AMATEUR RADIO CLUB OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, INC.



GENERAL MEETING

MEETING #21

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

7 PM



INVOCATION

RECOGNIZE SPECIAL VISITORS



ARCCC, INC. AGENDA OVERVIEW



- Welcome and Introductions (Quickly)
- Presentation
- Applications for New Membership
- Treasury Report and Meeting Minutes
- Swap Table
- Upcoming Events
- New Business
- Updates from Committee Directors

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS



- Please Sign In on the Attendance Log
 - Please <u>PRINT</u> Legibly

- Introductions
 - QUICKLY Go Around the Room and Provide Your Name and Call Sign

PRESENTATION

JT65A and JT9
Dan Marshall (N1ADM)



SOME BASICS

- JT65A and JT9 are weak-signal modes that are great for pulling DX out from under the noise
 - Great for low power or antenna restricted stations
 - Contacts are valid for DXCC, WAC, WAS, and are supported by LoTW
- Uses sophisticated digital signal processing, and relies on redundancy (FEC)
 - As much as 80% of the transmission can be lost and still be decoded
- Each transmission lasts 46.8 seconds; only a small amount of information is sent
 - The remaining 13 seconds is for the operator to prepare the response (usually just a mouse click)
- Requires very tight synchronization of time and frequency between transmitting and receiving stations
 - ullet Computer clocks on both ends of the QSO must agree within ~ 2 seconds
- Stations take turns transmitting
 - One station transmits on even or odd minutes, then listens for reply during the following minute

JT65A

- JT65A is a "sub-mode" of the JT65 protocol, designed by Joe Taylor, K1JT, to optimize EME contacts
- A 1270.5 Hz synchronizing tone, and 64 additional tones to carry the information
 - On the air it sounds like someone playing strange music
- The bandwidth of a JT65A signal is 177.6 Hz
- Signals decode reliably at S/N of about -22db or better

JT9

- A more recent protocol; very similar in operation to JT65A, but more sensitive and efficient
- One tone is used for synchronization, and 8 tones are used for data
- The bandwidth of a JT9 signal is 15.6 Hz
- Messages decode reliably at S/N of about -24db or better

SOME OTHER THINGS TO KNOW

- These are low power modes, even more so than PSK31
 - 10-20 watts will usually work, even for DX when band conditions are good
 - Don't crank up the power too much because it will make it difficult for others to decode weaker signals
- Set USB receive bandwidth as wide as possible to decode audio over the entire JT65/JT9 frequency range (~4 kHz)
- Carefully adjust the computer's audio output and watch the ALC meter so you don't overdrive the audio
 - Too much audio volume can cause the audio to be distorted, leading to spurs and garbage, which could cause interference or prevent message decoding
 - Turn off the computer sounds!
- The QSO procedures are different than other digital modes JT65A and JT9 contacts are designed to exchange only the bare minimum information needed to qualify as a QSO
 - Callsigns
 - Grid Squares
 - Signal Reports
 - 73
- These are not good modes for ragchewing or contesting

JT65A AND JT9 QSO

CQ N1ADM EM83 23:03 N1ADM calls CQ

N1ADM CT1FBK IM58 23:04 CT1FBK responds

CT1FBK N1ADM -12 23:05 N1ADM sends -12db signal report

N1ADM CT1FBK R-09 23:06 CT1FBK acks, sends -9db signal report

CT1FBK N1ADM RRR 23:07 N1ADM acknowledges report

N1ADM CT1FBK 73 23:08 end of QSO

You can also send a free format text, but it is limited to 13 characters

Examples: "TU 73 FM GA" or "73 10W VERT"

JT65A AND JT9 VFO FREQUENCIES (ALL USB)

<u>Band</u>	JT65A	JT9	
160m	1838 kHz	1840 kHz	
80m	3576 kHz	3578 kHz	
40m	7076 kHz*	7078 kHz	*7039 kHz sometimes used by European stations
30m	10139 kHz	10140 kHz	
20m	14076 kHz	14078 kHz	
1 <i>7</i> m	18102 kHz	18104 kHz	
1 <i>5</i> m	21076 kHz	21078 kHz	
12m	24917 kHz	24919 kHz	
10m	28076 kHz	28078 kHz	
6m	50.276 MHz		

There are also some alternate JT65 frequencies in some of the bands

WHAT YOU NEED FOR JT65 & JT9

If you are set up for PSK31, you probably have *almost* everything you need already!

