the month of September--nearly 80% of them filed electronically. - via *ARRL Letter Online 10/30/98*

It's Going to Cost a Dime More to take an Exam Next Year

The FCC has announced that the 1999 maximum Amateur Radio volunteer examination reimbursement fee will be \$6.49, based on a 1.5% Consumer Price Index increase between September 1997 and September 1998. The 1999 ARRL/VEC test fee will be \$6.45. The 1998 ARRL/VEC test fee is \$6.35. **Note:** Elements 1(A) and 2 are always free of charge at ARRL/VEC examination sessions. - via *ARRL Letter Online 10/30/98*

Meet The Member - Joe Aleksa, KQ4BN

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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 Tentec 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

It's Christmas Party Time!

It's that time of the year again. It sure does roll around fast! In place of the regular club meeting on December 8, BARC will be having the annual Christmas party at St. Peter's School that includes the whole family. The annual awards will be given out to those that have made contributions to BARC in 1977. Some of the awards will



be Ham of the Year, OM of the Year, YL of the Year and many others.

The festivities will start at 6:30 PM and at 7:00 PM, everyone will enjoy the fine food brought in by the members. Tom Parsons, W4TEP, will coordinate the arrangements. He will discuss it at the meeting in November. More information will be in the

Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, and Mac Manning, KD4AFL, make final adjustments to 40 meter beam while Mike Langley, KD4MTT, gives them a 'lift' at the 1998 BARC Field Day.



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BARC Monthly Minutes - October 1998

BARC MONTHLY MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 1998 1930HR. ST.
PETER'S SCHOOL

1. Call to Order by Tom Parsons, W4TEP.

2. 50/50 Invitation.

3. Introductions and Welcome visitor Col. Vince Gomez, friend of Tom, W4TEP.

4. September Meeting Minutes approved as published in the Ham Chatter.

5. Reports from Officers / Committees:

A. Treasurer's Report by Alex Macklin, KC4PHJ - Balance \$606.73 with \$261.28 set aside for new equipment.

B. Secretary's Report by Juanita Humbles, KE4JWK: See Newsletters. Welcome Shirley Katrobos, KF4VHJ back tonight after her recent illness. Anyone interested in attending a Seminar on Nonprofit groups, see brochure.

C. President's Report by Tom, W4TEP - The Proctor & Gamble Grant has been approved, but the check was lost and awaiting a new one to be issued.

D. VOA Site C - No new info.

E. Absentee Ballot - No new info.

F. Special Service Club Status - No new info.

G. Special Events - JOTA (Jamboree On The Air) set for October 17-18. See Program for tonight.

H. Health and Welfare - Murray Merner, K4MHM - No report.

I. Instructor Group - Murray, K4MHM - New Ham Radio Class starting October 22, 1998 with Flyers sent out. First Class location still up in the air due to the annual Fall Festival here at St. Peter's, but all remaining classes are planned to be held here in the Science Classroom. Please hand out Flyers given and encourage people to attend if interested in Amateur Radio.

J. Programs - Tonight - Elections for 1999 Club Officers and JOTA

Preview by Tom, W4TEP.

November - Vote on Awards for the year.

December - Christmas Party and Awards.

K. Need Committee to set up the Christmas Party and Awards. Tom asking for Volunteers.

L. ARES - Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ thanked all who participated in S.E.T. (the Simulated Emergency Test).

6. Outstanding Business:

A. Fund Raiser - As mentioned earlier, will wait for Grant Check to arrive before finalizing Raffle plans. Murray, K4MHM voiced Jim Hecker's Widow, Mildred, donated to the Club a 10 Meter Mobile Rig. Murray suggested possibly raffling the Rig off also. Will include this in the plans.

B. On a further note pertaining to Silent Key, Jim Hecker, the Peace Presbyterian Church will hold a Blood Drive in honor in Memorial of Jim on Nov. 1, 1998. All Hams are encouraged to donate in honor of Jim.

C. Club Equipment Insurance - Mike Langley, KD4MTT and Murray, K4MHM both shared information on this. Will plan on further comments and feasibility at the next meeting.

D. Radio Jump Kits - Paul Fletcher, KS4YF voiced the PCMH is responsible for the Kits' equipment in case of damage.

7. New Business:

A. VE Session - next session to be held at St. Peter's on Oct. 16, 1998 at 6:30PM. Brother Simon Jaworski, KQ2V will be out of town and needs someone to run the session and be responsible for proper handling of the tests and forms. Dave Langley, W4YDY volunteered to run the session at the usual time on Friday.

B. Library Display - Murray, K4MHM asked Sheppard Memorial Library to put up a Field Day Display next June, along with other Special Events. The Library is more than willing to do so and have is offering to set up a display now on Amateur Radio. Murray proposed a motion to donate a

new "Now You're Talking Book" in January in Honor of the Silent Keys, 2nd by Paul, KS4YF, and approved by the group then cancelled due to donation of book offered by Joyce Griswell, KF4RBJ from Radio Shack.

C. Joe Melton, WB4SLF asking for information on where to get an Alinco Radio repaired for Bernice Turnage, WA4SLD. Please let Joe or Bernice know.

