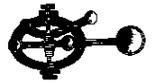




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Meet The Member Lily Fainter, KE4UGD



Lily is originally from Queens, NY and has lived in Winston-Salem, NC; Blacksburg, VA and Tempe, AZ.

She shares equipment with husband Bob, KE4UGC, which consists of: an Icom 2GXAT HT, Icom 2710H mobile and Icom 746 fixed. Antennas are: 2 meter 5/8 ground plane and a G5RV. Lily was licensed in January 1995 and is currently a Technician Plus. She operates on 2 meters, but when she increases her code speed and upgrades that may change.

This year she is the Secretary of BARC and has served in the past as Treasurer. She also gives a much appreciated hand at Field Day and serves as Skywarn Asst. E.C.

Lily received her masters degree in Biology from ECU in 1971. She graduated with her Bachelors in Biology from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, NJ in 1969. Presently, she is a research technician at the ECU School of

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The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its monthly meeting on January 12 at St. Peter's School on 4th Street. Murray Merner, K4MHM, will hold a discussion concerning the future planning for BARC and the survey form in the December issue of Ham Chatter. Please bring in the survey and give it to Murray. All members and guests are invited to attend. The next board meeting is set for January 26. The meeting is open to all members. (Board meetings - 4th Tuesday of the month)

Attention BARC Members

Annual Dues are due on January 1. Please fill out the application that is enclosed in this *Ham Chatter* and return it

BARC Members Receive Awards at Christmas Party

Awards were handed out by Mike Langley, KD4MTT, at the annual BARC Christmas Party in December. Murray Merner, K4MHM, was awarded the 1998 Ham of the Year award. Other awards were OM of the Year, Dave Langley, W4YDY; Female Ham of the Year, Lilly Fainter, KE4UGD; New Ham of the Year, William Wallace, KF4ZTD and Elmer of the Year, Brother Simon Jaworski, KQ2V.

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League Files "Restructuring" Comments With FCC

The ARRL has filed formal comments in response to the FCC's proposed streamlining of the Amateur Radio rules. The League delivered its comments to the FCC December 1, the final day for comments in the FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WT Docket 98-143.

The League's filing promotes the ARRL Board of Directors' restructuring positions, adopted last July and fine-tuned at a special meeting in October. It also takes the FCC to task on a few points. The ARRL said the FCC's NPRM failed to contain "a comprehensive license restructuring proposal or even an overall review of license restructuring" and generally "missed the mark."

The League called on the FCC to adopt the ARRL Board's restructuring plans as the centerpiece of its streamlining efforts. Among other things, the League plan calls for eliminating the Novice and Tech Plus licenses to reduce the number of license classes from six to four. The ARRL plan automatically upgrades current Novice and Tech Plus licensees to General. The General license would become the entry-level ticket to HF. Existing Novice and Tech Plus HF CW bands would be "refarmed" to provide additional phone spectrum for General, Advanced, and Extra class licensees.

The FCC also proposed a four-tier license structure, eliminating the Novice ticket and melding existing Technician and Tech Plus licensees into a

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President's Corner - Murray,

Happy New Year. This is a time to reflect on the past and project into the future.

The past year, BARC was lead by officers: Tom, W4TEP, President; Murray, K4MHM, First Vice President; Gene KE4JZU, Second Vice President; Juanita, KE4JWK, Secretary; Alex, KC4PHJ, Treasure; Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, (Past President) Trustee; and Gary, KU4NQ, Trustee. Without their

initiative and guidance we would not have accomplished all that we did. Others in the club as committee

chairs or interested members also deserve a lot of credit for our accomplishments. Just look at the article by Ham Chatter Editor Dave, W4YDY, about the annual award winners - it took a lot of people to make the club work. There are a lot of private heroes out there too serving as Elmers, an extra hand or just someone to fellowship with. "Thank you" to you all.

