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FCC Invites Comments on Petition to Eliminate 15 dB Gain Limit on Amateur Amplifiers

The FCC has put on public notice and invited comments on a Petition for Rule Making (RM-11767), filed on behalf of an amateur amplifier distributor, which seeks to revise the Amateur Service rules regarding maximum permissible amplifier gain. Expert Linears America LLC of Magnolia, Texas, which distributes linears manufactured by SPE in Italy, wants the FCC to eliminate the 15 dB gain limitation on amateur amplifiers, spelled out in §97.317(a)(2). Expert asserts that there should be no gain limitation at all on amplifiers sold or used in the Amateur Service.

“There is no technical or regulatory reason [that] an amplifier capable of being driven to full legal output by even a fraction of a watt should not be available to Amateur Radio operators in the United States,” Expert said in its Petition.

Expert maintains that the 15 dB gain limitation is an unneeded holdover from the days when amplifiers were less efficient and the FCC was attempting to rein in the use of Amateur Service amplifiers by Citizens Band operators. While the FCC proposed in its 2004 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order in WT Docket 04-140 to delete the requirement that amplifiers be designed to use a minimum of 50 W of

drive power and subsequently did so, it did not further discuss the 15 dB amplification limit in the subsequent Report and Order in the docket.

“Although no party advocated retention of the 15 dB limit, it remains in place today,” Expert pointed out in its filing. “In the intervening years, advancements in Amateur Radio transmitter technology have led to the availability of highly compact, sophisticated low-power transmitters that require more than 15 dB of amplification to achieve maximum legal power output.

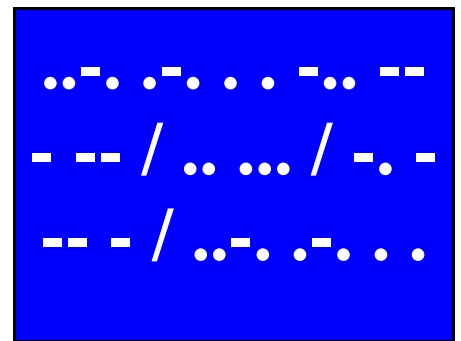
Therefore, Expert seeks to remove the 15 dB limit from §97.317 so that Amateur Radio manufacturers and distributors will not be forced to needlessly cripple their amplifiers for sale in the United States.”

Expert pointed to its Model 1.3K FA amplifier as an example of a linear “inherently capable of considerably more than 15 dB of amplification,” which would make it a suitable match for low-power transceivers now on the market having output power on the order of 10 W.

-via ARRL (<http://bit.ly/21Ca293>)

Next Meeting May 10, 2016

The Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club will have its next meeting on Tuesday, May 10, at VFW Post Home 7032 on 1108 Mumford Road in Greenville. The program will be Weather Folklore by Dave Pulver, KG4CZV. All members, families and guests are invited to attend.



BARC Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, May 31 at 7:30 PM at the Offices of Monday & Monday, (CPA), Suite D, East Victoria Court. All members invited.

Brazil Eases Authorization for Radio Amateurs Attending the 2016 Summer Olympics

IARU Region 2 News Editor Joaquín Solana, XE1R, reports that radio amateurs hoping to operate in Brazil during the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio this summer are in luck and will be able to be on air without bureaucracy.

During August and September any foreign radio amateur will be able to operate in Brazil, whether or not a reciprocal agreement between the respective countries exists. No IARP or CEPT license is necessary, and no fees are required. The Brazilian Amateur Radio League LABRE has obtained permission from ANATEL,

the Brazilian telecommunications regulator, to handle authorizations. Amateurs who want to operate in Brazil should send LABRE:

- A copy of a valid passport (identification pages)
- A copy of the applicant's Amateur Radio license
- A list of cities in which the radio amateur plans to operate and the respective dates
- An e-mail address

For more info visit ARRL at (<http://bit.ly/21C9qQU>)

Next VE Session

The next Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club VE session will be held **Tuesday, June 21, 2016** 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 [ve @ w4amc.com](mailto:ve@w4amc.com). Walk-ins welcome. Please bring the following **required**:

- ◆ **Photo ID** (drivers license)
- ◆ **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).

NC ARES Internet

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

Pitt County ARES
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Happy Birthday

Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club members birthdays in May.

14 W4TEP Thomas Parsons
22 K4DKW Jeffrey Meyer

Additions or corrections to WB4JOE

Well Wishes

Thoughts and Prayers go out to the following:

Charlie Wells, K4SKI

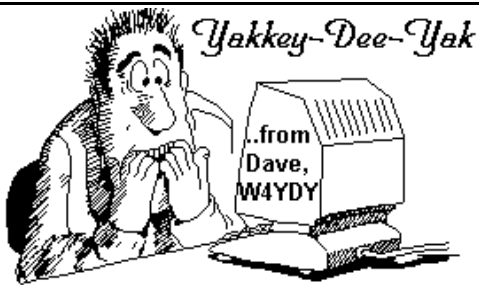
Please inform Gerry Clayton, K4IDD, [gclayton4 @ suddenlink.net](mailto:gclayton4@suddenlink.net) of any changes.



