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FCC holds the line on license restructuring - *ARRL Bulletin*

Newington, CT--The FCC has declined to make any significant changes to the way it implemented Amateur Radio "restructuring" last April. The Commission has turned down several requests for changes in the Amateur Service rules contained in five petitions for partial reconsideration of its Report and Order WT Docket 98-143, released December 30, 1999. The ARRL was among the petitioners.

In a Memorandum Opinion and Order released April 6, the FCC by and large denied all petitions for changes to its restructuring Order. It took the opportunity to make some minor housekeeping changes to the amateur rules.

Among the issues was a request from the ARRL and other petitioners that the FCC continue to maintain records that indicate whether a Technician licensee has Morse code element credit. The FCC noted that its current Universal Licensing System software was modified to display a "P" (for Plus) in the field that indicates former license class when a Technician Plus class license is renewed. "This capability results in the amateur service database being able to provide a de facto Technician Plus licensee database," the FCC asserted in its MO&O. The FCC did not address how its database would distinguish current Technician licensees who subsequently earn Morse code (Element 1) credit. Those licensees have only a Certificate of Completion of Examination (CSCE), which will never be reflected in the database, even upon license renewal.

The FCC also decided to not extend Element 1 credit to all past licensees who had ever earned it--something else the ARRL had asked for. Under current rules, the holder of an expired Novice or a pre-February 14, 1991, Technician license can get

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**WCARC Weekly Net:
Tuesdays at 2130
147.18 & 444.475 MHz**

**Club Meeting:
Monday, May 14th
Location: Fairgrounds
Time: 7:30 pm
Social Hour: 7:00 pm**

Upcoming Programs

The following programs are scheduled for the monthly WCARC meetings:

- MAY:** Micro-model airplanes,
by Bill Wilkins, WD8JWJ
- JUNE:** Having fun with Contests,
by Bob Boughton, N1RB
- AUGUST:** The Public Service-Amateur Radio
Interface, by Jim Davis, N8DWR

Minutes-W.C.A.R.C. APRIL MEETING - April 9, 2001

WB8NQW called the meeting to order at 19:29 EDT. No corrections were noted in the published minutes. The minutes were approved.

N1RB read the Treasurer's report. No income was reported during March. The majority of the expenditures were towards insurance. KB8QEW motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, and KC8EKT seconded. The report was approved as read.

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May Contests

The full contest line-up for the month of May includes the following:

Apr 28-29	<i>1300 to 1300 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
Helvetia (Switzerland) 26		all modes
Apr 28-29	<i>1700 to 1700 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
Nebraska QSO Party		all modes
Apr 28-29	<i>1800 to 2400 Z</i>	160 m on up
Florida QSO Party		all modes
May 5-6	<i>0000 to 2400 Z</i>	80 to 10 m
County Hunters 'test		CW
May 5-6	<i>1800 to 2100 Z</i>	all bands
Massachusetts QSO Party (0400-1100 off)		all m.
May 5-6	<i>2000 to 2000 Z</i>	160 to 2 m
Connecticut QSO Party(0400-1200 off)		CW-Ph
May 5-6	<i>0000 to 0600 Z</i>	160 to 6 m
Nevada QSO Party		all modes
May 5-6	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	all bands
Oregon QSO Party		all modes
May 5-6	<i>1800 to 2300 Z</i>	160 m-70cm
Indiana QSO Party		all modes
May 5-6	<i>2000 to 2000 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
ARI (Italy) DX 'test		all modes
May 5-6	<i>0000 to 2400 Z</i>	10 m
Ten-Ten Spring QSO Party		CW
May 12-13	<i>2100 to 2100 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
CQ-M International DX 'test		all modes
May 19-20	<i>2100 to 0200</i>	80 m
Baltic DX 'test		CW SB
May 26-27	<i>0000 to 2359 Z</i>	160 to 10 m
CQ WPX 'test		CW
Jun 2-3	<i>1200 to 1800 Z</i>	80 to 10 m

HAMARAMA IS COMING!!

WCARC

Net Control Roster

Net meets every Tuesday at 2130

May 1	KG8FH
May 8	WD8JWJ
May 15	WD8ICP
May 23	N1RB
May 29	N8QMV
Jun 5	AA8XS
Jun 12	KG8FH

May Hamfests

May 18-20 Dayton Hamvention - 50th Anniversary

The Granddaddy of them all--need we say more? Hara Arena, Dayton, OH.