This year will be a success too as people come forward to take the lead - veterans and some new faces. Our new

officers are: Gary, KU4NQ, First Vice President; Jim, KF4VHH, Second Vice President; Lily, KE4UGD, Secretary; Bob, KE4UGC, Treasurer; Wayne, WD4JPQ, Trustee; and Tom, W4TEP (Past President) Trustee. These are the people you have chosen for to be your formal leaders of BARC. We shall see others, as well, take the lead in the projects of the club - hopefully they will be able to enlist your assistance as we

...bring your completed survey to the meeting so we can have your input...

serve Amateur Radio and our community, learn and have some fun.

You are the key to a successful year, your willingness to provide your input, your help, your leadership on projects. You make the club what it is whether it is involvement in emergencies, coming to meetings, presenting programs, teaching, participation in special events or Field

Day. The regular meeting January 12 will be an important step into 1999 as we plan our year. Please get your surveys to a club officer. By the time you read this Ham Chatter, we will have had our Board meeting to plan the January meeting, but it would still help if you made your opinions known. At least, bring your completed survey to the meeting so we can have your input for the direction we will take in 1999. Together we can make a difference

Also as a gentle reminder, with the new year comes our renewal dues please send them to Bob promptly so we can continue our financial stability.

Ham radio, pass it on.

73,

Murray, K4MHM

CW in the Cinema

Several ham-moviegoers have alerted ARRL HQ that the movie "Enemy of the State" contains a snatch of CW. In scenes depicting a spy satellite, the sound track includes a little Morse code: The satellite calls CQ! "As though pictures were sent from satellites by Morse," said Tom Bradbury, NU4G, who saw the movie in November with his daughter, Elizabeth, KE4IWN. "I broke out laughing, no doubt to the puzzlement of those around me," he said. "Somewhere in moviedom is a chuckling ham, I guess." Steve Kaufman, VE2SKA/KB2SPH, says that characters in the movie also use what appears to be a Yaesu HF transceiver to break into police frequencies. "The frequency shown is in the 40-meter band," he says, "but they do speak to the police dispatcher." The movie stars Will Smith and Gene Hackman.--thanks to Daniel Coates, N9XJF, Steve Kaufman, VE2SKA/KB2SPH, and Tom Bradbury, NU4G - via ARRL Letter Online 12/11/98

Congratulations: To Alex Macklin, KC4PHJ, for his recent job promotion and most of all his engagement to Marci Harrington of Greenville. Their wedding plans are set for October 2, 1999.



Happy Birthday

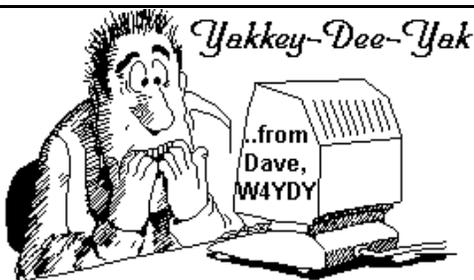
Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members birthdays in **January**.

1	K4NU	Robert Holt
2	KD4AFL	Mac Manning, Jr.
6	KF4RBJ	Joyce Griswell
15	W4EHF	Bill Finch
24	KQ4BN	Joe Aleksa
26	W4UTO	Mary Knapp
29	KD4AAQ	W. C. Mayo
31	W4JIS	Cleon J. McKnight

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

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The new officers start at the January club meeting replacing a fine group. Tom Parsons, W4TEP, and the others have done a very good job for the club over the past year and now it's time to give our support to Murray Merner, K4MHM, and the other new officers. There were many club activities that were enjoyed by many. If you didn't join in, you missed several special event stations, a great May picnic in Farmville by WA4SLD, WB4SLF and KD4NRB, a good meeting and tour of VOA Site C in July and a great (but HOT!) ARRL Field Day in June

chaired by Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK. Bernie did an outstanding job getting organized and having a lot of

antennas for the contest. There would have been another antenna or two, but the heat got to just about everyone. And then there was the great food that everyone enjoyed. The club does need more operators for the contest. If you haven't tried it, you should because it is not hard and it becomes fun before you know it. Thanks Bernie, for the outstanding hard work of a dedicated club member.

Also, I want to thank Juanita Humbles, KE4JWK, for her instructions and assistance to me in getting Ham Chatter printed and getting the labels to me every month for the past 1 1/2 years. Another dedicated BARC member.

