

Ham Call Sign Choice Soon

The FCC has announced its intention to implement a vanity call sign program and also to resume the issuance of club and military recreation station licences. On February 1, 1995, the commission released its Report and Order in PR Docket 93-305, "Amendment of the Amateur Service Rules to Implement a Vanity Call Sign System.

Amateurs will be eligible to apply for a call sign of their choice in four "gates." The first group eligible to apply will be previous owners of a call sign or the close relative of an amateur call sign who is deceased. The second group will be Amateur Extra Class licensees; the third Advanced; the fourth, all others.

The FCC will announce the opening date of each "gate" by public notice.

The effective date of the new rules is March 24, 1995. The FCC said that the first "gate" will open as soon as the new application form, FCC Form 610-V is available, and the commission's licensing facility is prepared to begin processing the applications - no sooner than April, according to the FCC staff.

In the case of call signs for deceased amateurs, normally the call sign will not be available for two years following the person's death, or for two years following the expiration of the license. The exception to this rule is that a relative of the deceased amateur may apply for a call sign without regard for the two year rule.

Club station call signs will be issued systematically from the two-by-three block, unless, under the fourth gate, the trustee of an existing club station applies for the call sign of a deceased member as a vanity call sign for the club. The trustee's application must be accompanied by the written consent of at least one relative of the deceased member, and the two year waiting period mentioned above is waived.

"Close relative" is defined as spouse, child, grandchild, stepchild, parent grandparent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, aunt, uncle,

nephew, niece, or in-law for purposes of determining eligibility for a deceased amateurs call sign.

A close relative can apply for the call of a deceased amateur without regard to license class; that is, a Novice licensee can apply for a call sign otherwise assigned to a higher license class block.

Club Station Trustees, but not "RACES or military recreation station trustees, will be able to request specific club call signs in the gate determined by their own class of operator license. If the Trustee holds an Amateur Extra Class License, he may apply for the same call, (provided that it has been vacant for two years), in Gate Two, either for the club or for himself, without asking anyone's permission.

Applications for new club and military recreation licence, with sequential call signs will be accepted beginning March 24, 1995. A club must have such a license in order to apply (later) for a vanity club call.

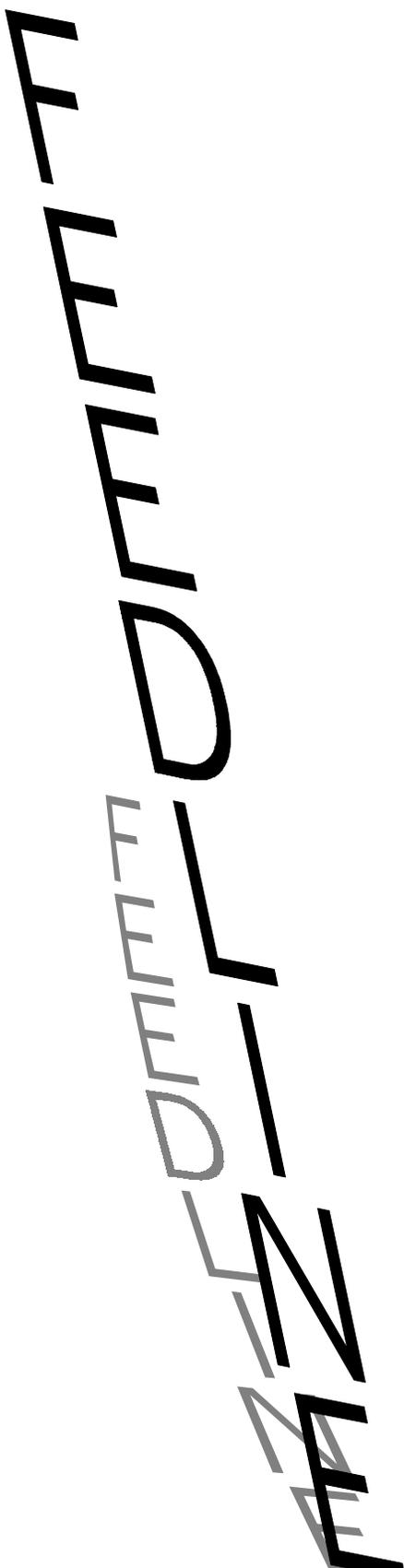
The fee for the use of a vanity call will be \$7 per year, or \$70 for a 10-year license term. The FCC said that "because the normal term of an amateur station license is ten years, a fee of \$70 will have to be paid when requesting a new or renewed vanity call sign.

