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FCC Invites Comments on Proposed Rules for New LF and MF Amateur Allocations

The FCC is inviting comments on its recent quency ranges, particularly the lower of proposals to authorize Amateur Radio op- the two. eration on two new bands -- an LF alloca- With respect to the new 630 meter band, ments on comments filed -- are due by Sep- erations there. tember 30. The FCC allocated 135.7 to

dance with the Final Acts of the 2007 World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC-07). The proposed new allocation at 472 to 479 kHz would implement decisions made at WRC-12.

"The Commission is proposing service rules for the Amateur Service in the tions for operation in the proposed LF and periment with equipment, techniques, an-135.7-137.8 kHz and 472-479 kHz bands MF allocations. The FCC has said that the tennas, and propagation phenomena but with the principal goal of enabling sharing "cornerstone" of the technical rules it's with signals having larger bandwidth and of this spectrum among licensed amateur proposing for both bands is "physical higher power." stations and unlicensed PLC systems," the separation between amateur stations and FCC said on April 27 in a 257- the transmission lines" carrying PLC sig- In addition, the FCC has raised the seconpage Report and Order, Order, and Notice nals. of Proposed Rulemaking. The combined The FCC has said that if it concludes, after 2000 kHz to primary, while providing for proceeding addresses three dockets -- ET- considering the record, that Amateur Ra-12-338, ET-15-99, and IB-06-123 -- affect- dio and PLC systems cannot coexist on ing various radio services in addition to 135.7-137.8 kHz, it would "defer the adopthe Amateur Service. The detailed propos- tion of service rules, and amateur users als appeared in The Federal Register on will have to continue to use the experimen-July 2.

Amateur Radio stations are not permitted control the power grid already operate rules to provide for its use. Several coun- ly/ING2Amc) under Part 15 of the FCC rules in both fre-tries, including Canada, already have ac-

tion at 135.7 to 137.8 kHz (2200 meters), the FCC has concluded that Amateur Raand an MF allocation at 472-479 kHz (630 dio and PLC systems "can successfully meters). Amateur Radio would be secon- coexist in the band," and noted that there dary on both bands. Comments are due has been no reported interference to PLC August 31. Reply comments -- ie, com- operation resulting from experimental op-

137.8 kHz to the Amateur Service in accor- The FCC said PLC systems and antici-

pated Amateur Radio use of both 630 meters and 2200 meters "have characteristics that make coexistence possible." In general, the FCC wants to hear from the public regarding power limits, antenna placement and height, and geographical limita-

tal licensing process to operate in the buoys. band."

Next Meeting - July 14, 2015

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The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its regular meeting at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, July 14, at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. The program will be "LED Lighting, The True Cost of Using Old Technology" by Tim Parkin, Greenville store manager of Batteries Plus Bulbs. All members and guests are invited to attend.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, July 28 at 7:30 PM at the Offices of Monday & Monday, (CPA), suite D, East Victoria Court, All members invited.

cess to the ban \overline{d} .

The FCC said the addition of the new LF and MF allocations "would provide new opportunities for amateur operators to ex-

dary Amateur Service allocation at 1900 to continued use by currently unlicensed commercial fishing vessels of radio buoys on the "open sea." The Commission is seeking comment on technical requirements to govern operation of the Part 80 radio

Interested parties may submit comments, in either band until the FCC adopts, on the In 2012, the ARRL submitted a Petition for identified by ET Docket No 15-99, via the basis of comments, specific technical and Rule Making asking the FCC to allocate FCC Electronic Comment Filing System operational Part 97 rules. Power line car- 472-479 kHz to the Amateur Service on a (ECFS). The ARRL will file comments in rier (PLC) systems operated by utilities to secondary basis and to amend the Part 97 this proceeding. -via ARRL (http://bit.

Ohio ARES "NVIS Antenna Day" Concludes That the Truth is Up There

Ohio ARES NVIS Antenna Day on April 25 attracted participation from some 100 Buckeye State stations in an effort to determine which configurations of near-vertical incidence skywave (NVIS) antenna offer the best results. ARRL Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator Stan Broadway, N8BHL, said that while the results of the unscientific test were inconclusive, some configurations did seem superior.