December was a good month for Amateur Radio activity between getting ready for the holidays and all the other usual things. Since the sunspot activity has the bands on the upswing, there is

much more activity on the higher HF bands. I operated in the 10 meter contest while using PDA LOGic 4.3 on the computer for real time logging for about 4 hours the first day, but didn't get a chance the second day. (I will be using LOGic 5.1 in the next contest.) Only made 100 contacts but it was fun. I contacted 19 states, 4 Canadian providences and 21 countries. Ten meters is really good now. If you haven't tried it, now is the time to get on and make some noise!

I decide to try and make a few contacts on 12 and 17 meters one day. I used my 80-40 meter inverted Vee antenna with an SWR of about 2.5 to 1. The Collins 30L-1 loads up fine using the 10 meter band for 12 meters and the 15 meter band for 17 meters. Even the old Johnson Matchbox matched the antenna for about a 1.2 to 1 SWR looking at the amplifier. After making a contact with a

station near Seattle, WA on 12 meters, I moved down to 17 meters. Who should I hear but Santa Claus himself operating W6S (Whiskers 6

Santa) looking for little boys and girls to talk to. My 6 year old grandson, David, was downstairs so I called him up and he had a good conversation with Santa. After he told Santa what he wanted for Christmas, Santa told him he was looking forward to stopping by and he reeled off the address of W4YDY. Santa must have a computer brain! (PS: David got those purple and black skates he asked for!)

On the 46th anniversary of my first QSO on Christmas day, I decided it was time to make my first contact on 160 meters. I loaded up the 80-40 meter antenna and the SWR was about 5:1 with ice! Anyway, I called a station in Advance, NC on 1.865 MHz and he was able to copy me but my signal was very weak while running about 80 watts from my Kenwood TS850S/AT. A station in

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FCC Acts In Alleged Exam, License Fraud Cases

The FCC's Compliance and Information Bureau has acted in several Amateur Radio cases it inherited from the days when it shared enforcement duties with the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. In all of the cases, the FCC said it appeared that individuals attempted to obtain an Amateur Radio license or upgrade by fraud or misrepresentation.

On December 14, the FCC downgraded two amateur licensees and canceled the ticket of a third in Michigan. Busted from Advanced to Tech Plus were Lawrence A. Repp Jr., N8HFN, of Gaylord, and Alan E. Quirie, KA8ZRR, of Royal Oak. The FCC pulled the Tech Plus ticket of Steven A. Penn, formerly KC8HUM, of Southfield. The FCC had not updated its database as of December 15.

The Commission said the three filed amateur applications claiming to have taken Amateur Radio examinations at Oak Park June 3, 1997, at an ARRL VEC session. The FCC says its evidence shows that the three did not sit for the exams and that their names "were added and signatures forged, sometime after the tests were administered, by one of the four examiners." That examiner--the father of one of the exam candidates involved--is said to have forwarded the session package on behalf of the VE team to the ARRL VEC for FCC filing.

"Three of the examiners knew nothing of the scheme," the FCC said. The other three VEs brought the situation to the attention of the ARRL VEC and the FCC after learning that names had been added to the list and that their names had been forged on the ARRL VEC Administering VEs Record. The FCC

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...Santa Claus himself (was) operating W6S (Whiskers 6 Santa)...

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common database while allowing current Novices and Tech Pluses to retain their current operating privileges. The ARRL said the FCC was on "the right track" in proposing to eliminate the Novice ticket. But the League said its "instant upgrade" plan for Novice and Tech Plus operators is a better approach because it permits "refarming" the underutilized Novice HF subbands. The League called refarming "critical to any comprehensive license restructuring proposal."

The FCC's NPRM sought comments on the issue of Morse code testing and requirements but offered no specific proposals. The ARRL called for a reduction in the number of Morse

code examination tiers from three to two--5 and 12 WPM--and changes in the written examinations to make them more relevant and with greater emphasis on current operating practices and newer digital technologies. The League also recommended that the number of written exam questions "increase incrementally" for all license classes above Technician.

