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## US Amateur Radio Numbers Reach an All-Time High

Amateur Radio growth in the US continues to soar. At the end of 2014, the total number of radio amateurs in the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS) database reached an all-time high of 726,275. The trend has continued in the first 2 months of 2015, which saw the ham population rise to slightly more than 727,000. The figures exclude expired licenses that are within the 2-year grace period, and club station licenses. Outside of a little dithering last fall, growth in the Amateur Radio Service in 2014 was steady, according to figures compiled by Joe Speroni, AH0A, on his FCC Amateur Radio Statistics web pages. Over the past decade the number of Amateur Radio licenses in the ULS database grew by some 8.1 percent. But 2014 also was a banner year for the ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC).

"For the first time in the ARRL VEC program's history, we have conducted more than 7000 Amateur Radio exam sessions in a year, an important milestone," said ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. "A total of 7216 ARRL-sponsored exam sessions were administered in 2014, compared to 6823 in 2013."

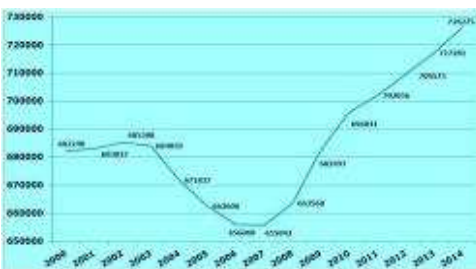
Somma said the number of new licensees spiked to more than 33,000 in 2014, up by about 15 percent from the previous year. Successful license upgrades rose last year by an unprecedented 13 percent over a year earlier.

At the end of 2014, there were 136,405 Amateur Extra, 169,524 General, and 357,236 Technician class licensees — all record numbers, Somma pointed out. While the number of Amateur Extra licensees grew in each month of 2014, the number of Technicians and Generals — and of

licensees overall — faltered a bit last July and September. Last year's overall upward trend quickly recovered, however, during the final quarter of 2014. The General population also dipped briefly in May 2014, before rebounding.

Somma believes the July and September dips may have been a result of applicants' adjusting to the new Technician question pool that went into effect last July 1. "We always expect an adjustment period when a new question pool is introduced to the public, as VEs, teachers, and candidates must prepare new study and exam materials," she said, calling the dips "a normal part of the question pool cycle."

Technician licensees comprise a little less than one-half of the US Amateur Radio population. As of December 31, some 51,000 Advanced and 12,000 Novice licensees remained in the FCC database. The FCC no longer issues Advanced and Novice licenses, and their numbers continue to decline.



Morse code dropped in 2007

Once again, California far and away was home to the largest number of licensees among the 50 states, with 102,806 at the end of February. Texas was a distant second, with 51,022, Florida came in third, with 40,743, Washington was fourth, with 30,511, and Ohio was fifth at

## Next Meeting - April 14, 2015

*The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 14, at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. Program; Matt McMahon, WU2V, will have an emergency communications program. Matt is a Lieutenant with Greenville Fire-Rescue. He will bring out a truck with emergency communications gear for demo. Check out his WU2V info at [qrz.com](http://qrz.com) to see info and many pictures of his work. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.*

*The next Board Meeting will be April 28 at 7:30 at the Offices of Monday & Monday, (CPA), Suite D, East Victoria Court. Members invited.*

28,256. With the exception of Ohio, the licensing trend in these states has been through the roof. In Ohio, ham radio numbers have begun to flag after holding steady for about the past 4 years.

The state with the fewest number of Amateur Radio licensees in 2014 was North Dakota, with 1477, but in an overall upward trajectory since around 2009. Others with small ham populations include Delaware (1715 and growing), Rhode Island (1926 and drooping), Wyoming (1868 and headed up), and Vermont (2101 and slipping after a bump in 2013 and 2014). The numbers may go a long way toward explaining why these are rare multipliers in the ARRL November Sweepstakes and other events.

Club station licenses in the US number 11,501, according to Speroni's web pages. — Thanks to Joe Speroni, AH0A; FCC ULS licensing statistics - via [ARRL.ORG](http://ARRL.ORG)

## Standard General Affiliate Acquires 1743 RadioShack Stores

The 1743 retail outlets that survived RadioShack's February bankruptcy have been acquired by General Wireless Inc, an affiliate of Standard General LP. General Wireless this week received US Bankruptcy Court approval to acquire the inventory and assume the leases of the RadioShack stores. The acquisition followed an auction, conducted under the US Bankruptcy Code. The current plan calls for "co-branding" about 1440 of the surviving stores with cellular phone provider Sprint Corp.