"The goal was simple: Try different antennas, see which work," Broadway explained. "Each station was responsible "But contacts weremade, and communication took place," he added. It's a very performance could be evaluated. Results portable antenna too. Determining the would be tallied and digested in hopes of creating a short list of winners that ARES Dipoles — flattops or inverted Vs — integrated in keeping with

Most operation was Field Day-style on 40 NVIS concepts, provided reasonable remeters. "This was not a contest," Broadports, but erecting them at a low height way pointed out, "so, groups gathered not only to test antennas, but to cook out and enjoy each other's company." He said one fashioned after the AS-2259 configuration. group had so much fun making contacts on "These all performed very satisfactorily their first dipole that they abandoned any for their owners, and were uniformly given further antenna work and just had fun.

Groups most frequently deployed simple dipoles. End-fed and longwires were popular too, as well as a handful of loops. A half-dozen antennas were based on the



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

- 7 K6BDH Bruce Hopfengardner
- 12 KD4CZW Bonnie Pulver
- 13 K4SKI Charlie Wells
- 24 WA4MOK Bernie Nobles
- 29 W4YDY Dave Langley

Ohio ARES NVIS Antenna Day on April 25 military AS-2259 design — crossed inattracted participation from some 100 verted Vs with about 10 feet of elevation in Buckeye State stations in an effort to determine which configurations of near-vertical nas erected above ponds, inverted Ls, and incidence skywyye (NVIS) antenna offer even a Moxon aimed straight up.

"For our operation, there just wasn't that much difference between the more specialized NVIS designs and any good antenna," Broadway concluded. The longwire was among those at the bottom of the list, with signal reports uniformly 2 or 3 S-units below other choices, according to Broadway. "But contacts weremade, and communication took place," he added. It's a very portable antenna too. Determining the "best" antenna turned out to be harder. Dipoles — flattops or inverted Vs — installed at lower heights in keeping with NVIS concepts, provided reasonable reports, but erecting them at a low height didn't seem to make much difference. If any antenna topped the list, it was those fashioned after the AS-2259 configuration. "These all performed very satisfactorily

for their owners, and were uniformly given good signal reports," Broadway said. "They weren't 40 dB above the competition, but they were solid." While the NVIS antenna experiment had inconclusive results, "we did prove that our hobby can be a lot of fun, even for the old heads, when we get back to some basics — experimenting, equipment and team building, and trying our stuff out," Broadway said. Concluded Jefferson County participant Gregory Day, N8GD, "After 34 years, ham radio is still fun!"

Well Wishes

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



Tom Parsons, W4TEP

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

June 2015 BARC VE Session Results

Two candidates came to the June 16, 2015 BARC VE session and were successful. Robert E. Freuler, KM4JEG, Tarboro, upgraded to General Class from Technician and Gary W. Turner, Kinston, passed the Technician exam. Gary's new call sign is KM4LKR and it was effective June 23, 2015. Congratulations Robert and Gary.

The VE's that attended were VE Liaison Steve Horne II, KB5B, Dan Wallace, K4HMW, Morris Lewis, AK4MU, Thomas Styron, KB7L and Dave Langley, W4YDY.

The next regular BARC VE session is scheduled for August 18, 2015. Details at http://www.w4amc.com/barcinfo.html#VE

NC ARES Internet

http://www.ncarrl.org/ares/ Pitt County ARES EC needed!

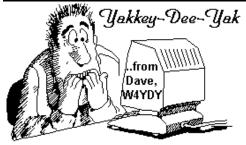


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Three of my good Amateur Radio Weldon Fields, W4AJT in May. He was over 100 years old. Weldon was the oldest known Ham in North Carolina and the longest licensed amateur radio operator in our State having received his license in 1930. Weldon made many contributions to our Country, our State, and to Amateur Radio during his lifetime. He was a founding father of the Tar Heel Emergency Net in 1947, which continues operations to this day.

In September of 2011, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine was bestowed upon Weldon . The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is among the most prestigious awards conand it is presented to outstanding North Carolinians with a proven record of service to the State or other special achievement. In 2014, Weldon was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal -- the highest civil- very nice guy. ian honor -- for his service to the Civil Air Patrol during World War II.