The League said that Morse code should not be overemphasized in the licensing process, but should be continued as a licensing requirement above the entry level. It has proposed that General class applicants pass a 5 WPM

code test, while Advanced and Extra applicants pass the 12 WPM code test. Subsequent to release of its original restructuring plan, the ARRL Board also decided to ask the FCC to permit Technician operators to use Morse code on the General class HF CW segments without passing a specific code examination.

The ARRL said acknowledged abuses of the CW disability exemption process were an enforcement, not a testing, issue. For those claiming a disability waiver for the higher-speed CW test, the League urged testing

accommodations as a preferable alternative. The League also urged an end to multiple-choice CW exams and rules

...General license would become the entry-level ticket to HF.

specifying that a passing grade for a Morse examination be either 70 percent correct answers to 10 fill-in questions or one minute out of five of solid copy.

The League also praised the "new dawn" in amateur enforcement undertaken within the Compliance and Information Bureau by Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH. The ARRL suggested that it would be "reasonable to withhold any further [rulemaking] action on amateur enforcement" for now and let the CIB continue its work.

The ARRL's comments stressed the value of increasing participation in

the hobby and making it available to more people. "By increased participation, Amateur Radio can provide even more service to the United States than it does currently, with a simpler licensing structure," the League asserted.

A complete copy of the ARRL's comments in WT Docket 98-143 is available on ARRLWeb at <http://www.arrl.org/news/restructuring/> (see "ARRL's Comments to the FCC on WT Docket 98-143"). Reply comments on the FCC's rulemaking proposals are due January 15, 1999. The FCC is not expected to take action on restructuring at

BARC Members Receive Awards

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Awards were presented to the 1998 officers, Tom Parsons, W4TEP, President's Plaque; First VP, Murray Merner, K4MHM; Second VP, Eugene Underwood, KE4JZU; Secretary, Juanita Humbles, KE4JWK; Treasurer, Alex Macklin, KC4PHJ; Past President/Board member, Paul Fletcher, KS4YF, and Board member, Gary Gasperini, KU4NQ.

Public Affairs Officer, Walter Verdick, KA4WFX; Ham Chatter Editor, Dave Langley, W4YDY and Novice/Technician Class Instructor Coordinator, Murray Merner, K4MHM were presented certificates. Instructor certificates were presented by Murray to Bill Dawson, WA4SLC; Gary Gasperini, KU4NQ; Ken Graf, N8FF; Dave Langley, W4YDY; Mike Langley, KD4MTT; John McCoy, K4KBB; Bernie Nobles, WA4MOK, and Wayne Ross, WD4JPQ.

A certificate was presented to the coordinator of the BARC VE program, Brother Simon Jaworski, KQ2V. He presented certificates to VEs Joseph Aleksa, KQ4BN, Gerald Clayton, K4IDD, Bob Connelly, KB4FWL, James Eubanks, KD4JOV, Gary Gasperini, KU4NQ, Byron Highland, KA4KGZ, Dave Langley, W4YDY, Alex Macklin, KC4PHJ, and Murray Merner, K4MHM. BARC congratulates all for their time and service to the club.

Yakkey-Dee-Yak From Dave, W4YDY

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NJ also gave me a report. It's time for antenna additions on 160, 17 and 12 meters. I hope to add a 260 foot dipole to the 80-40 meter antenna and get the 17-12 meter kit from Mosley for my TA-33. What hurts is the 195 bucks for the Mosley one element kit. I paid \$80 for the new 3-element TA-33 in 1960! Now it's almost \$400 for just the TA-33. - W4YDY

Next VE Session February 19

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held on February 19. 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

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- _____ Technician (No Code)
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- _____ General
- _____ Advanced
- _____ Extra

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- Other (Please Specify)

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Are you a Volunteer Examiner? _____

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- _____ Elmer sessions
- _____ Club Offices
- _____ Field Day
- _____ VE Sessions
- _____ Training classes
- Other: _____

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- Associate Member - (Non-Licensed) \$ 3.00
- Honorary Member none
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- New Hams Age: 16yrs. or older - (First Year) \$ 3.00
- Regular Member \$ 15.00
- Family Member - (Living in same household with another Member) \$ 1.00

Revised 12/98 JFH, KE4JWK

W1AW Has New Operating Schedule

Starting Saturday, January 2, 1999, Maxim Memorial Station W1AW will be on a new operating schedule that reinstates morning code practice on four weekdays and expands weekday operating hours for visiting hams.