"This has admittedly been a difficult time for all RadioShack supporters," said Soo Kim, Managing Partner of Standard General, the majority shareholder of General Wireless. "[T]his transaction is an important milestone in this storied company's history. It has allowed the company to shed stifling debts and unprofitable business lines."

RadioShack once offered entry-level short-wave receivers, Citizens Band gear, a wide array of discrete components — including transistors, resistors,



**RadioShack**

and capacitors — and, for a time, a fairly popular 2 meter hand-held transceiver and two different models of 10 meter single-band transceivers.

Kim said Standard General looks forward to partnering with RadioShack's 7500 employees, its landlords, and with Sprint "to rebuild a great American company."

He said Standard General would be introducing "our talented management team" in the coming weeks. The new team would consist of both new and continuing RadioShack executives.

RadioShack said its partnership with Sprint would help reposition the retailer "as the premier community destination for consumer electronics" and that stores would feature "emerging technologies that enhance the traditional accessories, DIY electronics and innovation for which the company is known."

In the near term, RadioShack has said that it expects to continue to maintain day-to-day operations at its open stores and on its website at RadioShack.com. - via [ARRL.ORG](http://ARRL.ORG) 04/02/2015

*Editors Note: Looks like the 2 stores in Greenville are gone!. I know the mall store closed and there is no answer at the other store. There were over 4000 stores.*



**Happy Birthday**

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

3 **K4KBB** John McCoy

18 **WB4PMQ** Macon Dail

Additions or corrections to W4YDY

## Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:  
**Charlie Wells, K4SKI**

**Tom Parsons, W4TEP**

Please inform Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, [gclayton4@suddenlink.net](mailto:gclayton4@suddenlink.net) of any changes.



## Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held **Tuesday, April 21** 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](mailto: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>](http://www.w4amc.com/barcinfo.html#VE).

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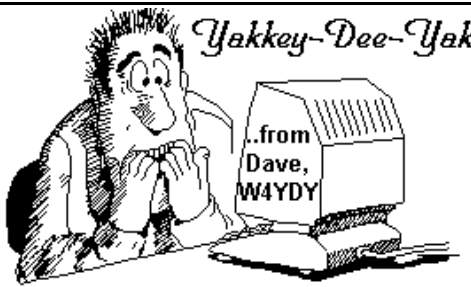
**Pitt County ARES**  
EC needed!



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*Yakkey-Dee-Yak* **Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 Introduced in Congress**



“The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015” — H.R.1301 — has been introduced in the US House of Representatives. The measure would direct the FCC to extend its rules relating to reasonable accommo-

H.R. 1301 has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR), chairs that panel’s Communications and Technology Subcommittee, which will consider the measure. The League had worked with Walden on the 2014 bill during the 113th Congress.

**SOMEONE IN THE CLUB NEEDS TO STEP UP AND TAKE OVER AS EDITOR OF HAM CHATTER!**

Many may think they need experience in writing, etc. I will tell you my experience. I never had any courses in writing except what was taught in English classes in a small school with only about 160 students in high school. The courses were limited and there were no special classes for writing or journalism. I hated writing and when the teacher assigned us a theme to write, I groaned along with the rest of my classmates.

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society started in 1969 and a few months later I was asked to start a newsletter for the club. It was named *Raleigh Amateur Radio Society News*. I passed it on starting January 1975 when I knew I was transferring out of the area. At that time, there were no home computers so I had to use a manual typewriter that I had since 1956. After I had the material assembled, I passed to over to Bob Workman, WA4ZZN, to do the final formatting and printing. He was in the copying and publishing business. He made the newsletter look good.

When I volunteered to edit Ham Chatter, I figured it would be for just a few years. I had started the first Internet web page for the club a year earlier when they gave me permission for that. I did have the advantage of a computer this time and printed the newsletter to take to a printer. Now, I just email a PDF file to them and pick up the newsletter the next day. When I first started, there were usually over 90 to mail, but now there are only 4 to mail to members without a computer and the rest are via email. Extra copies are printed for the club meetings and others are left at the Radio Shacks, Batteries Plus and the main library. No Radio Shacks now!

I will be happy to help with any

dition of Amateur Service communications to private land use restrictions. US Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) introduced the bill March 4 with 12 original co-sponsors from both sides of the aisle — seven Republicans and five Democrats. Kinzinger also sponsored “The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014, which died at the end of the 113th Congress. H.R. 1301 is an essentially identical piece of legislation.