I first talked to Weldon in June 1953 using AM right after I graduated from high school. SSB was not around back then, just a few experimenters. My 2014 QCWA meal and meeting in Siler 2013. City and talked about old times. He was a



W4EHF and W4AJT meeting for the first time at the 2010 RARSfest

Yakkey-Ɗee-Yak OJ0B on Market Reef Logs Hundreds of 2 Meter **Moonbounce, Meteor Scatter Contacts**

The recent Market Reef OJ0B expedition resulted in 462 contacts via 2 meter Earth- Suominen, an early VHF pioneer, was Moon-Earth (EME) and meteor scatter deeply involved in the science of VHF comactivity with stations on all continents. The munication and strongly believed that 2 activity this month was a somewhat belated meter EME contacts — dismissed by ex-50th anniversary celebration of the historic perts as being out of reach for radio amafriends passed away recently. First it was first 2 meter EME contact. More than 50 teurs — were indeed possible. His 2 meter US and Canadian hams were among those EME contact with W6DNG in California that worked OJ0B on 2 meter EME. The proved the skeptics wrong, scoring more OJ0B activity shut down on June 15 after than one VHF "first." making more than 8200 contacts on all bands and modes.

VHF pioneer Lenna Suominen, OH1NL antennas, and operators. (SK), who had experimented with EME in the 1960s and made the first-ever 2 meter Market Reef (JP90nh) is located between lantic (Europe-US) on any band above 50 house Society has been restoring the Mar-MHz, with Bill Conkel, W6DNG, in 1964. ket Reef Lighthouse there, which is now OJ0B used JT65B mode, developed by Joe fully automated. Dedicated quarters on the Taylor, K1JT. Former ARRL President reef are available for Amateur Radio opferred by the Governor of North Carolina Joel Harrison, W5ZN, was one of the lucky eration, with power from generators and US stations to work OJ0B, and Harrison solar arrays. — Thanks to Martti Laine, served as one of the pilots for the activity. contacts have been to ClubLog and OQRS.

At the Raleigh hamfest in April 2010, Bill Finch, W4EHF, (SK) and Weldon, both in their late 90s, had just met for the first time. Weldon told Bill that he bet he was older that Bill. I told Weldon he just lost a bet. Bill had him beat by a last contact was in 2014 when he called me couple of years in age but Weldon had Bill to chat a few minutes during the NC QSO beat by 5 years for the oldest license, 1930 Party. We sat together at the September vs. 1935. Bill was 101 when he passed in

> In June, a very good friend, Charlie Brown, W4VFJ, Wake Forrest, passed away. He was a year older than me but we had been friends since 1953 and talked back then using the AM rigs. Charlie was very active on CW and also was active as a Volunteer Examiner. We kept in touch on the air, email and at hamfests. He said he missed me at the Raleigh hamfest in April. I had another commitment that weekend. My last email from him was just 3 weeks before he passed. I didn't know he had been sick for a while. He was always up-

> > Bill Lambert, W4YDY Also in June,

Departure from Market Reef was reported to have been "challenging." It took six Zo-Project leaders dedicated the activity to diac trips to the boat to transfer all gear,

EME contact, as well as the first transat- Finland and Sweden. The Finnish Light-OH2BH, and Jarmo Jaakola, OH2BN

-via ARRL (http://bit.ly/1NG1Hds)

AK4H, Benson, passed away. He was the Benson/Raleigh repeater guy and it had his call sign. He was active in the Benson club and hamfest. I worked at the Benson FAA Radar site 10 miles North of Benson for 15 years and left in 1975. Bill lived about 2 miles from the site and came over to visit me a number of times and I saw him often at the Benson and Raleigh hamfests. I had known Bill for about 45 years. I'm already missing all three of my friends.

W4AMC.COM - I have put up some new BARC Field Day pictures on the web site. They include the Field Days from last year and this year. Peter, KG4WEZ, sent me some pictures for 2015 FD.

6 METERS - The 6 meter band had a lot of openings in June. Hope it will last a while longer especially for the CQ VHF Contest coming up July 18/19. In the last 10 days in June, I worked 24 stations in 10 states from Florida to Maine to California. Also picked up 19 new counties for a total of 139 on 6 meters. I knew Bernie would want to know about the counties! -

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States, Counties, Communities Recognize the Value of Amateur Radio, Field Day

Amateur Radio and the occasion many radio amateurs as volunteer honing of radio amateurs' emergency of ARRL Field Day.

necticut and has been "promoting and stations, NOCXX and WOCXX. advancing the art, science, and enjoyment of Amateur Radio" for more than Kansas Gov Sam Brownback has rec- Washington Gov Jay Inslee has protries."