- SSB capable HF transceiver
- Computer
 - Consumer grade, processor of 1.5GHz or better should be fine
 - Most applications will run on Windows 7, 8 or 10 (and some older versions)
 - Mac and Linux applications are also available
- Sound card/Interface (SignaLink, RigBlaster)
 - Some new transceivers have built-in sound cards
- Some additional software
 - Don't worry, it's free! (and easy, sort of...)

THE SOFTWARE

WSJT-X, by Dr. Joe Taylor, K1JT

http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/wsjtx.html

- Windows, Mac, Linux versions
- Supports JT65 and JT9 (and other modes JT4, WSPR and Echo)
- Offers rig control for most modern transceivers

JT65-HF, by Joe Large, W6CQZ

http://jt65-hf.com/downloads/

- Older software, no longer supported, but still very popular and capable
- Only supports the JT65A protocol
- Some rig control capability

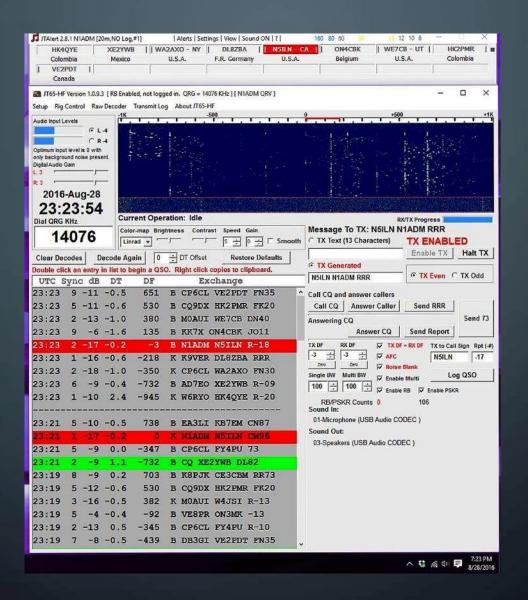
Other variations/adaptations of the JT-65HF software:

- JT65-HF HB9HQX-Edition https://sourceforge.net/projects/jt65hfhb9hqxedi/
- JT65-HF-Comfort http://funkamateure-dresden-ov-s06.de/index.php?article_id=178 (web page is in German)

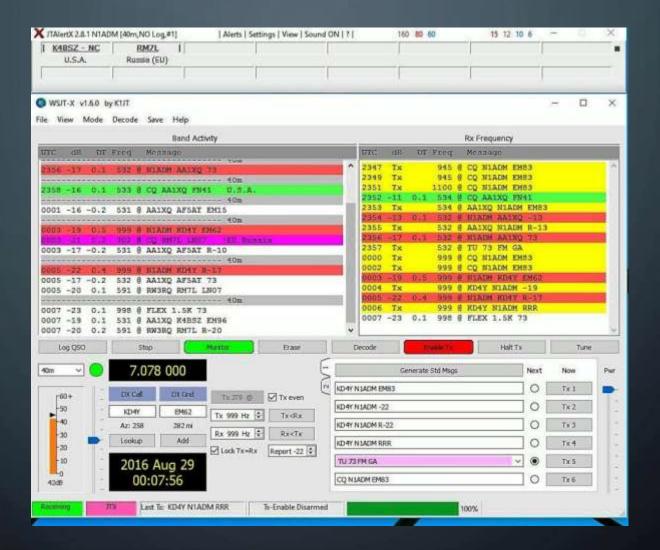
ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE AND WEB PAGES

