

# The "Official Organ"

The official newsletter of the Johnston Amateur Radio Society, Inc.  
March 2016 edition

## JARS Meeting this Thursday:

Our monthly JARS meeting is this Thursday at the Panther Branch Community Building located at 10900 ten – ten Road just off of NC 50 south of Garner. Tommy will be cooking some of his world famous spaghetti. Cost is \$7.00 per person and \$1.00 of that goes towards paying the rent for the building. You need to let Tommy know by Tuesday how many people you are bringing with you so he will have enough for everybody to eat. Tommy's email address is:

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Extra Class Class  
Johnston County ARES  
Johnston County ARRL VE  
Team

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## News From the Farm:

I think it is safe to say that winter is over because "Spring has sprung, the pollen is fallin'. The flowers are bloomin' and the bugs are crawlin'.

We are slowly getting everything cleaned up from our little fire that we had last month. We still have a way to go and a lot of junk that will have to be taken to the scrap yard. Our

insurance has settled with us and the wife now has a replacement van, or as I like to call it, "The Blue Haired Biddy Bus". Anyway, she is happy now that she has something to drive, as she does not like driving my vehicles. I have been busy with VE sessions and getting ready to teach a technician class for Johnston County Emergency Management in another week or so. We even took our little hairy hound, Remington, and got him his summer hair cut and he is one happy hound without all that hair. I just wish I could get my hair to grow like his does. Well that does it for this month's News From The Farm

73 from KD4MC, K4VJC, Remington (the hairy hound), and Tabitha, (a.k.a. "Krazy Kat").

## JARS Picnic:

Mark your calendars for the Presidential Picnic. I was not able to get a spot at Lake Benson. However, I did get us a spot at White Deer Park, which is just across the road from Lake Benson at 2400 Aversboro Road, Garner NC 27529. We will be at "Sweetgum Shelter". Restrooms are right there at the shelter and there is plenty of room for the kids and kids at heart to run and play. The only drawback is that we cannot bring our cooker. They do have a fairly good size grill there so that should not be much of a problem. I have the shelter reserved from noon until 6pm that day.

## This Month's Program:

Paul Dunn, KD4BJD will be giving a presentation on the history of the 147.270 repeater and the JARS and JARSFest.

## NC Section News:

Posted: March 2, 2016

ARRL NC Section Newsletter  
February, 2016

Greetings from Karl W4CHX, your ARRL NC Section Manager!

HR 1301 AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT OF 2015 (UPDATE) – HR 1301 continues to gain co-sponsors! As of February 29th, HR 1301 has 123 co-sponsors, including 5 Representatives from North Carolina: David Price (D-NC-4); Walter Jones, Jr (R-NC-3); Patrick McHenry (R-NC-10); David Rouzer (R-NC-7); and, Renee Elmers (R-NC-2). Source:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/house-bill/1301/cosponsors>, Copy and paste this link into your web browser. For further information on HR 1301, including its progress through the legislative process, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/list-of-us-house-amateur-radio-parity-act-sponsors-continues-to-grow>

S 1685 AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT OF 2015 (UPDATE) – In June 2015, S 1685 Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 was introduced in the US Senate by Senator Roger F. Wicker (R-MS). The wording in S 1685 and HR 1301 are identical. As of January 27th, there are 3 co-sponsors: Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), the original co-sponsor of the Bill; Senator Al Franken (D-MN); and, Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS). Source: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1685/cosponsors>; Copy and paste this link into your web browser. For further information on HR 1301 and S 1685 Amateur Radio Parity

Act of 2015, see

<http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-parity-act>

ARRL CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER HAROLD KRAMER, WJ1B, RETIRES AFTER 11 YEARS AT HEADQUARTERS – The ARRL Headquarters staff bid farewell and happy retirement to Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, on February 26th. For further information on his retirement party and accomplishments, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-chief-operating-officer-harold-kramer-wj1b-retires-after-11-years-at-headquarters> (source: ARRL website)