Florida Gov Rick Scott has proclaimed June 21-27 as Amateur Radio Week in his state. Scott cited Amateur Radio as a "critical communication link in the event of a disaster," noting the services that Amateur Radio Emergency Service volunteers provide in Florida's New Hampshire Gov Maggie Hassan Radio's public service role and Field three ARRL sections. Gov Scott also proclaimed June as Amateur Radio Day as "a 24-hour emergency preparexpressed appreciation for SKYWARN Month. She cited Amateur Radio's role edness exercise and demonstration" of volunteers, many of them radio ama- in serving as "a bridge between peo- skill and readiness to provide "selfteurs, who serve as weather spotters to ples, societies, and countries by creat- supporting communication." assist the National Weather Service.

his state. Indiana Section Public Infor- shire citizens to recognize Field Day county. mation Coordinator Joe March, KJ9M, weekend as a "demonstration of the Crossville, Tennessee, Mayor James stations throughout the Hoosier State. tions without further infrastructure re- vance of Field Day. Efforts have been under way in Indiana quired." to disseminate media releases on Field Dav.

Several US states, counties, and com- moving forward radio communication worldwide radio communication as munities this month took the opportu- and the science of electronics. His well as its public service contribution. nity to formally recognize the value of proclamation also noted the role of It notes that Field day "promotes the weather spotters. Cedar Rapids, Iowa, preparedness skills." Speaking with is the home of Rockwell Collins Radio ARRL Oklahoma Section Manager Connecticut Gov Dannel Malloy has Company, where employees will take Lloyd Colston, KC5FM, Gov Fallin proclaimed June 22-28 as Amateur Ra- part is a "Take Your Radio to Work cited recent severe weather that Okladio Week. His proclamation noted that Day" on June 26, with tours of the homa has experienced in recent the ARRL is headquartered in Con-company's two Amateur Radio club months, including tornadoes and flood-

100 years. Gov Malloy cited Amateur ognized June 27-28 as Kansas Ama- claimed the week of June 21 as Ama-Radio's public service contributions as teur Radio Field Day and encouraged teur Radio Week. He cited Amateur well as its role in providing "a bridge all with an interest in Amateur Radio Radio's contributions to the public in between peoples, societies, and coun- to visit a Field Day site. The gover- times of emergencies and disasters. nor's proclamation cited the role of "Amateur Radio operators deserve our



ing friendships and the sharing of ideas" as well as its value in public The Butts County, Georgia, Board of

Iowa Gov Terry Branstad has pro- teur Radio Week and urged all Oklaho- waived the fee for use of the city park claimed June 22-28 as Amateur Radio mans "to pay tribute to the Amateur for the Three Rivers Amateur Radio Field Week. He cited Amateur Radio's Radio operators of our state." Fallin's Club's Field Day operation. Local contributions in times of emergency proclamation cites ham radio's broadcasters are airing Amateur Radio and natural disaster and its role in "significant role in the development of promotional announcements."

Field Day in emergency preparedness. recognition and a salute for hundreds of jobs well done," the proclamation

> Wisconsin Gov Scott Walker has proclaimed June 27-28 as Amateur Radio Week. Gov Walker recognized Amateur

Indiana Gov Mike Pence has declared service during emergencies and public Commissioners has declared June 22-June 22-28 as Amateur Radio Week in events. She encouraged New Hamp- 28 as Amateur Radio Week in the

said Field Day-oriented public service radio amateur's skills and readiness to Mayberry has proclaimed the week of announcements are airing on radio provide self-supporting communica- June 22-28 as Ham Radio Week, in ad-

> In Idaho, the Kamiah City Council has Oklahoma Gov Mary Fallin has pro- proclaimed the week of June 22-28 as claimed the week of June 21 as Ama- Amateur Radio Week. The Council also

> > - via ARRL (http://bit.ly/1IrtaQ0)

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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: Joe Jeansonne or email to: barc @ w4amc.com (no spaces) NOTE: Commercial rates on page 5.

FOR SALE: IC-91AD D-star handheld. It is in mint condition, having been used very little. It was bought when I lived in the Columbia, SC area where there were 5 D-star repeaters, but I

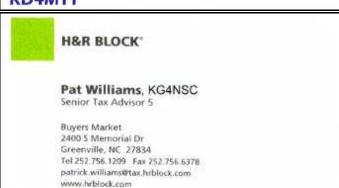
very soon moved to Greenville, NC from there and it has just sat around. It does also work on standard FM repeaters, but I also had a Yaesu FT-60 and I use it exclusively for local work. I know there are no D-star repeaters in the area except for Rocky Mount and Raleigh, but someone may want that capability or know someone who does. It works on 2 meters and 440 both FM and D-star digital and receives several other bands too. I am asking \$350 for it after looking around on the internet at going prices. It originally sold for more than \$600.