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Mike Monteith, **KM4OLT**, has put in a lot of time and work on the new W4AMC web site with a new look and new features including a calendar and Forum Discussion. You can register for the Forum and after approval, you can post messages such as items for sale and other Amateur Radio subjects of interest to club members. The site has drop down menus for the different areas of the site. Many of the pages on the present site are reformatted for the new site but all have not been converted yet. It is a test site at this time and he would like to hear from you of any suggestions and comments. It's still a work in progress and a lot of work to finish it. The temporary site address has been email to BARC members. Check it out let Mike know what you think.

Also Field Day will be here before you know it. Jeff Meyer, **K4DKW**, will be discussing that and plans for the BARC operation. **Please** someone step up and volunteer as chairman or co-chairman. Even if you are new to Amateur Radio, there will be plenty of help for guidance. That's the best way to learn more about Amateur Radio, setting up stations, operating, and enjoying the benefits of getting to know your fellow club members. I've never known anyone that has not benefited from the experience of attending Field Day.

Looking forward to the program by Dave Pulver, **KG4CZV**, about weather folklore. I'm sure there will be some facts that we can all learn about. Attendance has been down a little so come on out and support the club. We always have a good time. The North Carolina QSO Party results have been published at <http://www.rars.org/ncqsoparty/index.php?id=results>. <http://www.rars.org/ncqsoparty/index.php?id=results>. There is a write up along with scores and soapbox.

It was sad to learn about the passing of Gary Coffey, **K4AVC**, of Morehead City, NC on April 27, 2016. I first met

Brightleaf 2016 Dues

Membership dues for BARC are due January 1. Those who have not paid their dues will not be listed on the roster and will be removed from the *Ham Chatter* mailing list starting in April. Membership dues are the same as they were in 2015 and are as follows:

Regular Member \$20.00
Family Member \$2.00
Associate Member (Non-Licensed) \$5.00
Honorary Member \$0.00
New Hams: 18 and younger (1st year) \$5.00
New Hams: 19 and older (1st year) \$10.00

Gary about 18 years ago when he opened a computer dial-up Internet service in Greenville. He also had one in the Morehead City area. At his grand opening, he overheard a conversation of some of the visitors talking about Amateur Radio. He joined in and said he was licensed and he was happy to see AR operators come to his grand opening. In fact, Pat Sutton, **KD4NNA**, won the grand prize of a years Internet service. It was also the first time I met Pat and I told him about BARC and he joined up. You can see Pat in several pictures at <http://www.w4amc.com/fd/fdpic001.html> when he was Field Day Chairman in 2000. Most dial-up Internet services shut down after higher speeds were gaining popularity from cable and telephone companies. I always enjoyed talking to Gary and seeing him at many hamfests in Eastern North Carolina. Gary was 79.

Gerry Clayton, **K4IDD**, sent me an email about some sad news about Dave Bell, **W6AQ**. He produced several documentaries about Amateur Radio. Dave has cancer but is out of the hospi-

Please mail your dues, along with the member application form if there are any changes to: **Brightleaf Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 8387, Greenville, NC 27835.**

We are requesting that you send the application form in so that we can have your correct information on file. The form can be downloaded from <http://www.w4amc.com/application.pdf>.

If anyone has any questions concerning their membership status or their dues, please email Jeff Meyer, **K4DKW**, BARC Treasurer, at **jeff-freymeyer55 @ gmail.com** (remove spaces in email address). **Thank you for your support and participation in BARC.**

tal now and at his Leucadio Beach QTH. BARC members may remember the six videos that were shown over the past couple of years at the club meetings with his introduction and endings of each video. He also wrote a book titled "Worlds Best Hobby" that includes several chapters and pictures of the making of the Amateur Radio videos. It included trips to film King Hussein, **JY1** and Barry Goldwater, **K7UGA**, operating. Dave had a fabulous trip to Jordan, all expenses paid by **JY1** and the chapter titled, "The Kind and I" is very entertaining. The book was on the Internet and I read it while he was writing it and putting chapters online for about a year. We exchanged emails during that time. Now he has only one sample chapter online and he has published the book. I bought it because I wanted to read it again it was so good. It won't be long before I read it again. Dave operated **K2USA** at Ft. Monmouth, NJ about 3 years before I did. See the sample chapter at <http://worldsbesthobby.com/> and info on where to buy the 290 page book. It has lot of humor and it's written so that Amateur Radio and non-Amateur Radio people can enjoy it. *Dave, W4YDY*

President's Corner - Jeff, K4DKW

The April Board meeting went well and we would like to do the following, with any discussion needed to take place at the upcoming May club meeting:

Find a nominee for Public Service/Publicity position that was originally split up and is now being recombined. This position will help originate and coordinate outside activities for the club in order to provide BARC more visibility to the public and while being an outreach arm to help bring in new club members.