DAVID RITTER, ND4MR RECEIVES 2015 ROANOKE DIVISION ARRL SERVICE AWARD – The following communication was received from Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ: “The Roanoke Division ARRL Service Award was instituted in 1968 by then Roanoke Division Director Vic Clark, W4KFC. Vic intended the award to be recognition for a long history of significant and consistent contributions to Amateur Radio. The amateur selected would have, over the years, dedicated much of his or her time to Amateur Radio and the ARRL. Nominations for the award were solicited in late 2015. The selection committee is comprised of past award recipients, and the administration of the award is done by the Roanoke Division Director. Out of a field of five very worthy candidates, one clearly received the majority of the votes. Congratulations to our 2015 Roanoke Division ARRL Service Award winner: David Ritter ND4MR of North Wilkesboro, NC. The award presentation is currently planned at the 2016

Charlotte Hamfest on Saturday, March 12, 2016 during the ARRL forum:  
<http://www.charlottehamfest.org/> Please join us in congratulating our 2015 Roanoke Division ARRL Service Award winner!" Congratulations to David Ritter, ND4MR; and thanks to Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, ARRL Roanoke Division Director, for providing this information!

2016 CHARLOTTE HAMFEST, CONCORD, NC (3/11-12) – The Charlotte Hamfest will be held on Friday, March 11th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM, and on Saturday, March 12th from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, in Concord, NC. The location for the event is the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center, 4551 Old Airport Road, 4571 Hwy 49 North, Concord, NC 28025. In addition to the commercial vendor exhibits and flea market, the 2016 Charlotte Hamfest will have raffle prizes, GoBox Contest, Bingo, and VE testing by WCARS. The forum sessions will include presentations on emergency communications; weather spotting; ARRL updates and presentation of the 2015 Roanoke Division ARRL Service Award to David Ritter, ND4MR; digital voice progress; the recent DXpedition to K5P Palmyra Atoll; and, the NC and SC QSO Parties. The 2016 Charlotte Hamfest is sponsored by the Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society Inc. – W4BFB of Charlotte, NC. For further information, see <http://www.charlottehamfest.org/> (source: Charlotte Hamfest website)

REMINDER, AGAIN! ARRL INVITING NOMINATIONS FOR SIX AWARDS (DEADLINES, MARCH – APRIL 2016) – The ARRL is inviting nominations for six (6)

awards honoring excellence in amateur radio. The awards include: 1) the Hiram Percy Maxim Award, which honors a young amateur radio operator; 2) the ARRL Herb S. Brier Instructor of the Year Award; 3) the ARRL Microwave Development Award; 4) the ARRL Technical Service Award; 5) the ARRL Technical Innovation Award; and, the Knight Distinguished Service Award. For further information on these awards and others, the nomination procedures, and deadlines, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/nominations-solicited-for-six-arrl-awards-2> and <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-award-nominations> (source: ARRL website)

REMINDER! FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO INVITES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS (DEADLINE, 4/15) – The Foundation for Amateur Radio Inc. invites applications for the 2016-2017 academic year for the 46 scholarships it administers. The deadline for applications is April 15th; however, the applications can be edited until May 7th. For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/foundation-for-amateur-radio-invites-scholarship-applications-3> (source: ARRL website)

VHF SUPER CONFERENCE, STERLING, VA (4/14-17) – The following information was received from Mickie Clement, W1MKY: "Hello VHF-UHF-Microwave Weak Signal Enthusiasts: The First Ever, VHF SUPER Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Washington-Dulles International Airport, Sterling, VA, April 14-17, 2016. If there ever was One VHF Conference to go to – This Is IT! The Southeastern VHF

Society (SVHFS), North East Weak Signal Group (NEWS) and Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club (Pack Rats) have come together to sponsor this VHF "Super Conference". It is being hosted by the Grid Pirates Contest Group (K8GP) and Directive Systems and Engineering. For further information and to register for the conference go to <http://vhfsuperconference.com/> .....” Thanks to Micky Clement, W1MKY of Henniker, NH for providing this information!