“The introduction of H.R. 1301 with so many original co-sponsors, so early in this session of Congress, is very encouraging,” said ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN. “Several additional members of Congress already have agreed to be co-sponsors. This bill has momentum, but introduction is only the first step. Many of the next steps will be taken as ARRL members contact their US Representatives urging co-sponsorship and thanking them as they sign on to the bill.”

If Congress approves the legislation, and it is signed by the president, H.R. 1301 would require the FCC to amend its Part 97 Amateur Service rules to apply the three-part test of the PRB-1 federal pre-emption policy to include homeowners’ association regulations and deed restrictions, often referred to as “covenants, conditions, and restrictions” (CC&Rs). At present, PRB-1 only applies to state and local zoning laws and ordinances. The FCC has been reluctant to extend the same legal protections to include such private land-use agreements without direction from Congress.

questions and setup for the person that volunteers. I can still do the pickup and delivery because many have jobs and are not able to do that in the daytime.

You will get a lot of satisfaction and get to know many new friends because of the newsletter.

**I only have one more to do after this one. It has been 18 years! - W4YDY**

Among H.R. 1301 initial co-sponsors is Rep Joe Courtney (D-CT), who attended the ARRL National Centennial Convention last summer to speak with League officials and those attending the event about the earlier bill.

Craigie encouraged ARRL members to urge their US House members to sign on to the bill as a co-sponsor. The ARRL has an H.R. 1301 resources page on its website. If the House member is already a co-sponsor, call the member’s local office or send an e-mail via the member’s official website to express their thanks. She called on League members to encourage other hams to do the same, and to be sure to refer to the bill by its number, H.R. 1301.

“Remember what those pile-ups on the W1AW portable stations sounded like last year?” Craigie said. “Let’s be that avid in calling for even greater support in Congress for this essential legislation.” - *via arrl.org 03/05/2015*



**Ham Chatter Editor needed starting June, 2015.**

**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**



## ARRL Centennial Points Challenge, W1AW WAS Awards Application Window Open

The window to apply for ARRL Centennial Points Challenge and W1AW Worked All States awards is now open! The ARRL Centennial operating events were hugely successful, with participation way beyond anyone's expectations.

"This was the biggest on-the-air operation in the history of Amateur Radio," ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, said. More than 5.5 million Centennial event contacts were recorded in Logbook of The World (LoTW) during 2014. That number includes contacts with W1AW portable operations as well as those with individual ARRL members and Field Organization volunteers. W100AW completed about 70,000 contacts.

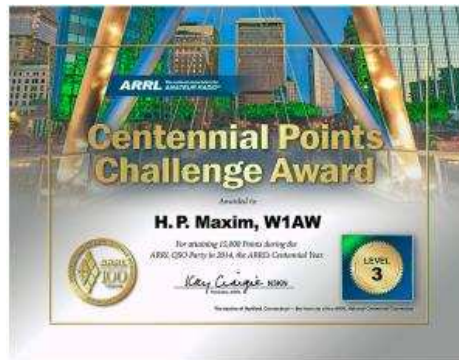
For most applicants, the process will be simple and largely automated, explained Norm Fusaro, W3IZ, Assistant Manager, Field Services and Radiosport Department.

"The form will auto-populate, if we have your information on file, and the form can be edited to update name and address information only," Fusaro said. "The system will select the awards for which you qualify. Certificates will be printed daily, so fulfillment will be ongoing, while plaques will be shipped directly from the supplier." Fusaro said ARRL Headquarters has hired extra staff members to handle the added workload.

Certificates will be available for the Centennial Points Challenge Award, while W1AW WAS Award participants will have the option of a certificate or a plaque. Certificates are \$16, and plaques are \$60.

Fusaro said the task of checking and double-checking electronic logs, entering paper logs into LoTW, and resolving various anomalies put an unexpected burden on staff resources and delayed the opening of the awards window. ARRL Headquarters also had to recalculate all submitted scores to come up with final tallies.

"It's been a very time and staff-

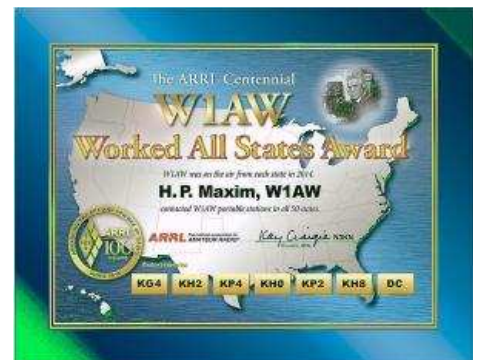


intensive process, researching busted call signs and running down claimed contacts and mode discrepancies for operators," Fusaro said.