- JTAlert (hamapps.com)
 - Great (free!) companion program that adds many useful functions to JT-65HF and WSJT-X
- HamSpots (hamspots.net)
 - Provides spotting information for digital modes
- PSKReporter (pskreporter.info/pskmap)
 - Visual display of stations receiving your digital transmissions

JT65-HF with JTAlert



WSJT-X with JTAlert JT9 mode



NSJT-X - Wide Graph 800 1000 1200 200 400 600 00:14 40m 00:11 40m WSJT-X 00:09 40m Graph & Waterfall 00:07 40m JT9 mode 23:58 40m Bins/Pixel 2 \$\frac{1}{4} Start 0 Hz ✓ Flatten Smoothing Palette Adjust...

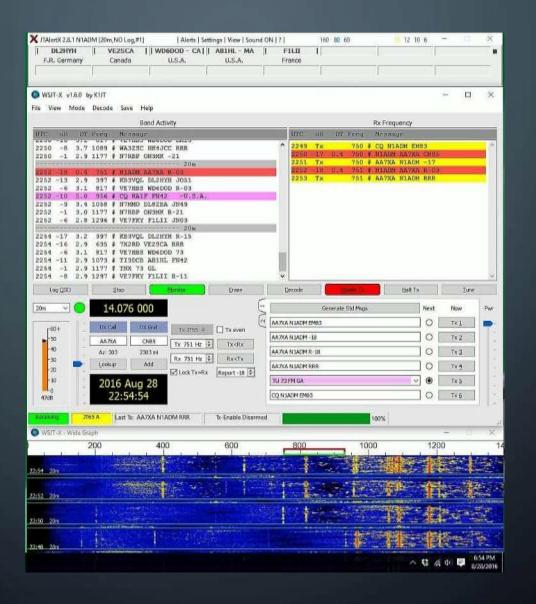
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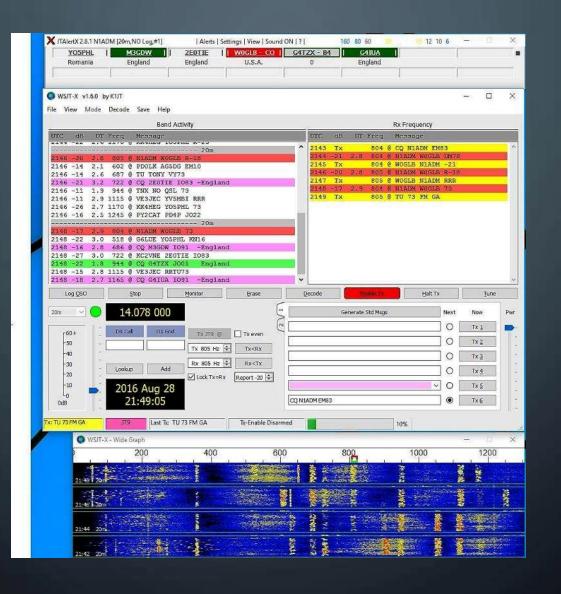
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WSJT-X with JTAlert JT65A mode



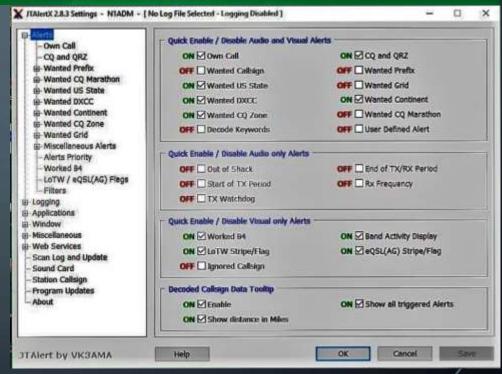
WSJT-X with JTAlert JT9 mode



JTALERT



- Audio and visual alerts for your callsign (someone calling you), CQ calls, wanted states, wanted DXCC, wanted continent, etc.
- Automated logging of JT65 and JT9 QSOs to several log types
- Supports web services such as QRZ.com, and uploads decoded callsigns and signal reports to HamSpots
- Works with DXlab applications
- Automatic "Worked B4" flagging of previous QSOs