#### ARRL 2016 FIELD DAY PACKET IS NOW AVAILABLE, NEW BONUS POINT CATEGORIES

– ARRL Field Day will be held June 25-26, 2016. The 2016 ARRL Field Day packet (.pdf) is now available for download. This year, there are two new bonus point categories, social media and safety officer. For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-2016-field-day-packet-is-now-available-new-bonus-point-categories-announced> (source: ARRL website)

ARRL BOARD ADOPTS NEW STRATEGIC PLAN – The ARRL Board of Directors has adopted an updated Strategic Plan, which defines the ARRL vision and direction for the next 5 years. For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-board-adopts-new-strategic-plan> (source: ARRL website)

#### ARRL SIGNS NEW MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

– The ARRL and the American Red Cross signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in January, which will cover the next 5 years. The

MoU details how ARES volunteers will interact with the American Red Cross when they are requested to assist the American Red Cross in disaster or emergency response. For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-signs-new-memorandum-of-understanding-with-the-american-red-cross> (source: ARRL website)

ARISS OPENS WINDOW TO INVITE SCHOOL AND GROUP PROPOSALS FOR ISS HAM RADIO CONTACTS (DEADLINE, 4/15) – The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program is seeking proposals from schools, formal or informal educational institutions, and organizations to host an amateur radio contact next year with an ISS crew member. The deadline for applications is April 15th. ARISS anticipates that contacts would take place between January 1st and June 30th of 2017. For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/ariss-opens-window-to-invite-school-and-group-proposals-for-iss-ham-radio-contacts> (source: ARRL website)

RETIRING CEO DAVID SUMNER, K1ZZ, “PASSIONATE ABOUT AMATEUR RADIO” – Retiring ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, was the keynote speaker at the Orlando HamCation banquet on Saturday, February 13, 2016. During his speech, Dave K1ZZ talked about the role of amateur radio in his life and was optimistic that amateur radio will be important to future generations, as well. For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/retiring-arrl-ceo-david-sumner-k1zz-passionate-about-amateur-radio>.

For an audio recording of the K1ZZ speech, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/audio-recording-of-k1zz-keynote-speech-now-available> (source: ARRL website)

NEW AMATEUR EXTRA QUESTION POOL PUTS GREATER EMPHASIS ON DIGITAL, SDRs, PROPOGATION – The new Amateur Extra class license examination question pool, effective from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2020, is now available at the National Conference of Volunteer Coordinators (NCVEC) website. For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/new-amateur-extra-question-pool-puts-greater-emphasis-on-digital-sdrs-propagation> (source: ARRL website)

ARTICLE PROFILES FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN RADIO AMATEUR, RUFUS TURNER, W3LF – Hackaday, the computer hardware/software/DIY blog, has profiled Rufus Turner W3LF, a very interesting person and the first African-American radio amateur in US history. For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/article-profiles-first-african-american-radio-amateur-rufus-turner-w3lf> (source: ARRL website)

“HAM RADIO NOW” HOSTING 2015 ARRL/TAPR DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS – Full-length video of all major presentations at the 2015 ARRL/TAPR Digital Communications Conference is now online, courtesy of “Ham Radio Now.” For further information, see [http://www.arrl.org/news/ham-radio-now-](http://www.arrl.org/news/ham-radio-now-hosting-2015-arrrl-tapr-digital-communications-conference-presentations)

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FCC INVITES COMMENTS ON ARRL PETITION THAT SEEKS 80/75 METER ADJUSTMENTS – The FCC has placed the ARRL Petition for Rule Making RM 11759 on public notice and is soliciting comments from interested parties on what the ARRL has called “minimal but necessary changes” to 80 and 75 meters. For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-invites-comments-on-arrrl-petition-that-seeks-80-75-meter-adjustments> (source: ARRL website)

FCC SEEKS COMMENTS ON PETITION TO GRANT LIFETIME AMATEUR RADIO LICENSES – The FCC is seeking comments on Petition for Rule Making RM 11760, which requests that the FCC grant lifetime amateur radio licenses. For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-seeks-comments-on-petition-to-grant-lifetime-amateur-radio-licenses> (source: ARRL website)