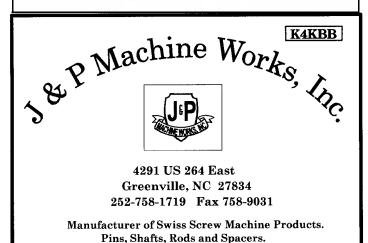
Included with the IC-91AD are the following; Instruction manual, Quick Reference booklet, Configuration disk, Programming cable, Wall charger, Drop-in charger and Car charger.

Al Mullis, K4GOE,

252-940-0510, k4goe@arrl.net





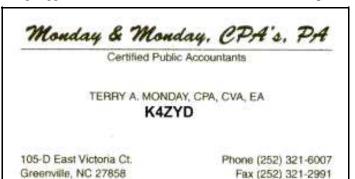


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BARC Regular Meeting Minutes - June 2015

Date: 06-09-2015

day, K4ZYD, called the meeting to order at our next VE Session will be next Tuesday asked to bring desserts. Bring your lawn 7:40 pm. Terry reported that Taylor Millar, at 6:30 pm. W4WTM, had volunteered to finish out the Ham Chatter: Dave Langley, W4YDY, ready to set up at 8 AM Saturday and be on year for the Secretary position vacancy. mentioned the new Ham Chatter editor Joe the air by 2 PM at the start of the contest. We had the Pledge plus everyone intro- Jeansonne. Dave said that he would con- It was mentioned that Night operators are duced themselves with their name, call let- tinue putting breaking news on the web needed. This will also a good time to ters and city.

Secretary's Report: n/a

were reported.

W4JNC, mentioned the new club radio on follow.

changed in the club generator.

Treasure's Report: Account balances Groups on the Web. It is a way to show on antennas. photos and other information that would about his 6 meter beam, dual 75 Tarheel, Equipment Report: Richard Campbell, interest the group. Other information will and 40 meter dipole. Plans were mentioned

display on the front table. It is the new HF Field Day: June 27th and 28th. We will contact Pitt Community College people Kenwood TS 480. He said that we also be setting up at the Oakwood School loca- who might like to attend. needed a pelican box for this radio. Rich- tion. We will operate as 3A plus 1. We are Respectfully submitted by: ard also mentioned that the oil needs to be to have 3 Stations plus a GOTA. Food for Taylor Millar, W4WTM, Secretary

the Saturday night meal will include Call to Order: Our President, Terry Mon- Next VE Session: It was announced that chicken, barbecue, and ham. Everyone is chairs for supper and to sit in. We will be make lots of contacts.

> New Business: Peter told about the Yahoo Antennas: Several mentioned their ideas Bernie, WA4MOK, told for the laptops. It was also mentioned to

BARC Board Meeting Minutes—June 2015

Date: 06-30-2015

CALL TO ORDER: President,

Terry Monday, K4ZYD, called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

A review of the recent Field Day happenings was made. They mentioned the storms on Saturday. The weather on Sunday was good. The location at Oakwood School was good. There was no background noise on the radios. It was also mentioned that this might be a very good location for the QSO party.\The beam at the school needs repairing was noted. It

was mentioned that we might need to approach the school to get the station up and running, and set up classes possibly on Saturdays for technician courses. BOARD MEMBER RICHARD CAMP-BELL: Richard, W4JNC, reported that we need adapters for a radio plus a head set. We are OK on filters.

The new HF radio tested good at field day and it has been a good addition to the club. SECRETARY REPORT: No report.

VE REPORT: One passed the General and joined the club. One passed the Technician exam.

HAM CHATTER: No Report. WEB SITE EDITOR: Dave Langley, W4YDY, reported that Joe was getting a Ham Chatter together.

Tim from Batteries Plus will have the program at the July meeting.

The Shelby Ham Fest will be in Shelby on September 5th/6th.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by: TAYLOR MILLAR, W4WTM

"Founders and Patriots of the Republic" is Theme of Annual 13 Colonies Event

The annual Independence Day week Philadelphia, where independence K2L in South Carolina "13 Colonies Special Event" gets was declared in 1776. under way June 30 at 1300 UTC Those working WM3PEN will have In addition to WM3PEN, UK speand will continue until July 5 at a Liberty Bell added to their 13 cial event station GB13COL will 0400 UTC. The theme for the 2015 Colonies certificates. event is "Founders and Patriots of The stations on the air this year will the Republic."