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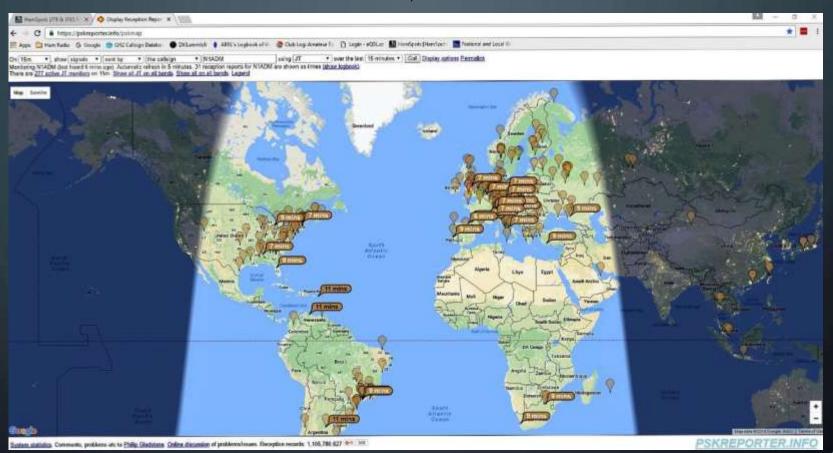


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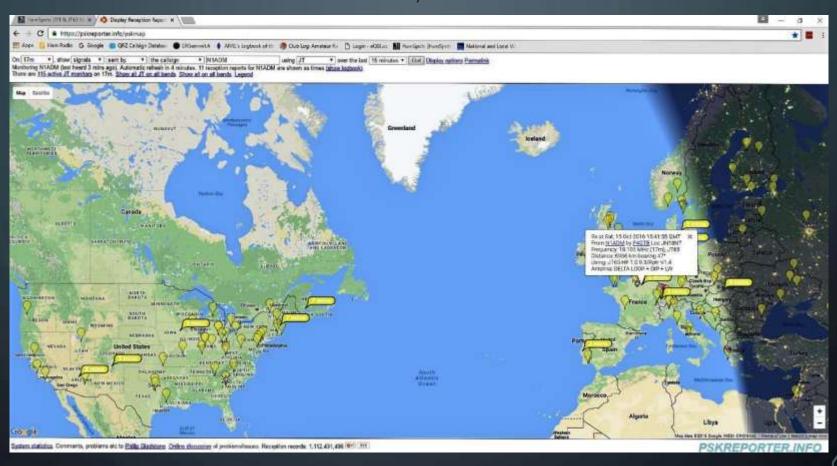
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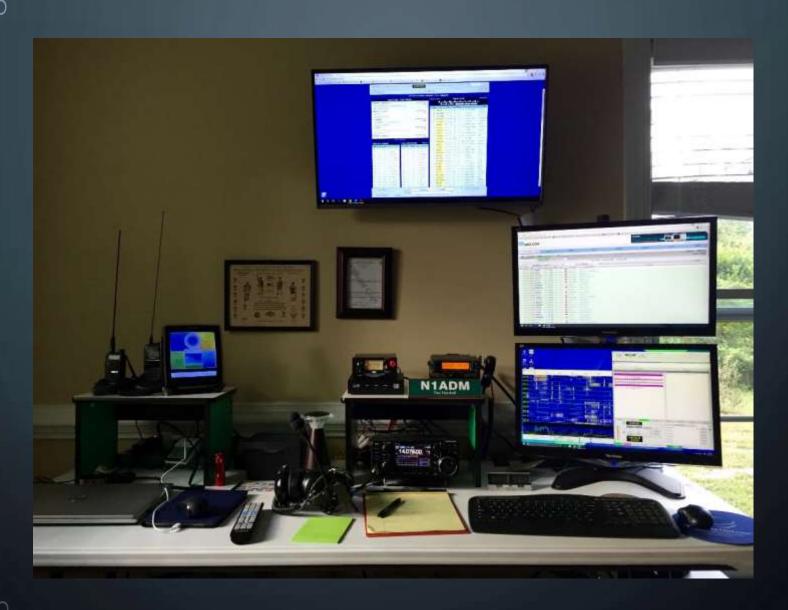