WINTER 2016 EDITION OF RADIO WAVES NOW AVAILABLE – The Winter 2016 edition of ARRL’s Radio Waves for Ham radio license instructors and radio science educators is now available. For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/winter-2016-edition-of-radio-waves-now-available> (source: ARRL website)

US AMATEUR RADIO NUMBERS CONTINUE TO SOAR – For further information, see <http://www.arrl.org/news/us-amateur-radio-numbers-continue-to-soar>

(source: ARRL website)

ARRL ROANOKE DIVISION WEBSITE HAS BEEN REDESIGNED – The website for the ARRL Roanoke Division has been redesigned by the Division's new Webmaster, Raymond L. ("Woody") Woodward, K3VSA of Hillsborough, NC. It looks great! For further information, see <http://arrl-roanoke.org/>

SILENT KEYS – With deep regret, the passing of the following amateur radio operators is reported: Harold Alvin Bouton, Jr, N4QT (SK) of Charlotte; and, Jack A. Ritter, W0UCE (SK) of Youngsville. Please note it is not possible to post information about an amateur radio operator that has become a Silent Key without confirmation via a copy of an obituary or death certificate.

SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS –  
March 12-13: Battle of Guilford Courthouse – 235th Anniversary, 1300Z-1900Z, N4G, Greensboro, NC. Greensboro Amateur Radio Association. 21.325 14.325 7.235. QSL. N4G Special Event Station, GARA, PO Box 7054, Greensboro, NC 27417. DSTAR REF054C. This event is NPOTA activation (MP-04). Request SASE for QSL. [www.n4g-gch.org](http://www.n4g-gch.org)  
April 8-10: 69th North Carolina Azalea Festival Special Event, 0059Z-2359Z, AC4RC, Wilmington, NC. Azalea Coast Amateur Radio Club. 14.230. Certificate & QSL. ACARC, PO Box 4044, Wilmington, NC 28406. Special Event stations may be found up from the bottom end of the general portion of each band. Confirmation via LoTW (preferred). Contacts confirmed via QSL cards require

SASE. Stations wanting a certificate via USPS \$4. Certificates may also be received via email in PDF format. [www.ac4rc.org](http://www.ac4rc.org)  
April 29-May1: Mile High Radio, 1900Z-1900Z, W4G, Banner Elk, NC. Randolph Amateur Radio Club. 14.265 14.065 7.265 7.115. QSL. Butch Simpson, WS4H, 6747 Kings Mt Rd, Asheboro, NC 27205. The "Mile High Radio" Special Event station is likely to be found around the following frequencies +/- QRM: SSB - 3.865 - 7.265 - 14.265 - 21.365. In case of QRM, move up CW - 3.065 - 7.110 - 7.120 - 14.065 - 21.065. A tribute to the Mile High Swinging Bridge. At one mile above sea level, it's beyond ordinary. [www.grandfather.com/things-to-do/mile-high-swinging-bridge/](http://www.grandfather.com/things-to-do/mile-high-swinging-bridge/)  
Spotting. Real time skeds at: [www.cwfun.org/funspots/ncpota/](http://www.cwfun.org/funspots/ncpota/), [www.nc4zo.com](http://www.nc4zo.com), or <https://www.facebook.com/Randolph-Amateur-Radio-Club-NC4ZO-189783041056398>  
(cut and paste into your web browser) Special Event Station listings in the NC Section newsletter are based on what appears on the ARRL website, see <http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations> Please consider listing your Special Event Station at least 60 days before the event, see <http://www.arrl.org/special-events-application> Also, please let me know if your club is sponsoring a Special Event Station. Thanks!