June 3 Chelsea ARC 8am to ?
Chelsea, MI, Hamfest. At Chelsea Community Fairgrounds. Contact Bill, WB8HSN, (734) 475-7938.

June 10 Goodyear ARC 8am to 3pm
Wingfoot Lake Park, Akron, OH. Contact Don, N8QCA, (330) 733-7989.

Program – None. The Fire Radio program has been rescheduled.

Secretary's Report – AA8XS reported that WA8CWD's mother had passed away. WB8JWJ motioned to have the club send a card. N1RB seconded. The motion was voted on and approved.

Technical – Thanks to the relocation of the repeater controller, we no longer have 88.1FM booming through. However, it was reported that DTMF was not working on the 440 side, and that loud AC hum was noted. These items are being looked into.

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The new antenna is still ready to go, but we are still waiting on our steeple jack. It was reported that this climber is not bonded/insured, but will do it for \$100. KC8EKT motioned to offer him the job for \$100, and WB8JWJ seconded. The motion was voted on and approved.

Hamarama - We have received formal approval from the ARRL. In addition, it was decided to send postcards to last years' attendees and packets of flyers to area clubs. This should be completed by next month's meeting. The table vendors should get their cards first.

N1RB has tickets.....SELL!! SELL!! SELL!

Old Business/RACES - For the Radio Room radios, all new coax (9913) should be run.

New Business -KC8EKT reported that the Girl Scouts did not their gold awards for their participation in JOTA.

WD8ICP has expressed an interest in the club setting up for Field Day this year, and is open for ideas regarding location, etc.

KB8QEW reported that our repeater has the capability of receiving WX bulletins and retransmitting them on the repeater (which is legal). Shawn requested the OK to pursue implementing this. KC8EKT motioned to allow this, and WD8ICP seconded. The motion was voted on and approved.

AA8XS motioned to adjourn, WB8JWJ seconded Meeting was adjourned at 20:17

JOHN LAGGER, AA8XS, SECRETARY,
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Element 1 credit. The FCC said the change was not needed and that "most examinees" who ever held a General, Advanced or Amateur Extra ticket also once held a Novice or a pre-February 14, 1991, Technician ticket that grants Element 1 credit.

The FCC also declined to extend permanent credit to Element 1 CSCEs held by Technicians to obtain HF privileges. These CSCEs are good for 365 days for upgrading purposes but confer only

additional operating privileges beyond that time.

The FCC refused to reinstate the 20 WPM Morse code exam for Extra. The FCC that since restructuring went into effect nearly a year ago, the FCC said, "there does not appear to be any decline in the proper operation of amateur stations." The FCC also declined to ban the practice of allowing applicants to retake a failed examination element at a single test session simply by paying a second fee. The Commission also turned down a proposal to set the total number of questions at 50 for the Technician and General class test and at 100 for the Amateur Extra test.

The FCC also declined to make any changes--at least for now--in the arrangement of mode-related Amateur Radio subbands, as some petitioners had requested. Also denied were requests to: institute a new entry-level Communicator license class in the Amateur Service; elevate former "Class A" operators licensed prior to 1951 to Amateur Extra; and give Element 4 exam credit to examinees who had held a Conditional, General or Advanced ticket before November 22, 1968--when "incentive licensing" became effective.

The FCC MO&O is available at
<http://www.arrl.org/announce/regulatory/wt98-143-recon.pdf>. ■

Ham Classes Planned

The WCARC Education Committee is planning to hold license classes this spring. Plans are in the works to hold an entry-level Technician Class license study class using the ARRL publication, *Now You're Talking!-4th edition* as reference text (available for \$19.00). At the same time, there is a growing demand for Amateur Extra classes for those who recently upgraded to General Class. It is assumed that the 5 wpm Morse Code element has already been earned, and so the Extra Class classes will cover theory only. We will use the *ARRL Extra Class License Manual-7th edition* (available for \$19.00).

Plans are to hold the classes beginning some time near the second week in May. Contact N1RB at boughton@bgnet.bgsu.edu or (419) 354-1811 if you are interested. ■

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