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N1ADM's Station

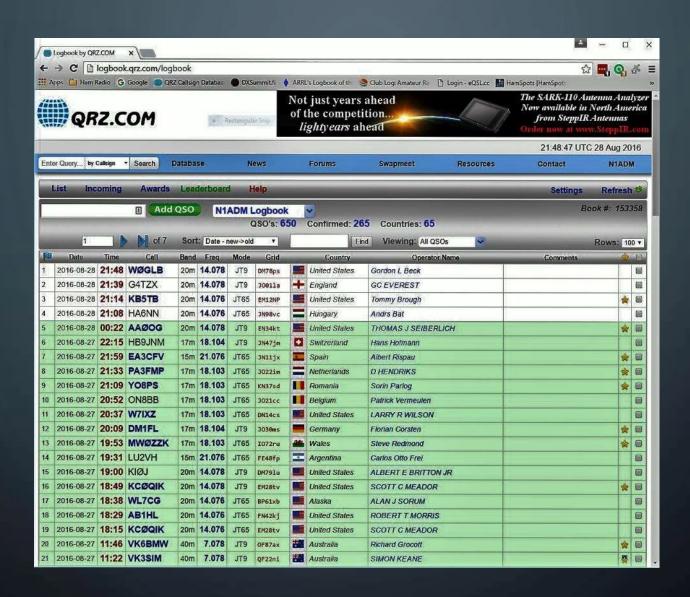


IC-7300 on 20m JT65 freq





So, why would you want to use yet another digital mode, that requires installation and configuration of additional software, and can only be used to make a bare minimum QSO that takes 5 minutes to complete?



Sometimes the JT modes bring in some great DX!

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66	2016-08-21	21:38	WQ6C	20m	14.078	JT9	CM87xh		United States	Carl C Creamer		
67	2016-08-21	21:11	N7MJ	17m	18.104	JT9	DN71pd		United States	JACKIE L MITCHELL		
68	2016-08-21	21:04	F1MWV	17m	18.104	JT9	IN951p		France	Jean-Pierre LUCAS		
69	2016-08-21	20:06	ON8BB	20m	14.078	JT9	3021cc		Belgium	Patrick Vermeulen		
70	2016-08-21	19:30	KC9RFO	20m	14.076	JT65	EM49PR20		United States	Wendel W White		
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73	2016-08-21	13:46	YV5ARM	20m	14.078	JT9	FJ69cc		Venezuela	ALFONSO ROBAINA MARTIN		
74	2016-08-21	12:03	F6ARS	20m	14.078	JT9	JN18lt		France	Gerard Szente	*	
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76	2016-08-21	04:58	EI1DG	40m	7.078	JT9	1063tj		Ireland	Paddy McGrath		
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81	2016-08-21	03:24	US7VF	40m	7.078	JT9	KN58sh		Ukraine	Sergei P. Plotyan		
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85	2016-08-21	01:58	RA9HO	20m	14.078	JT9	N009kc		Asiatic Russia	Leonid P. Nepryakhin	-	0
86	2016-08-21	01:32	TI4DJ	20m	14.076	JT65	EK70VC55		Costa Rica	HERMES QUESADA	*	0
87	2016-08-21	01:25	GØKLD	20m	14.076	JT65	I083XK19	+	England	Charlie Wren	*	0
88	2016-08-21	01:02	KB2F	40m	7.076	JT65	EM64kr		United States	Robert C Fudge II	会	8
89	2016-08-21	00:46	K9MQ	80m	3.576	JT65	EN61gk		United States	MARK A SKOWRONSKI		
90	2016-08-20	23:26	PY2MR	20m	14.078	JT9	GG66NM55	O	Brazil	Marcos Ribeiro		
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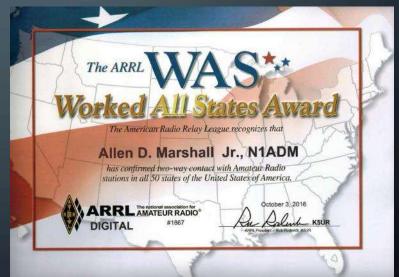
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I began using JT65 in July, and JT9 in August