UPCOMING HAMFESTS AND CONVENTIONS –  
March 11-12: Charlotte Hamfest, Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society, Concord, NC, <http://www.charlottehamfest.org>  
April 2: 44th Annual RARSfest/ARRL NC

Section Convention, Raleigh  
 Amateur Radio Society, Raleigh, NC,  
<http://rars.org/rarsfest>  
 April 16: Catawba Valley Hamfest, McDowell  
 Amateur Radio Association,  
 Morganton, NC, <http://cvhamfest.com>  
 April 23: 26th Annual Down East Hamfest,  
 Down East Hamfest  
 Association, Kinston, NC,  
<http://www.downeasthamfest.org>  
 May 14: 12th Annual Rockingham County  
 Swapfest, Rockingham County  
 Amateur Radio Club, Reidsville, NC,  
<http://n4iv.org>  
 May 28: 42nd Annual DurHamFest, Durham  
 FM Association (DFMA), Durham,  
 NC (new location), <http://dfma.org>  
 July 9: 31st Annual Firecracker Hamfest,  
 Rowan Amateur Radio Society,  
 Salisbury, NC,  
<http://www.rowanars.org/firecracker-hamfest>  
 July 16: Mid-Summer SWAPFEST, Cary  
 Amateur Radio Club, Cary, NC,  
<http://www.qsl.net/n4nc>  
 July 30: WCARS Hamfest, Western Carolina  
 Amateur Radio Society,  
 Waynesville, NC, <http://wcars.org> (note: this  
 is the correct date for  
 this hamfest)  
 August 13: 18th Annual Cape Fear ARS  
 Swapfest, Cape Fear Amateur Radio  
 Society, Fayetteville, NC,  
<http://www.cfarsnc.org/>  
 September 3-4: 60th Annual Shelby  
 Hamfest/ARRL NC State Convention,  
 Shelby Amateur Radio Club, Shelby, NC,  
<http://shelbyhamfest.org>  
 It is not too early to apply for ARRL-affiliation  
 of your club's 2016  
 hamfest! For more information, see  
<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events>  
 (source: ARRL website)

QUA\* – It is hoped that everyone was  
 minimally impacted by the severe

weather on February 24th. I would like to  
 thank all Hams that provided  
 public service to their communities during  
 the adverse weather. I  
 listened to Central Carolina SKYWARN for  
 extended periods on the day of  
 the storm. The SKYWARN spotter reports  
 were excellent! And, Virginia  
 Enzor, NC4VA, did a great job running a busy  
 and organized net for the  
 Central Carolina SKYWARN! Again, thanks  
 everyone!

On behalf of the participants in the Tar Heel  
 Emergency Net, I would  
 like to welcome Cy Rowe, K1CY of Gastonia,  
 as the new Net Control  
 Station for Saturday night. Thanks for  
 volunteering your time and  
 operating skill, Cy!

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you  
 have any questions or want  
 to provide input on our Section. I can be  
 reached via email at  
[w4chx@arrl.org](mailto:w4chx@arrl.org) or via cell phone. As always,  
 thank you for sending  
 your emails, photos, and club newsletters –  
 they keep me informed  
 about your activities and programs! I look  
 forward to seeing you at an  
 upcoming hamfest or club meeting. Thanks  
 for everything you are doing  
 for amateur radio and your community. 73,  
 Karl Bowman, W4CHX, ARRL  
 North Carolina Section Manager, (919) 669-  
 6068 (cell)

\*QUA is an international Q signal (prosign)  
 meaning, "Have you news  
 of \_\_\_?" In the absence of a question mark,  
 QUA means, "I have  
 news of \_\_\_."

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### LOM Report:

I must say that it has been a difficult two months and an interesting two months. If anyone ever got the LOM unjustly, it was me. I mean, just because my call sign was not on the coveted butt gasket, I got it! I will say that I have found out who the "True JARS members" are. It seems that most JARS members have found a new home on the radio. I have heard more JARS members over on 145.210 than I have heard on 147.270. That's all right, I can and do monitor both repeaters as well as many other frequencies during the day. There has been lid like activity on both repeaters by JARS members. However, most of the lid activity seems to center around net time on the mighty 27.



As you can see, you can run, but you can't hide! The next LOM is...

73 de KD4MC, The LID!

### The New JARS Philosopher:

One of our newest members, John Cook, KM4RMV, has volunteered to be the JARS Philosopher. For those that don't remember, the JARS Philosopher feeds us with words of wisdom and food for thought each month in the *Official Organ*. The words of wisdom for this month are: "Those who believe that nature has proven Darwin's Theory on the Evolution of Man are not willing to accept the possibility that the evolution of species can be part of their Intelligent Design."