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"At this time," the FCC said, "we cannot provide a one-time processing fee for vanity call sign applications."

Amateur will be able to list up to 25 call sign choices, from any call area. The ARRL had said it preferred that the traditional call areas be kept intact, and the FCC said that it "carefully consid-

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Local Hamfest Schedule

Charlotte is the next hamfest of interest to CARC members. I can think of no other hamfest that has spawned as many, varied, and wierd happenstances as the Charlotte 'fest. I think most of us attend just to see what is going to happen this year. **ROOKIE TIP:** To locate the CARC table at Charlotte, look 12 feet over the table tops for a CARY sign, supported by a PVC pipe.

All events are in North Carolina unless otherwise indicated. Dates below are subject to change. Dates marked with an asterisk are unconfirmed and are based on dates from previous years or from tentative dates published in the SERA Repeater Journal and QST.

Mar 11-12 (Sat-Sun)	Charlotte Hamfest
Mar 24-25 (Fri-Sat)	Antique Wireless Assn SE Regional Meet, Charlotte
Mar 25 (Sat)	Kinston Hamfest
Apr 9 (Sun)	Raleigh Hamfest
Apr 21-22 (Sat-Sun)	Summerville SC Hamfest
May 6 (Sat)	Greenville SC Hamfest
*May 20 (Sat)	Roanoke VA Hamfest
May 27 (Sat)	Durhamfest
*May 28 (Sun)	Gastonia Hamfest
*Jun 3 (Sat)	Wilmington Seafest
Jun 10 (Sat)	Winston-Salem Hamfest
Jul 8 (Sat)	Salisbury Hamfest

Jul 15 (Sat)
 *Jul 22-23 (Sat-Sun)
 *Jul 29 (Sat)
 *Aug 5 (Sat)
***Aug 13 (Sun)**
Sep 2-3 (Sat-Sun)
Sep 16 (Sat)
Sep 23-24 (Sat-Sun)
***Sep 24 (Sun)**
 *Oct 7 (Sat)
 *Oct 7 (Sat)
 *Oct 8 (Sun)
 *Oct 15 (Sun)
 Oct 21 (Sat)
 *Oct 21 (Sat)
 Oct 28-29 (Sat-Sun)
 *Nov 5 (Sun)
 *Nov 12 (Sun)
***Nov 19 (Sun)**
***Dec 2 (Sat)**

Cary Hamfest
 Atlanta GA Hamfest
 Western Carolina Hamfest
 High Point Hamfest
Charlotte ARC Hamfest
Shelby Hamfest
South Boston VA Hamfest
Virginia Beach Hamfest
Butner Hamfest
 Rock Hill SC Hamfest
 Augusta GA Hamfest
 Maysville Hamfest
 Monroe Hamfest & Barbecue
 Tri-Cities Hamfest, Gray TN
 Sumter SC Hamfest
 Chattanooga TN Hamfest
 Concord Hamfest
 Myrtle Beach SC Hamfest
Benson Hamfest
Greensboro Hamfest

BOLD = Traditionally well-attended by CARC members. Good chance of bumming a ride with someone.

CARC Meeting Minutes

1/26/95

Meeting called to order at 7:33 p.m., by Pres., Bob, KB9MS. Introductions.