Centennial Points Challenge logs must have been submitted through LoTW by January 22, but participants may apply for Centennial operating awards indefinitely. The system automatically looks for points-qualifying QSOs from submitted logs and applies them to each participant's Centennial Points Challenge total. While most Centennial QSO Party participants entered their contact information into LoTW, operators do not have to use LoTW to apply for Points Challenge certificates or W1AW WAS awards.

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

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* 03/25/2015

## Vibroplex Purchases Bencher Amateur Radio Product Line



Bencher Inc has announced the sale of its Amateur Radio product line to Vibroplex LLC of Knoxville, Tennessee, owned by Scott Robbins, W4PA.

"This sale ends Bencher's presence in the Amateur Radio field, thus al-

lowing the principals, Jere Benedict, President, and Bob Locher, W9KNI, to move towards retirement," the announcement said.

Product lines included in the sale include the Bencher BY series of iambic paddles as well as the ST series of single-lever paddles, the Bencher Hex Paddle, the N2DAN Mercury Paddle, and the Bencher RJ series hand keys. The sale also includes the HK-1 Universal Hook-up kit and the

YA-1 Low Pass Filter.

Vibroplex has agreed to honor the manufacturer's warranties and to provide parts and support, and it will continue offering Bencher products through existing marketing channels.

Benedict and Locher expressed "gratitude to the Amateur Radio community for its interest and support since the sale of the first Bencher Amateur Radio products in the early 1970s." - via *arrl.org*

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**NOTE: Commercial rates on page 7.**

**Ham Ads WORK!**

## Winfred 'Davey' R. Crockett, W3OHF, SK


Winfred R. Crockett, 88, **W3OHF**, died March 28, 2015. He was known as Davey by many of his friends. Davey was a former member of BARC for many years.

Davey, a native of Maryland, had been a resident of Greenville since 1962. He was employed by Voice of America retiring with 30 years of service. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the AACS Alumni Association.

He was preceded in death by a son, Guy Larry Crockett, and his wife, Catherine Bramble Crockett, on March 18, 2015.

He is survived by his: daughter, Janet Crockett Rollins and husband, Keith; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a brother, Clarence Crockett of Norfolk, Va. and several nieces and nephews.

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## BARC Board Meeting Minutes - February 2015

### BARC Board Meeting Minutes (for February 2015)

**Date:** 3/10/15

**Call to Order:** 6 PM

6 members were present. Erv Davis, **KK4HHY**, Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, John McCoy, **K4KBB**, Taylor Millar, **W4WTM**, Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, Jeff Meyer **K4DKW**

**Secretaries Report:** No report

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

**Equipment Report:** No report

**VE Session:** No report

**Health and Welfare:** No report

**Ham Chatter:** Discussed need for new editor.

**Publicity:** No report

**Public Service:** No report

**Future Programs:** Discussed asking Karl Bowman to come back to give a program

about Collins radios.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Discussed field day planning.

**Announcements:** Frostfest, Richmond VA, Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>. NC QSO Party March 1<sup>st</sup>; Plan to sponsor plaque again.

**Adjournment:** 6:30 PM

**Respectfully submitted by:**

*Erv Davis, **KK4HHY***

## BARC Regular Meeting Minutes - March 2015

### BARC Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 3/10/15

**Call to Order:** 7:30 PM

26 members were present.

**Secretaries Report:** N/A

**Treasurer's Report:** Account balance reported.

**Equipment Report:** N/A

**VE Session:** Next Session Tuesday April 21st.

**Health and Welfare:** N/A

**Ham Chatter:** Two more HC issues for

Dave Langley. Really need someone to step up. Need a new editor starting in June.

**Publicity:** Sunday D-R will have meeting announcements.

**Public Service:** Unknown.

**Future Programs:** None announced.

**Old Business:** NC QSO Party on March 1<sup>st</sup> had 5 members from club participating and made 782 QSOs. Final points to be tallied depending on bonus points for this year.