### ARRL News:

FCC Invites Comments on ARRL Petition That Seeks 80/75 Meter Adjustments



The FCC has put the ARRL's January *Petition for Rule Making* ([RM 11759](#)) on public notice and invited interested parties to comment on what the League has called "minimal but necessary changes" to 80 and



75 meters. The ARRL petitioned the FCC to fix a "shortfall in available RTTY/data spectrum" that the Commission created when it reapportioned 80 and 75 meters 10 years ago. The League's petition asked the FCC to shift the boundary between the 80 meter RTTY/data subband and the 75 meter phone/image subband from 3600 kHz to 3650 kHz. The proposed change received strong support from ARRL members, and the ARRL Board of Directors adopted it as policy at its July 2015 meeting. At that time the Board also agreed to seek RTTY and data privileges for Novice and Technician licensees within their current 15 meter CW subband, and to do the same on 80 meters, depending on the outcome of the 80/75 meter subband revision.

The petition asks the FCC to make the following changes to the Part 97 Amateur Radio Service rules, with respect to 80/75 meters:

- Modify the RTTY/data subband, so that it extends from 3500 kHz to 3650 kHz.
- Modify the phone/image subband, so that it extends from 3650 kHz to 4000 kHz.
- Make 3600-3650 kHz available for General and Advanced Class licensees, as was the case prior to 2006.
- Make 3600-3650 kHz available to Novice and Technician licensees for telegraphy -- consistent with existing rules permitting Novices and Technicians to operate CW in the 80, 40, and 15 meter General and Advanced RTTY/data subbands.

- Modify the rules governing automatically controlled digital stations (ACDS), to shift the ACDS segment from 3585-3600 kHz to 3600-3615 kHz, consistent with the IARU Region 1 and 2 band plans.

According to the ARRL, the FCC *Report and Order* in Docket 04-140 released in 2006 departed substantially and without justification from the rules proposed in the FCC's so-called "Omnibus" *Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM)*, with respect to 75 and 80 meters. Among other actions, the resulting changes expanded voice privileges on additional frequencies in various bands, including 75 meters. The FCC shifted the phone/image subband from 3750-4000 kHz to 3600-4000 kHz, trimming the 80 meter RTTY/data subband from 3500-3750 kHz to 3500-3600 kHz and substantially changing "the entire dynamic of this band," the League said.

Although the Omnibus *R&O* had indicated that incumbent licensees would not lose any operating privileges, some clearly did, the ARRL has pointed out. The most substantial adverse effect of the "unexpected and vast expansion" of the 75 meter phone/image sub band, the League said, was the elimination of access to 3620-3635 kHz by ACDS.

### **Ballots Counted, Results Announced in Three ARRL Section Manager Contests**

The ARRL Pacific, San Diego, and Louisiana Sections will get new Section Managers, and five incumbent SMs will begin new terms in their respective sections on April 1. The results of three contested elections in the winter election cycle were announced February 23, after ballots were tallied at ARRL Headquarters.

- In the Pacific Section, Joe Speroni, AH0A, received 228 votes, to 103 for Kimberly Fendt, WH6KIM. Speroni has been the Pacific Section's Affiliated Club Coordinator and maintains a

variety of Amateur Radio-related interests. Outgoing Pacific Section Manager Bob Schneider, AH6J, decided not to run for another term after serving for the past 10 years, in addition to stints from 1992 to 1996 and from 2002 to 2004.

- In the San Diego Section, Dave Kaltenborn, N8KBC, outpolled Patrick Bunsold, WA6MHZ, 350 to 219 votes. Kaltenborn brings more than 25 years of experience as a radio amateur to the top post in San Diego Field Organization. He



has been Assistant

- Section Manager, Assistant Section Emergency Coordinator, and a District and local Emergency Coordinator. Outgoing Section Manager Steve Early, AD6VI, decided not to run for another term after serving for the past 8 years.
- In the Louisiana Section, Scott Wren, KD5DFL, will succeed Jim Molan, KD5IGG, as Section Manager on April 1. Wren was the only nominee for the new term when Molan announced that he would not run for the position again after serving for one term. Wren has served as Section Emergency Coordinator for the past 2 years, and as an Assistant District Emergency

Coordinator or Emergency Coordinator since 2005.