Treasurer's Report - Will, K4IWW,

Savings	\$2,806.30
Checking	\$1,026.66
Total	\$3,832.96

Will reported on the Christmas Dinner. Net cost: \$1,140.37.

Piedmont-Coastal Repeater Network (PCRN) - Ed, AB4S - Activity is down. The treasury is getting low. Recommended "donation" is \$15 per year to support one of the best repeater networks in the country. Think about it.

Wake Digital Communications Group (WDCG) - Tom, WB8OUE - RNC had a fuse problem. OK now. X1J code has been installed. There may be a 440 Mhz digital repeater going up soon.

A Durham group is up on 9600, and a Clinton group is close to getting 9600 running.

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) - Herb, N4UE, for Tom, KM4LB there will be a new signup for ARES. This helps clear out the people who may have become inactive - for whatever reason.

Old Business: The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated several weeks ago. Response was pretty good; still could have been better.

New Business: Give new program ideas for Club meetings to, Mike, KB4LFH.

Tom, WB8OUE, AMSAT is working hard on Phase IIID. As always, AMSAT's activity is non-profit, educational, AND a charitable deduction.

Novice Roundup: 1/27 to 2/05; join in

the fun.

CHARLOTTE HAMFEST: March 11-12. RARS 'Fest: April 9. CARC will rent four (4) tables at the RARS 'Fest. Also, we will do a group purchase of pre-registration tickets; you save \$1, plus \$0.32. Come to the February meeting with your check made to: RARSfest, for \$5, times the number of tickets you want. Al, KQ4FP, wondered if anyone had checked out the new ear/mike combo?

John, N1GMV, asked about a CARC business card. Tom, N9CGD, to look into a business card design.

Break, then program: VP, Mike, KB4LFH, gave a semi-live introduction and demo on the Internet. Fantastic possibilities. Thanks, Mike.

Procedamus in Pacimus, N4UE

Need: A recent copy (not current) of the

THE CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR PET HAM

BY LAURA SARGENT.

The pet ham is one of the most intelligent of pets, often seeming almost human . But he can be one of the most difficult to keep. Only a person with a great deal of patience and understanding should attempt to keep a pet ham.

The following is a short guide to some of the most important things that you should know about caring for your pet ham.

LIVING AREA: YOUR PET HAM SHOULD HAVE A PRIVATE AREA OF HIS OWN, AN ENTIRE ROOM, IF POSSIBLE. WHERE HE WILL NOT BE DISTURBED. HE WILL SPEND MANY HAPPY HOURS ALONE THERE WITH HIS COLLECTION OF TREASURES. (BOXES, WIRES, BITS OF METAL, GLASS, PAPER, PLASTIC, ETC. THAT HE WILL BRING HOME REGULARLY). HE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CONFINE HIS ACTIVITIES TO THIS NEST ROOM IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE REST OF THE HOUSE FROM HIS NATURAL TENDENCIES TOWARD NOISE, CLUTTER AND MAKING HOLES IN THE WALLS.

EXPENSES: RAISING YOUR PET HAM CAN TURN INTO AN EXPENSIVE HOBBY. BUT, UNLIKE MOST PETS, THE PET HAM CAN BE TRAINED TO WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME FOR SHORT PERIODS AND SO BRING IN ENOUGH MONEY TO COVER PART OR ALL OF HIS EXPENSES.

FEEDING: THE WELL BEHAVED PET HAM WILL BE ABLE TO EAT WITH THE FAMILY ON OCCASION. BUT HE USUALLY FEELS MORE COMFORTABLE AND SECURE IF HE CAN TAKE MANY OF HIS MEALS IN THE PRIVACY OF HIS NEST ROOM. IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT YOUR PET HAM IS KEPT WELL SUPPLIED WITH FOOD AND DRINKS DURING THE LONG PERIODS OF TIME THAT HE WILL SPEND ALONE IN THE NEST ROOM.

HOUSEKEEPING: PET HAMS CAN USUALLY BE TRAINED TO USE THE FAMILY BATHROOM FACILITIES.