**New Business:** 1) Need to start field day planning, suggestions on location being

accepted 2) Check into hospital net 3) John Cole giving Skywarn spotter training at

Kinston Hamfest and can also do for club

**Announcements:** Down East Hamfest in Kinston March 28<sup>th</sup>. Raleigh Hamfest, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Program:** Danny Garris, **KJ4FH**, Alex Loop Walk Ham Magnetic 36" Loop Antenna

**Adjournment:** 9 PM

**Respectfully submitted by:**

*Erv Davis, **KK4HHY***

## BARC Board Meeting Minutes - March 2015

### BARC Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 3/24/15

**Call to Order:** 7:30 PM

8 members were present. Richard Campbell, **W4JNC**, Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD**, Erv Davis, **KK4HHY**, Dave Langley, **W4YDY**, Morris Lewis, **AK4MU**, John McCoy, **K4KBB**, Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**, Jeff Meyer **K4DKW**

**Secretaries Report:** None

**Treasurer's Report:** None

**Equipment Report:** Received tags for trailers. Tested Rigblaster at NC QSO

party. Discussed buying a new radio and selling and old one.

**VE Session:** Next Session

**Health and Welfare:** None

**Ham Chatter:** Updates to website and roster made. Still need new editor.

**Publicity:** No report

**Public Service:** Will discuss doing MS walk, Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>, at next club meeting.

**Future Programs:** Several planned. List is being created.

**Old Business:** Jeff Meyer, **K4DKW**, vol-

unteered to serve as Field Day 2015 coordinator will be and co-coordinator, Terry Monday, **K4ZYD**. Discussed possible field day locations.

**New Business:** N/A

**Announcements:** Down East Hamfest, Kinston, 3/28/15 and Raleigh RARS Hamfest, 4/4/15.

**Adjournment:** 8:30 PM

**Respectfully submitted by:**

*Erv Davis, **KK4HHY***

## Special Event Stations - via NC Section Newsletter, Karl Bowman, W4CHX, ARRL NC SM

**April 10-12:** 68th Annual North Carolina Azalea Festival, 0000Z-2359Z, AC4RC, Wilmington, NC. Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club. 14.225 14.035 7.225 7.035. Certificate and QSL. Via LoTW or direct to ACARC, PO Box 4044, Wilmington, NC 28406. SASE required. Paper certificates available for \$4 or in PDF format at no cost. For more information [www.qrz.com/db/ac4rc](http://www.qrz.com/db/ac4rc) or [www.ac4rc.org](http://www.ac4rc.org)

**April 19:** BSA Troop 49/USS North Carolina Battleship (tentative). The following report was received from Tim O'Rourke, W4YN: "Troop 49 will be on board April 19th, if we can work out details look for us on 20 or 17M with troop call WT4IX." Thanks to Bill Morine, N2COP, Vice Director, Roanoke Division, and Tim O'Rourke, W4YN for providing this information!

**April 25:** NC Science Festival 2015 at Fort Macon State Park (NA-112), 1300Z-2000Z, Atlantic Beach NC. Carteret County Amateur Radio Society. 14.260 18.128 7.055 and other IOTA published frequencies as needed.

**Ham Chatter Editor needed starting with June, 2015 issue.**

Contact **K4ZYD**.



## FCC Enforcement Bureau Field Resources Poised to Shrink



its field offices and eliminate nearly one-half of its field agents. At the same time, the Bureau would develop a so-called "Tiger Team" of field agents as a flexible strike force it could deploy as needed. In the March 10 memorandum to Enforcement Bureau field staff — obtained by ARRL and others — EB Chief Travis LeBlanc and FCC Managing Director Jon Wilkins cited the need to take "a fresh look" at the Bureau's 20-year-old operating model in light of technology changes and tighter budgets. ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ, expressed dismay at the proposals.

"The ARRL is concerned that there is already no sense of urgency in the FCC's enforcement activities targeting spectrum polluters, such as utilities with noisy power lines, or the few violators in our own ranks," Sumner said. "It is troubling to see recommendations for such drastic reductions in the Commission's geographic footprint and the number of field agents at a time when the Field staff is facing ever-increasing challenges."

The EB and the Office of the Managing Director initiated an effort last fall to modernize the Bureau's field operations, the memorandum said.

"This project sought to ensure that the Field's structure, operations, expenses, and equipment were properly aligned with the Commission's overall mission and resources," LeBlanc and Wilkins said. The Commission hired outside consultants to analyze the EB's current "operating model," gathering input from employees, outside experts, and internal and external stakeholders.

