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Introduction

- Who Am I?
 - Past President and Life Member , Watauga Amateur Radio Club
 - Licensed Amateur Radio Operator for 27 years
 - Extensive experience in public safety communications

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APRS, 10/21/2015

Radio Background

- Licensed as KD4EGV in August 1992
- Upgraded to 13 wpm Advanced, 1995
- Extra Class, WA4NC since 2000
- Authorized SHARES operator for NCS885
- Commercial First Class Radiotelephone, 1974
- Maintains Five VHF and UHF repeaters

**Where Will Amateur Radio Be
in Ten Years?**

DISCLAIMER

I Cannot Speak for the ARRL Board

I am not a Board Member

Only the ARRL President, Rick Roderick, K5UR, can speak for the Board

Section Managers work with clubs, VE's, nets and hamfests but do not make or have a formal voice in making policy

Factoid #1 - ARRL Data

750,000 hams in US – an all time high

150,000 ARRL members but ARRL is losing members according to ARRL data.

20,000 licensed hams have North Carolina addresses on their current FCC Amateur License.

4500 hams in NC are members of the ARRL.

Only 25% of NC hams joined ARRL.

Factoid #2 – More ARRL Data

50% of US ham licenses are now held by Technicians

ARRL did a survey of newly licensed hams in 2017. A majority (53%) of new hams in 2017 obtained Technician class licenses.

2018 follow-up survey of these 2017 hams showed that over half of the new Technicians did not operate in first year after being licensed.

Factoid #3 -ARRL Data

A major finding in the 2018 survey was this:

New Technicians reported that the primary reason for getting license was EmComm.

Many Technicians reported they bought a low cost portable radio for use “just in case” and never used it.

Factoid #4

ARRL wants more members.

ARRL has created ON THE AIR magazine for new hams

ARRL is now offering free digital subscriptions to National Contest Journal and Experimenters Journal.

My Goals for NC ARRL

Improve Communications to Members

- a. Produce a biweekly NC Section Manager Newsletter
- b. Updates to NC ARRL webpage
- c. Meet with local clubs whenever possible

Revitalize the TARHEEL Emergency Net and Offer Value-added Content

Urge clubs to recruit new hams and mentor others to upgrade

Work with High School Science Teachers Association

What Can You Do?

Recruit new hams and mentor others to upgrade

Purchase 2-3 ARRL books for High School or local library

Reach out to High School Science Teachers and get a school club started.

Offer a Technician Class for school students.

Give an inexpensive portable radio to every new ham who joins you club.

Participate in local Emergency Fest

ARRL Board Matters

Urging FCC to grant HF voice privileges for Technician Licensees – Voice on 80 & 40 meters

Rework HF Band Plan to Accommodate Digital Users

Resume attempts to pass Amateur Radio Parity Act

Major Personnel Decisions

- Hire new CEO

- Hire ARRL Emergency Management Director

Transparency Issues

Your ARRL Board Members

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Most Important Part of Section Manager Job

Listen to Members

**What are Your Questions or
Comments?**