REFERENCES AND LINKS

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- JT65 HF Frequency Information Digital Mode LF-MF-HF-VHF http://hflink.com/jt65/
- WSJT Home Page, by K1JT http://physics.princeton.edu/pulsar/k1jt/
- Signal Identification Wiki www.sigidwiki.com/wiki
- The Old Codger's Guide to JT65A and JT9 http://obriensweb.com/wsjtx.html
- Have a Great Time with JT9
 http://www.arrl.org/have-a-great-time-with-jt9

One more thing, just for fun... C www.levinecentral.com/adif2map/adif2map_full_kml.php?kml=http://www.levinecentral.com/adifkml/20161015_202313.kml Ham Radio 😘 Google 🏻 QRZ Callsign Databa: 🌑 DXSummit.fi 👌 ARRL's Logbook of th 🔰 Club Log: Amateur R: 📋 Login - eQSLcc 👪 HamSpots [HamSpot http://www.levinecentral.com/adif2map/adif2map.php ADIF log file converted to KML and loaded into Google Maps Google



Thank you Dan!

PRESENTATION

Voice of America Site B Tour Earl Welsh (KG4HIQ)

We recently toured the VOA's Site B, Greenville, N.C



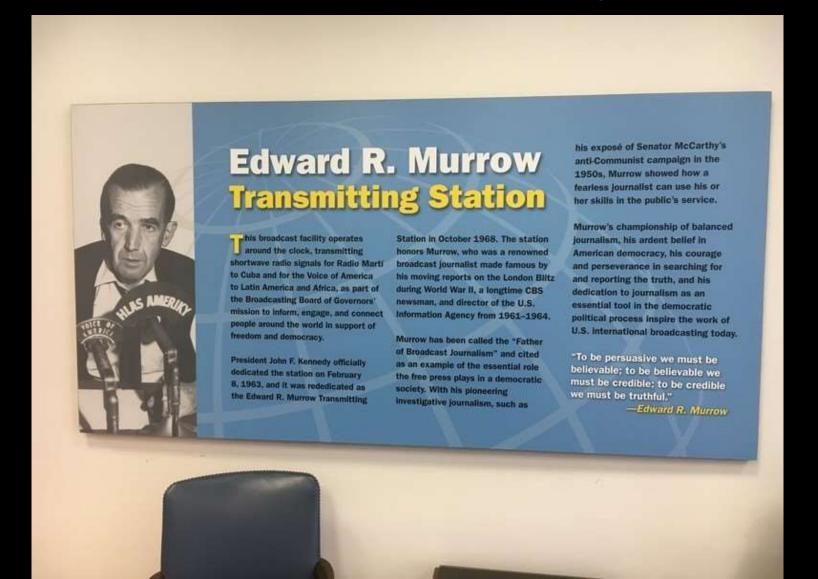
VOA's Site B is located in the middle of Carolina farm land and forests just a few miles from downtown Greenville. Administrative and broadcasting operations take place within this 23,308 square-foot building.



Our Tour was conducted by the Station Chief Engineer Macon Dail!



The site is officially known as the Edward R. Murrow Transmitting Station. It actively beams out 2,300 hours of programming each month in the international broadcasting spectrum.



The facility was completed in 1963 and first took to the air in February 1963.