The new schedule reinstates one hour of code practice Tuesdays through Fridays at 9 AM, while discontinuing morning bulletin transmissions. This makes room to expand visitor operating hours on weekdays by three hours. The new visitor hours will be 10 AM until 4 PM, Monday through Friday.

The new schedule eliminates weekend code practice and bulletins, however. The demise of weekend hours also means an end to Saturday W1AW operation by visiting hams. The evening code practice and bulletin schedules remain almost unchanged, except that the final transmission of the day will be a code bulletin at 11 PM Eastern Time. The midnight digital and 12:45 AM voice bulletins will be discontinued.

The complete new schedule appears in January 1999 QST, page 74 and on ARRLWeb at <http://www.arrl.org/wlaw.html>. Members may direct questions and comments about the new schedule to W1AW, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111; e-mail wlaw@arrl.org. - via ARRL Letter Online - 12/24/98

You Know You've Been Hamming Too Much When...

- ⇒ You don't take the most direct route to you destination if there are no repeaters along the way.
- ⇒ When a hurricane hits, you worry about your antenna rather than your children.
- ⇒ Your idea of getting turned on is getting an electric shock.
- ⇒ You start receiving Morse code messages whenever it rains.
- ⇒ You drive to all hamfests within a thousand mile radius of your QTH.
- ⇒ All your underwear has your callsign printed on it.

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Meet the Member, Lily Fainter, KE4UGD

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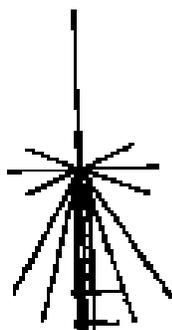
Medicine working with Paul, KS4YF.

Her family, besides Bob, is Chessie the cat.

Other activities consist of: reading, traveling, cooking, flying, photography, baseball and needlework.

Lily is a ham who pitches in (she ain't no wall flower) when something needs to be done - you can see that by her BARC activities and her varied interests in amateur radio. Our club is enriched by those who are interested and make an effort. Thanks Lily. - K4MHM

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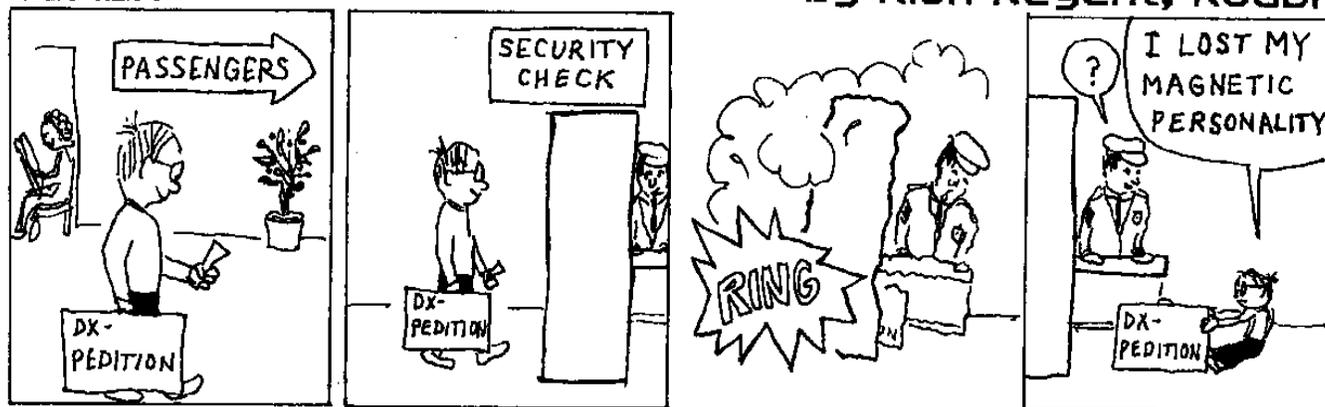
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Via ARNS Bulletin

FCC Enforcement Honcho Done "Taking Names"

The FCC's Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, is making his list and checking it twice. And now that he knows which hams are naughty, not nice, he's ready to take enforcement actions against the most flagrant amateur offenders.