Under its "Phase I" field modernization scheme, the Bureau will recommend to the full Commission that it adjust the primary focus of its reduced field office

complement to RF spectrum enforcement. The EB also will recommend "adjusting" the number of field agents from 63 to 33. To compensate, part of that field staff complement would include what the EB called a "Tiger Team" of agents "flexible enough to support other high-priority initiatives." Under the plan, all field agents would have to have electrical engineering backgrounds "to support the primary focus on RF spectrum enforcement." The Bureau also will propose standardizing its investigatory and sanctioning processes.

Management would not be spared. Under the recommendations, the EB field organization chart would shrink from 21 to 5 director positions, and from 10 to 3 administrative support positions.

Under the proposals, the field office would reduce its "geographic footprint," from 24 sites to 8 sites and would "pre-position" equipment in several other strategic locations. Offices slated to stay under the plan would be New York City; Columbia, Maryland — the site of the Bureau's HF Direction-Finding Center; Chicago; Atlanta; Miami; Dallas; Los Angeles, and San Francisco. The EB would deploy equipment in or near several other cities, initially to include Kansas City, Salt Lake City, Phoenix, Seattle, San Juan, Anchorage, Honolulu, and Billings, Montana.

Part of the plan calls for the EB to establish "beneficial partnerships between the Field and other organizations that may support increasing our effectiveness."

During a March 4 US House Subcommittee on Communications and Technology Committee hearing on the FCC's FY2016 budget, Rep Michael Pompeo (R-KS) pressed Wilkins on whether the FCC intended to close any field offices and eliminate any personnel. Wilkins attempted to dodge offering a direct answer and hedged on whether any cuts were planned. He also said the Bureau had not yet received a final report from the outside consultant it had worked with. US Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR), chairs the subcommittee.

A copy of the memorandum was sent to National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU) Local 209 President Ana Curtis. The NTEU represents many FCC staff members. - via [ARRL.ORG](http://ARRL.ORG) 03/11/2015

## NETS VHF/UHF

- ◆ BARC Net, Mondays, 2000 on 147.09 MHz, W4GDF Repeater.
- ◆ Newport SkyWarn Tues. nights 2100E Grifton-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

## Greenville repeaters

**147.09/69 - 145.35/144.75**

**444.8/449.8**

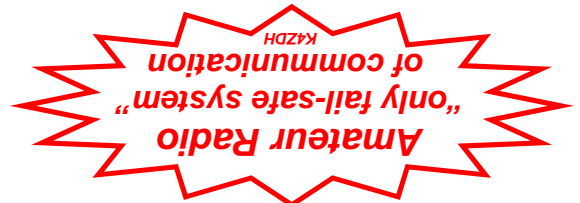
**All use 131.8 tone**

# BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 14. .... <b>Regular Meeting</b>	Aug 18. .... <b>BARC VE Session - Tuesday</b>
Apr 21. .... <b>BARC VE Session - Tuesday</b>	Aug 25. .... <b>Board Meeting</b>
Apr 28. .... <b>Board Meeting</b>	Sep 5/6. .... <b>Shelby Hamfest **</b>
May 2. .... <b>Ham Chatter <span style="color: red;">Deadline</span></b>	Sep 8. .... <b>Regular Meeting</b>
May 12. .... <b>Regular Meeting</b>	Sep 26/27. .... <b>CQ WW RTTY Contest</b>
May 26. .... <b>Board Meeting</b>	Sep 29. .... <b>Board Meeting</b>
May 30/31. .... <b>CQ WW CW WPX Contest</b>	Oct 13. .... <b>Regular Meeting</b>
<b>June .....NEW EDITOR.....</b>	Oct 24/25. .... <b>CQ WW SSB DX Contest</b>
Jun 10. .... <b>Regular Meeting</b>	Oct 27. .... <b>Board Meeting</b>
Jun 27. .... <b>BARC VE Session - Tuesday</b>	Nov 7/8. .... <b>ARRL CW Sweepstakes</b>
Jun 27/28. .... <b>ARRL Field Day</b>	Nov 10. .... <b>Regular Meeting</b>
Jun 30. .... <b>Board Meeting</b>	Nov 21/22. .... <b>ARRL SSB Sweepstakes</b>
Jul 11/12. .... <b>IARU HF World Championship</b>	Nov 24. .... <b>Board Meeting</b>
Jul 14. .... <b>Regular Meeting</b>	Nov 28/29. .... <b>CQ WW CW DX Contest</b>
Jul 28. .... <b>Board Meeting</b>	<b>Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM</b>
Aug 11. .... <b>Regular Meeting</b>	<b>Board Meeting - Last Tuesday @ 7:30 PM</b> <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**



**April 2015  
Next Meeting  
April 14, 2015**

To:



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