- In Virginia, incumbent Section Manager Joe Palsa, K3WRY, received 870 votes, while Anthony Harbour, KG4YXP, garnered 512 votes. Palsa was appointed as Virginia's SM 1 year ago, to complete the remaining term of then-Section Manager Carl Clements, W4CAC, who had stepped down. Now elected in his own right, Palsa will continue as Section Manager for the next 2 years.

Four incumbent ARRL Section Managers faced no opposition and have been declared elected for new terms beginning on April 1: Pete Cecere, N2YJZ, Eastern New York; Joe Ames, W3JY, Eastern Pennsylvania; Karl Bowman, W4CHX, North Carolina, and Chris Stallkamp, W0ADZ, South Dakota.

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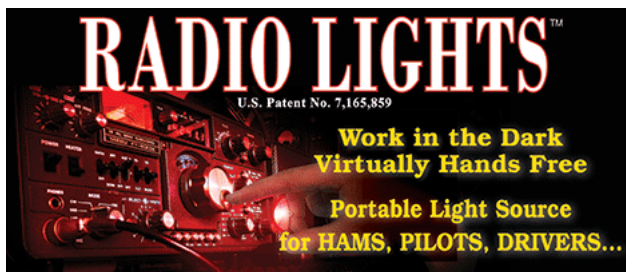
### FCC Seeks Comments on Petition to Grant Lifetime Amateur Radio Licenses

The FCC is seeking comments on a *Petition for Rule Making* ([RM 11760](#)) that asks the FCC to grant lifetime Amateur Radio licenses. Mark F. Krotz, N7MK, of Mesa, Arizona, filed his request with the FCC last November. He wants the FCC to revise § 97.25 of its rules to indicate that Amateur Radio licenses are granted for the holder's lifetime, instead of for the current 10-year term. Krotz noted that the General Radiotelephone Operator License (GROL) already is issued on a lifetime basis, and he maintained that not having to renew licenses would lighten the FCC's workload.



"It would be mutually beneficial for the FCC and Amateur Radio operators to update Part 97 to grant operator licenses for lifetime," Krotz said in his filing. "The FCC would benefit by reducing administrative costs." In 2014, the FCC granted lifetime credit for examination elements 3 and 4, but applicants seeking relicensing under that provision still must pass examination element 2.

Individuals may [submit](#) comments via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).



### Ham Radio Humor:

DAWG CALLS -- My Dog Insisted On These!!

Generic Dog -- K9DOG  
 Polish Dog -- SPØT  
 Original Hot Dog -- K9HOT  
 Pedigreed Dog --- NØCUR  
 Russian Dog --- RØVER  
 Argentinian Dog --- LØBOS  
 Chompin Dog --- K9RFI --- When fido strips your coax for you. (TNX KB7NTL)

Untamed Dog --- WØLF  
 Hungarian Dog --- HØUND

Original Dog -- W1ENR  
 Pedigreed Dog -- NØCUR  
 Italian Dog --- IM1CUR  
 Hunting Dog ---- B1RD/DØG

Sleuth Dog --- BLØOD  
 German Dog -- DØGIE  
 Alaskan Dog -- HUØSKI/AL7  
 French Dog -- F1DO  
 Hollywood Dog -- GØOFY

My Dog --- **K9TZU** -- Honest A Great Lion Of A Dog

IOTA Dog -- CØNEY  
 Mad Dog --- GR1RRR  
 Plain Dog --- PØOCH  
 Apartment Dog --- T1NY  
 Guard Dog --- GRØWL  
 She-Dog ----- B1TCH  
 He-Dog --- BØZO

K9MOM -- Raises Dogs (From The real K9MOM)

Marc in Washington State has K9PET as an FCC issued call.  
 And what do dogs eat -- K9MIX (from the real K9MIX)  
 K9FAT is a real call -- moniker is dogfat  
 And then there are Barkhausen Oscillations

### Extra Class Class:

**Amateur Extra Class License Course**  
 Raleigh Amateur Radio Society

Original Announcement Date: February 29, 2016

This seven session course will be conducted by the Raleigh Amateur Radio Society. In

order to be awarded an Amateur Extra Class (Level 3) license by the FCC, one must pass the Technician Class (Level 1) exam and the General Class (Level 2) exam in addition to the Amateur Extra Class exam.