"Fully half of the amateur problems on HF relate to a specific group of jammers--malicious interferers who apparently enjoy disrupting as much amateur communication as possible," said Hollingsworth, the FCC's point man for amateur enforcement within the Compliance and Information Bureau. "Enforcement action against this group is long overdue."

Coal could be showing up in some Christmas stockings. Hollingsworth has prepared a report to his boss, CIB Chief Richard D. Lee, detailing his findings and fingering the most serious violators in a "top 10" list which he declined to make public just yet. His memo urged "immediate enforcement action."

Hollingsworth said he's talked with more than 250 people on the amateur enforcement line (202-418-1184) since the end of September, when the FCC's latest amateur enforcement initiative kicked into high gear. In addition, he has received more than four dozen letters and e-mailed comments concerning problems in the Amateur Service. Hollingsworth has concluded that, while most amateurs abide by the rules, a few habitual offenders continue to flout the law.

"We are not going to stand for the Amateur Service to be further degraded or destroyed by them," he said.

Hollingsworth says that jamming and deliberate interference is the most common problem, accounting for 31% of all complaints. Repeater misuse and jamming account for another 29%. But he considers the HF abuses--most typically reported on 75 and 20 meters--to be the more serious offenses

because they can be national or international in scope. Other general problems accounted for another 17% of the complaints, Hollingsworth said. A full 10% of complaints concerned an unlicensed individual in California who already has spent time in jail for past convictions.

Hollingsworth has sent out 30 informal "warning letters" to individual operators as a result of complaints. The letters warn the recipients that a complaint has been received about the recipient or someone using his or her call sign, indicate that the allegations--if true--could jeopardize the amateur's license, and request the recipient to contact the FCC to discuss the matter.

"In almost every case the recipient has contacted us," he said. "In one case, the licensee contacted us, apologized, and reports since that time indicate that the licensee has become a model operator." Some amateurs have reported to the

ARRL that amateur behavior has improved--dramatically in some areas--since word hit the street that the FCC was taking amateur enforcement seriously. For its part, the League has said it is willing, for now, not to pursue its request to further privatize amateur enforcement.

Hollingsworth says the warning letters will continue, but now he's taking aim at the hard-core scofflaws within the Amateur Radio community. "We have now let everyone out there know we're back," he said. Continued violations will "guarantee" license revocations, fines, or--in extreme cases--equipment seizures.

"Church is out now," he said. "We mean business and we're strapped in and ready to ride." Hollingsworth said Amateur Radio rulebreakers "continue these violations at their own risk." *via ARRL Letter Online 12/11/98*

BARC Monthly Minutes December 1998

BARC CHRISTMAS PARTY
DECEMBER 8, 1998 1830HR.
ST. PETER'S SCHOOL

1. A brief meeting officiated by Tom Parsons, W4TEP, was held per Club protocol to approve the November Meeting Minutes as published in Ham Chatter per motion by Byron Highland, KA4KGZ, 2nd by Gary Gasperini, KU4NQ, and approved by the group present. The Covered Dish Party continued with drawings for Door Prizes after Hams were recognized for their contributions to the Club and Amateur Radio.

2. Awards for the followings were handed out:

- Ham of the Year - Murray Merner, K4MHM
- OM of the Year - Dave Langley, W4YDY
- Female Ham of the Year - Lily Fainter, KE4UGD
- Elmer of the Year - Brother Simon Jaworski, KQ2V
- New Ham of the Year - William Wallace, KF4ZTD

3. Certificates of Appreciation were handed out to BARC Officers, Volunteer Examiners, and Ham Class Instructors by Mike Langley, KD4MTT, and Murray Merner, K4MHM.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!!!