D. Paul, KS4YF with update Hospital Facilities. The room use for Emergency Communications during the storm was only temporary and has been returned for telephone use. So the Jump Kits are now being stored at the Pitt Co. Emergency Manager's office (Bobby Joyner's office).

8. 50/50 Drawing: \$30.00 collected with \$15.00 won by Mike Langley, KD4MTT.

9. Nominations: Any further nominations from the floor at this time? None voiced. Paul Fletcher, KS4YF withdrew his name from the list. Nominations were then closed by motion of Mike, KD4MTT, 2nd by William Wallace, KF4ZTD, and approved by the Group present. Tom, W4TEP proposed a motion of acclamation of the listed nominees as follows: President - Murray Merner, K4MHM; 1st V. P. - Gary Gasperini, KU4NQ; 2nd V. P. - Jim Smith, KF4VHH; Secretary - Lily Fainter, KE4UGD; Treasurer - Bob Fainter, KE4UGC; 2yr. Board Member - Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ; Past President Board Member - Tom Parsons, W4TEP. A motion for acclamation by James Eubanks, KD4JOV, 2nd by Shirley Katrobos, KF4VHJ, and approved by the group present set the above as new officers for 1999.

10. The Meeting was adjourned at 2017hr. by motion of Bob Fainter, KE4UGC, 2nd by Gary Gasperini, KU4NQ, and the group.

11. Tonight's Program: JOTA Preview by Tom, W4TEP to be held on Oct. 17, 1998 at Tom's house from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Minutes by Juanita Humbles, KE4JWK

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Betty W. Tate, Wife of Frank Tate, W4OCT, Passes Away

Mrs. Betty W. Tate, wife of BARC member Frank Tate, W4OCT, passed away on November 1.

She was a native of Montrose, Colorado and lived her early life in New Orleans, where she attended business college. She traveled widely domestically and overseas, accompanying Frank in his 30 year career with the Voice of America. They returned in 1974 and made Greenville their permanent home.

She is survived by her husband, Frank, son, Henry B. Tate and his wife Teresa Tate of Mebane; daughters, Elizabeth Tate Born and husband, Kenneth E. Born, Sr. of Annandale, VA, Patricia E. Tate of Greenville, Carol Tate Scott and husband, Marshall Scott of Olathe, KS; grandchildren, Michael T. Morrison, Jr., Julie E. Lamberth, and Kenneth E. Born, Jr.

Memorials may be made to St. James United Methodist Church, 2000 E. 6th Street, Greenville, NC 27858 or St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, MT 59004-1001

The members of the Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club extend their condolences to Frank and his family.

FCC Cracks Enforcement Whip on Jersey Ham

The FCC has begun to crack its amateur enforcement whip. A New Jersey ham has been ordered off 40 meters until further FCC notice after allegedly causing interference to the ANARC Net on 7.240 MHz October 18. The FCC also issued an Official Notice of Violation October 21 against James C. Thompson, KA2YBP, of Waretown, New Jersey.

Thompson, 58, was accused by FCC inspectors out of the Langhorne, Pennsylvania, FCC office with illegally retransmitting programs from a Standard Broadcast (AM) station on 40 meters and willfully interfering with the amateur net. The FCC also charged Thompson with failing to properly identify.

It's the Commission's first amateur enforcement action since the FCC announced it would consolidate amateur enforcement within the Compliance and Information Bureau under the coordination of Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, the CIB's legal advisor for enforcement.

Hollingsworth said the FCC acted in the Thompson case on complaints from amateurs, but FCC inspectors did all the legwork. FCC inspectors at Thompson's home found an AM receiver "positioned adjacent to the Amateur station's microphone and tuned to 1450 kHz," the FCC said. Hollingsworth said FCC personnel used a combination of long-range and local monitoring and tracking to zero in on Thompson's QTH as the source of the interfering signal.

Hollingsworth said he anticipates additional amateur enforcement cases to develop as a result of calls to the Amateur Enforcement Line, 202-418-1184. - *via ARRL Letter Online 10/30/98*

FCC Fines Florida Ham

(Continued from page 3) indication in the order that Guss's amateur ticket or the Land Mobile Radio Service license he holds will be jeopardized, however. - *via ARRL Letter*

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- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- ◆ Pitt County Emergency Communications Net, Mondays, 2100 on 147.09 MHz. (131.8 Hz Tone)
- ◆ 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 on 145.11 MHz and linked repeaters.
- ◆ 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

- ◆ 3.715 1800 hours, slow speed (5-10 wpm)
- ◆ 3.573 1900 hours, high speed (20 wpm)
- ◆ 3.573 2200 hours, slow speed (12-14 wpm), South Carolina/North Carolina

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 10.	Regular Meeting	December 10.	ARRL 10M Contest
November 15.	Benson Hamfest	December 18.	VE Session
November 29.	Ham Chatter Deadline	December 30.	Board Meeting
December 3.	Board Meeting	January 12.	Regular Meeting
December 4-6.	ARRL 160M Contest	January 28.	Board Meeting*
December 5.	Greensboro Hamfest	February 9.	Regular Meeting
December 8.	Christmas Party		

*Tentative

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