**When:** Apr 16, 23, 30, May 14, 21, Jun 4, 11. (Note: These are not consecutive Saturdays.) The sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end around 12:30 p.m. Please note that **this course will not be offered again until fall of 2017.**

**Where:** Raleigh, NC. Specific location will be provided upon pre-registration.

**Volunteer Instructor:** Mike Murphy, WA4BPJ, has an Extra Class license and has been teaching since the 1970s and has conducted as many as 60 courses. In addition to this course, he also teaches the Technician and General courses.

**Tuition:** \$10.00 (payable at the first session)

**Course Text:** The required manual is the current edition of: **The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual – Level 3, Extra Class License Manual, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition (ISBN: 978-0-87259-517-0)** and is available online (i.e. ARRL, Amazon, etc.). (This Question Pool and Manual expire 2016-06-30.)

**Examination:** An **optional** examination is scheduled for the afternoon of the last session for the convenience of the students. This is done by a separate group of RARS Volunteer Examiners and there is a separate fee.

**Pre-Registration:** E-mail me your **phone number and call sign**. A registration form and other details will be e-mailed to you.

This course is also listed on the ARRL Website at: "Find a Class."

**Next Course: Technician Class** course starting Aug 6 and **General Class** course starting Oct 1.

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**This is an excellent opportunity for those that are wishing to upgrade to extra class, but are having difficulties. I took this class and passed the test on the first try.**

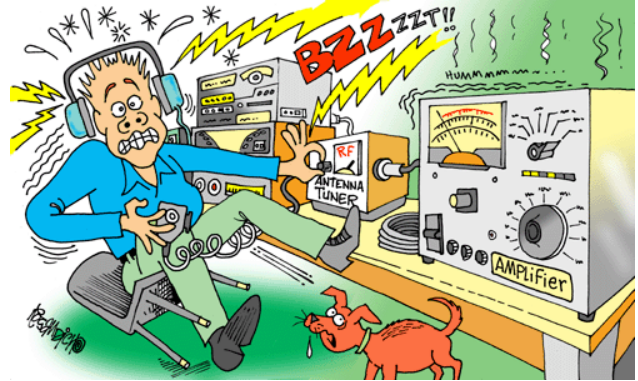
### Johnston County ARES



The Johnston County Amateur Radio Emergency Service, ARES, is looking for any licensed amateur radio operator that is interested in helping Johnston County Emergency Management by providing auxiliary communications in times of disaster. We are utilizing leading edge technology to communicate in Johnston County. You do not have to be a resident of Johnston County to join. Johnston County ARES meets on the second Monday of each month at 7pm at the American Red Cross located at 805-A South Third Street in Smithfield. We also hold training net on the Carolina 440 UHF repeater system on the fourth Thursday of each month at 7pm. This net is open to all licensed amateur radio operators. More information on ARES can be found at <http://www.johnstoncountyares.com>, or by calling Mike Callam, KD4MC at 919-934-9623.

## Johnston County ARRL VE Team:

The Johnston County ARRL VE Team holds test sessions on the fourth Monday of each month at 7pm at the Four Oaks Chamber of Commerce located at 204 N. Main Street Four Oaks, NC 27524. You need to bring a photo ID and a copy of your current license, which can be downloaded from the fcc uls website: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>. You can also obtain an FRN number if you are wanting to take your tech test. Cost is \$15.00. If you pass the element you came for, you can take the next level(s) for free. For more information, contact Mike Callam at 919-934-9623 or by email at: [mcallam@centurylink.net](mailto:mcallam@centurylink.net).



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That does it for another edition of the *Official Organ*. I hope to see you all at the meeting on Thursday.