Antarctica Call Signs Clarified

The call sign blocks for US operations in Antarctica are KC4AAA-AAF and KC4USA-USZ. These call signs are not issued nor administered by the FCC but by either the National Science Foundation (AAA-AAF) or the US military (USA-USZ). As a result, Antarctica call signs do not appear in the FCC database. More information is available at <http://www.qrz.com/>--thanks to John Hennessee, NIKB, ARRL Regulatory Information Branch - *via ARRL Letter Online 12/18/98*

Ham Ads

Ham Ads will be run, free of charge in Ham Chatter for three months for each renewal. Ads must be received by the last week of the month to be included in the following issue. Send ads to: **Ham Chatter, PO Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835, ATTN: Dave Langley** or email to: **w4ydy@sprintmail.com**

WANTED:

Murray, K4MHM, is looking for: 2 meter mobile rig, a Mosley TA33, Jr. beam and a base for a Rohn 25 tower.

Call 757-3429

FOR SALE: Two 2 HF rigs.

The first is a Kenwood TS-520S that I bought in 1978. It is a very good rig that has never given me any trouble. I am including the MC-50 mic that I used with it. Price \$325: The second is a Icom IC-730. It is a small solid state HF rig that is good for mobile, portable, or home. I bought this rig from WA4MOK and used it in my truck until I bought a Yaesu FT-900. Price \$400: I also have a SP-520 for sale. It is a speaker that matches the Kenwood TS-520 or TS-820. **Bill Dawson, WA4SLC - 946-4760**

FOR SALE:

Astron RS-35A power supply (13.8 VDC at 35 amp.), \$70. MFJ-969 Deluxe VersaTuner II (model with roller inductor), \$70. Both units in like-new condition.

John Schultz, W4FA - 355-3415

FOR SALE:

New Tasco 375 power telescope. Still in original box. \$150, you pick up.

Carlton Moseley, W4YVY, Tarboro, NC. Ph: (252) 823 4757

New Address for Director Kanode

ARRL Roanoke Division Director John Kanode, N4MM, has a new mailing address, effective January 1, 1999. It's 1741 Old Chapel Rd, Boyce, VA 22620. *via ARRL Letter Online 12/24/98*

FCC Acts In Alleged Exam, License Fraud Cases

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said it would act in the case of the fourth examiner by month's end. The Commission also is looking into possible enforcement action against another ham whose name was added to the list after the test session but whose application was not actually submitted to the FCC.

The FCC also dismissed two amateur applications in Puerto Rico after the applicants failed to answer questions put to them by the Commission. In the case of Jose R. Velez-Rivera, of Rio Pedras, an FCC official said it appears that an imposter tried to change another amateur's call sign, address, and date of birth to his own to get a license without taking an exam. In the second case, the FCC dismissed the renewal and General class upgrade application of Hector A. Santiago, WP4DCB, of Camuy. An FCC official said it appears Santiago tried to renew as a General when he only had a Novice ticket.

Velez-Rivera and Santiago were notified by the FCC October 23. The FCC updated its database this month to reflect the dismissals. - *via ARRL Letter Online 12/18/98*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 12 Regular Meeting
 January 23-24. ARRL VHF Sweepstakes
 January 26 Board Meeting*
 January 30-31 CQ WW CW 160M Contest
 January 31 **Ham Chatter Deadline**
 February 9 Regular Meeting
 February 19 BARC VE Session @ 6:30PM
 February 20-21 ARRL CW DX Contest
 February 23 Board Meeting*
 February 27-28 CQ WW SSB 160M Contest

February 28 **Ham Chatter Deadline**
 March 6-7 ARRL SSB DX Contest
 March 9. Regular Meeting
 March 27-28. CQ WW SSB WPX Contest
 March 23 Board Meeting*
 April 4. **Ham Chatter Deadline**
 April 13. Regular Meeting
 April 16. BARC VE Session @ 6:30PM
 April 27. Board Meeting*

Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday
 Board Meeting - 4th Tuesday

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