Find a designee or small group to help coordinate 2016 Field Day
Proposing that new hams

get their first year's dues free.

Establish a BARC Library-
-We have also began starting a club library with some book/periodical donations that came in from Dr. Rick Niswander, K7GM. If you have books you would like to donate, please bring them to the next meeting. I will be compiling a list of what we have and they will be available for checkout at one club meeting, with the understanding that they are to be returned at the following club meeting.

Propose that we purchase 10 (5 Large & 5 XL) some hi-viz vests for our Public Service Activities to let

people know we're providing communication from the ARRL and

Investigating the possibility of using the Club trailer for those Public Service events as a NCS station and focal point for bringing a working Ham Radio station to Schools for demonstrations, etc.

If anyone is interested in participating in any of these or all, we will work to make sure you aren't overwhelmed. The more we spread the work and activities around, the more vibrant our club will be and the better things go.

- Jeff, K4DKW

April 2016 BARC VE Session Results

On the April 19, 2016 BARC VE session, three candidates passed Amateur Radio exams.

Roger Freeman, KE0IUP, Cook, MN, passed Element 2 to earn the Technician license and received his new call sign from the FCC on April 27, 2016. Roger came down from Wake Forest where he was visiting his daughter. **Karen Burke, KM4NVN**, Cove City, NC passed Element 3 to

upgrade to General Class license. **Gary Faust, N4PIR**, Chowinity, NC passed Element 4 to upgrade to the Amateur Extra Class license. BARC congratulates all for their accomplishment.


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

The next regular
BARC VE session is
scheduled for June
21, 2016.

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 Jean-sonne** or email to: hamchatter @ w4amc.com(no spaces)

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I would also be interested in trading my Model 100 for a **Little Tarheel II HP** with mount or a good mobile HF Radio.

Randy Davenport, KA4NMA, Email
pastor.spaceboy@gmail.com or Phone 252-375-9379.

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BARC Regular Meeting Minutes—April 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Meyer at 7:35 PM

Next was The Pledge of Allegiance followed by the introduction of members and guests. A total of 12 people were present.

There was no Secretary's report and a Treasury balance of \$3835.69 was reported by Jeff Meyer.

The MS Walk will be at the town common Saturday Apr 16. Handy-Talkies will be used on 52 Simplex.

Al Mullis will coordinate HAM coverage of the event.

Byron Highland has tickets to the Down East Hamfest.

Oakwood School has given permission to use their facilities again for Field Day, according to Terry Monday.

On Saturday, May 14th, Jeff Meyer will give an amateur radio demo at Cypress Glen. They have an antenna on roof. It's functionality is not known at this time.

The program was presented by Dave Langley who has DXCC certification along with two other BARC members. The program was: "Nine DXpeditions to DXCC: Ten most Wanted Locations".

Those shown included AH1A Howland Island, home of a memorial to Amelia Earhardt.

Heard Island, A52A Island of Bhutan, VP8THU So Georgia, So. Sandwich Islands, VP8GEO So.

Georgia Island, 3Y0X Peter X Island, VU7RG Lakshadweek Islands, Agatti Island, Desecheo Island and Navassa Island.

Jeff suggested hobbies as possibilities for future programs and circulated a survey soliciting suggestions from the membership.

The next VE exam session is scheduled for April 19.

The BARC website has been transferred to Mike Monteith (BARC@w4amc.com).

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, Bob Hanrahan, AF4QY, secretary.

BARC Board Meeting Minutes—April 2016

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Meyer, President at 7:30 PM. The treasury balance was \$3895.69.

The May 14 10:30 AM amateur radio demo at Cypress Glen was confirmed

The MS walk went well and we propose to buy 10 Amateur Radio Hi Viz ARRL vests for public service events

A discussion followed proposing to combine Public Service/Publicity/ Historian back into one position. A new person will have to be found to fill the position. Pat Williams is too busy, and he will return the box of old HAM Chatters at the May club meeting

Terry Monday is getting the ARES trailer, which should be easier to use at FD and PS events with a small number of people

A proposal was made to waive first year dues for new hams.

A Field Day chairman or team is needed.

Submitted by Bob Hanrahan, Secretary, AF4QY.