OBEDIENCE TRAINING: MOST PET HAMS CAN BE TRAINED TO RESPOND TO A FEW SIMPLE COMMANDS. THE EASIEST FOR HIM BEING SIT AND SPEAK. ONCE YOUR PET HAM HAS LEARNED THESE COMMANDS, HE WILL SOMETIMES PRACTICE THEM ON HIS OWN FOR HOURS AT A TIME.

HEALTH CARE: THE PET HAM IS ESPECIALLY SUBJECT TO MINOR IRRITATIONS OF THE LOWER BACK AND SORE THROAT FROM TOO MUCH SITTING AND SPEAKING. THE SPECIAL CW BREED TENDS TO HAVE A TIRED WRIST RATHER THAN SORE THROAT, AND THE RTTY VERSIONS MAY SUFFER FROM TIRED AND HURTING EYES DEPENDING ON HIS AGE AND MONITOR.

TRAVELLING: YOUR PET HAM WILL GLADLY TRAVEL WITH YOU IN THE FAMILY CAR IF HE IS ALLOWED TO BRING SOME OF THE COLLECTION FROM HIS NEST ROOM. HIS FAVORITE TRIPS WILL BE TO PLACES WHERE HE CAN ASSOCIATE WITH OTHER PET HAMS FROM OTHER FAMILIES.

BREEDING: IF YOU PLAN TO BREED YOUR PET HAM, YOU SHOULD DO SO AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER YOU GET HIM. AS THE PET HAM MATURES HE BECOMES MORE AND MORE RELUCTANT TO ENGAGE IN ANY ACTIVITIES NOT CONNECTED WITH HIS NEST ROOM COLLECTION.

From a publication called *SCUTTLEBUTT* which is published by the [The Waterway Radio and Cruising Club](#) She is not a ham, but she keeps one at her home.

Wake County Amateur Radio Emergency Service: State and County EOC Training Scheduled

Wake County A.R.E.S. will hold orientation for both new and current members at the State Emergency Operations Center on Saturday March 4 at 10 a.m. A video tour of the Wake County EOC will be presented. The meeting should last about 90 minutes.

A membership information flyer is included in this mailing for those who are interested in becoming a member of WCARES. (If you took one at the last meeting, just pass this copy on to another ham.)

Horseless Carriage Severely Damaged: Search for Replacement Begins

When I heard that his wagon burned, my first thought was - I didn't even know he had a horse!

Member W4FNB, Bill, lost his trusty diesel Escort to an engine compartment fire that began in a wiring harness. Keep your eyes open for any bargains in the pre-owned arena.....you may want to cast a sidelong glance at your own stable...just might be the right time to upgrade!

Cary Amateur Radio Club

The Cary Amateur Radio Club meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the Christian Life Center of White Plains United Methodist Church. The June, November, and December meetings are held off-site. Call for location of those meetings. **Next Meeting: February 24th.**

1995 Officers

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KB4LFH	Mike Crowder	319-9556	Vice-President
K4IWW	Will Harper	467-0224	Treasurer
N4UE	Herb Lacey	467-9608	Secretary

Feedline

Feedline is a member-supported publication of the Cary Amateur Radio Club and is published monthly. Deadline for submissions is the second Thursday of the month.

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But the FCC said "it chose not to impose that limitation," because "otherwise the applicants choice of vanity call signs would be limited to ten percent or less of the call signs that would otherwise be assignable to the station."

A limitation based on a person's place of residence, moreover, could easily be circumvented by using a mailing address in another call sign region," the FCC said.

The ARRL has asked that specific call signs in a unique call sign block be made available to special events stations, and suggested the one-by-one call sign block for such stations. The FCC said that it would set aside the one-by-one block until it could address the matter later, in a separate proceeding.

More information is available in the July QST, pg 84; June QST, pg 81, or February QST, pg 84 in related articles.

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