The object is for operators to con- K2A in New York tact 1 × 1 call sign special event K2B in Virginia stations in each of the 13 British K2C in Rhode Island colonies that became the US in K2D in Connecticut 1776. The contact count for last K2E in Delaware year's event was nearly 109,000. Certificates and endorsements will K2G in Georgia be available for working the 13 K2H in Massachusetts colonies stations, with a sticker for K2I in New Jersey contacting all 13 and an endorse- K2J in North Carolina ment for contacting WM3PEN in K2K in New Hampshire

K2F in Maryland

K2M in Pennsylvania

operate from Durham, England,



with members of the Durham and District Amateur Radio Society participating.

- via ARRL (http://bit.ly/1IrsEBq)

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Pattern of Contact Padding Prompts Disqualifications, CQ Review of All Past Contest Logs

Committee said this week that it plans the world in the Single-Operator, High to review all past contest logs, after its Power category from V31WA in the investigation revealed a pattern of rou- CO WW CW. tine OSO padding on the part of one the disqualifications of some two dozen them from the official score database. April, and another 30 contestants in sponsored contest until July 2020 in entry of Dmitry V. Stashuk, UT5UGR, fied as a check log. of Kiev, Ukraine, for unclaimed use of assistance. TO7A had claimed the top into the 2009 and 2010 in the CQ WW $_{ullet}$ Single-Operator, High Power score.

around this disqualification, a section his own call sign have been disqualitee said.

log when TO7A could not be detected events in 2011, 2012, and 2013. on the air by RBN [Reverse Beacon break periods.

built on a simple foundation — the ex- by case basis," CQ said. pectation that all contacts are made over the air and correctly logged," the committee said. "Since operations are performed from the privacy of our stations and without supervision, we all trust that everyone is playing by the same rules."

The contest committee subsepast contest logs submitted by the integrity of the competition as best tinental score, and it uncovered evi- would do the same. dence of log padding going back to -via ARRL (http://bit.ly/1GXQfrl)

The CQ World Wide Contest 2008, when UT5UGR placed third in

As a result, CQ has disqualitop-scoring CQ World Wide Contest fied UT5UGR's entries in which they operator. This follows in the wake of detected log padding and removed 2014 CO WW SSB contest operators in In addition, any entry into a COthe 2014 CQ WW CW event. Among which UT5UGR is the operator or the latter group of DOs was the TO7A listed as a participant will be reclassi-

UT5UGR's entries as TO7A SSB, and his 2011 and 2014 CQ WW "During the public discussion 160 Meter Contest SSB entries under of the log on 160 meters was pointed fied. In addition to his 2008 V31WA • out as being suspicious," the commit- CQ WW SSB entry from 2008, CQ also disallowed UT5UGR's TO7A 2014 CO ◆ "Further checking revealed a WW SSB and CW entries, as well as run of 47 QSOs that were added to the his TO7A entries in the CQ WW CW

"This violation of the trust that Network] or SDR recordings. In total, underlies radiosport competition canas many as 123 QSOs representing 22 not be ignored," CQ said. The CQ WW additional multipliers were padded Contest Committee has announced that into the log." The CQ WW Contest new log checking processes are being Committee said the "particular pat- developed to improve the detection of tern" of the suspicious contacts made log padding. "We intend to test these it clear that they were added deliber- methods against all submitted logs ately after the contest to fill in rest or from 2011-2014. If other entries are found to have added unverifiable "Radiosport competition is QSOs, we will address them on a case •



"The CQ World Wide Contest quently decided to dig more deeply into Committee is committed to protecting UT5UGR, many of them competitive as we can," the CQ post said, adding entries, including one for a record con-that it hoped the contesting community

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
- 1900 hours, high speed (20 3.573 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

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BARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jul 14	Board Meeting Regular Meeting BARC VE Session - Tuesday Board Meeting Shelby Hamfest ** Regular Meeting Virginia Beach Hamfest CQ WW RTTY Contest Board Meeting Maysville Hamfest ** ***	Nov 10	ARRL CW Sweepstakes Regular Meeting ARRL SSB Sweepstakes Benson Hamfest ** *** Board Meeting CQ WW CW DX Contest ARRL 160 Meter Contest BARC Christmas Party ARRL 10 Meter Contest Board Meeting ARRL RTTY Roundup esday @ 7:30 PM **Hamfests	
Oct 24/25	CQ WW SSB DX Contest	Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM **Hamfests Board Meeting - Last Tuesday @ 7:30 PM *** Date not confirmed		

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

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