New ARRL CEO Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, Pledges World-Class Service, Openness, Inclusiveness

The ARRL's new Chief Executive Officer Tom Gallagher, NY2RF, got down to work on his first day in office by promising to make the League's foundational business processes "rock solid" and bring them up to state of the art, which members have a right to expect. Gallagher, who arrived at Headquarters on February 29 as CEO-Elect, has now assumed the top leadership post long held by David Sumner, K1ZZ, who officially retired on April 18. In late January, all 15 ARRL Directors voted to elect Gallagher as CEO and Secretary, positions that Sumner now has relinquished, and Gallagher said he plans to build upon Sumner's legacy. During weeks of walking the halls and speaking with what he described as "the 95 outstanding employees we have here at Headquarters," Gallagher said he's seen a lot that's positive but acknowledged that some issues need attention.

"My colleagues require the tools to do their jobs efficiently and effectively," he said. "When they don't have them it makes it harder for them to serve our members. We want to keep traffic moving. That will require investment and hard work, but we're going to do it."

Gallagher said some resources would be redeployed into areas that need more support, to improve or enhance the League's service.

The new CEO pointed to the recent example of more than 1000 issues of QST that were lost in transit to members' mailboxes due to a train derailment. "Within 24 hours, we knew exactly which copies had been destroyed, and the Circulation Department sent out replacement copies via First-Class Mail," he said. That's the kind of world-class service we want to perpetuate."

QST readers soon will see Gallagher's personal stamp on the monthly editorial, which he's renamed "Second Century." While it will be essentially the same format as Sumner's "It Seems to Us" editorial, "the latter belongs to Dave," Gallagher said. "I don't think I could ever replace his erudition and his scholarship, or match his plain speaking; and I'm not going to try."

Gallagher also has promised a spirit of openness and inclusiveness to bring the enrichment of Amateur Radio to a wider community. "Greater transparency is my guiding principle, as well as of ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, and the goals included in the Strategic Plan approved by the ARRL Board of Directors," he added. Gallagher invited members to bring their suggestions and concerns directly to him.

Gallagher's assumption of the CEO post coincides with World Amateur Radio Day. He said he hopes to get on the air from W1AW to speak with other organizations and individuals who are celebrating the occasion, which marks the founding of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) in 1925.

On April 19, Gallagher will head out of town on his first road trip on behalf of the League. He'll be attending the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) convention in Las Vegas, heading up the ARRL's contingent with ARRL Pacific Division Director Bob Vallio, W6RGG, and other volunteers to promote Amateur Radio. "I will be meeting with a number of broadcast professionals who are also ham radio operators, and I will be discussing topics like interference to signals in the AM broadcast band where ARRL's lab has clear subject matter expertise," he said, citing one common issue shared by hams and broadcasters. "We'll also be looking to build a stronger alliance between Amateur Radio and the broadcasting industry." He noted that ARRL also hopes to build on its excellent relationship with the IEEE community, which includes numerous radio amateurs. Gallagher said that while he celebrates the past, he's also keeping his eyes on the road ahead. "I respect tradition. I'm a traditionalist, and I'm a historian by training, and I recognize that celebrating the past is the duty of a grateful steward," he said. "But embracing the future is vitally important to bring the art and science and enjoyment of Amateur Radio to an even wider community."

-via ARRL (<http://bit.ly/1Xbn3WH>)

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

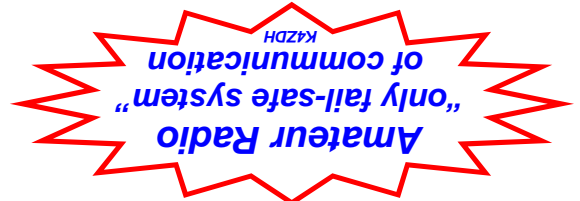
May 10 Regular Meeting
 May 28/29 CQ WW CW WPX Contest
 May 31..... Board Meeting
 Jun 14 Regular Meeting
 Jun 21 VE Exam
 Jun 25/28..... ARRL Field Day
 Jun 28 Board Meeting
 Jul 12..... Regular Meeting
 Jul 9/10IARU HF World Championship
 Jul 26 Board Meeting
 Aug 9 Regular Meeting
 Aug 16VE Exam
 Aug 30 Board Meeting
 Sep 2/4 Shelby Hamfest
 Sep 13 Regular Meeting
 Sep 24/25 CW WW RTTY DX Contest

Sep 26 Board Meeting
 Oct 9 Maysville Hamfest
 Oct 11 Regular Meeting
 Oct 18 VE Exam
 Oct 29/30 CQ WW SSB DX Contest
 Oct 25 Board Meeting

Regular Meeting - 2nd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM
 Board Meeting - Last Tuesday

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