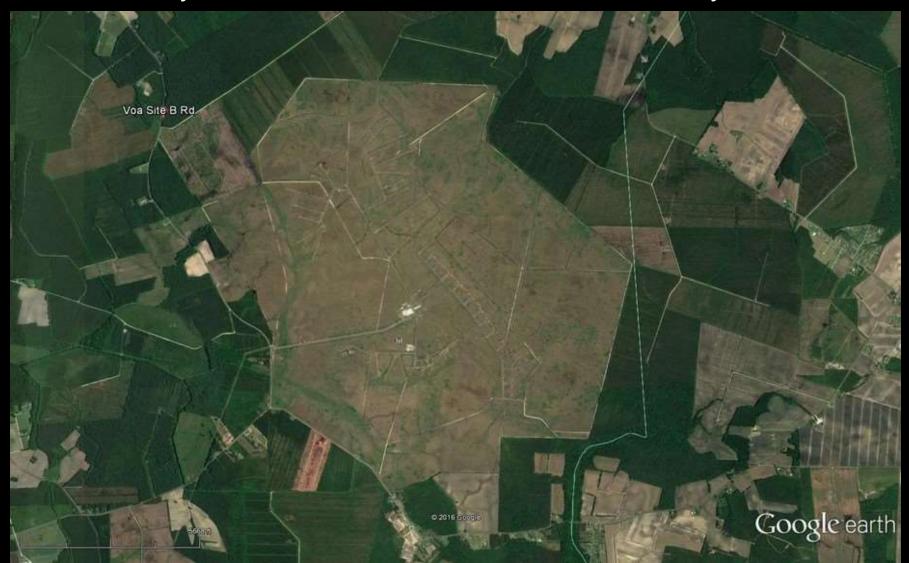
Today 16 full-time federal employees and three contract technicians work there. The facility is staffed 24 hours, a day 365 days a year by at least 2 people.



Recorded IDs are the only audio transmitted from the site. Washington studios deliver the programming via satellite.



Some 25 miles of heavy open-wire feeders connect the high-power RF routing switcher to the site's 38 transmitting antennas, which are spread across nearly 2,800 acres of North Carolina countryside.



Although the tour starts well before you get to the guard shack, we will start inside the building.



We make our way to the elevated control area through the a series of racks.



These racks house satellite receivers, audio processing, modulation monitors, patch bays and more.



The elevated control area is where the control of the entire operation takes place.



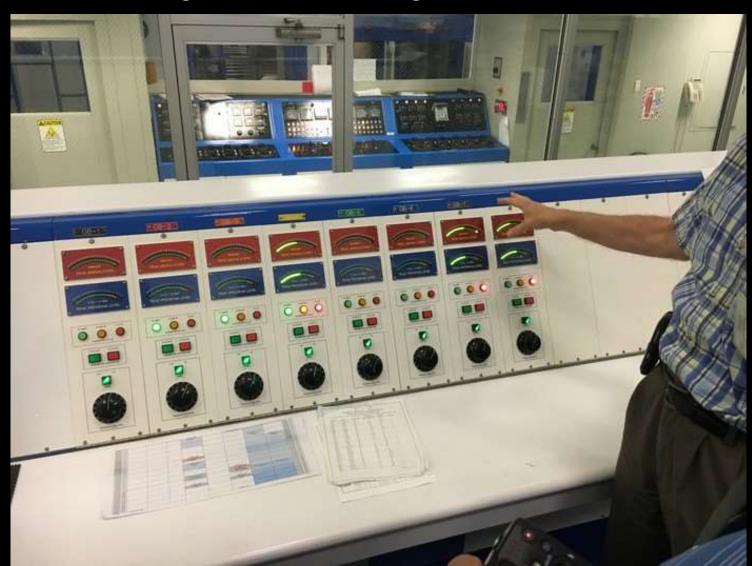
At one time other transmitting plants located in Ohio, California and North Carolina. Today, only Greenville Site B remains.



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Greenville Site B is the single largest radio transmission plant in the United States. In its heyday, the Greenville operation was the largest broadcasting site in the world.



Transmitter to antenna switch control unit. (9 transmitters and 38 antennas)



Logging, generator control and monitoring.



Program Control



We left the control area and enter the Synthesizer and driver amp area.



RF starts here...



250 Watt Buffers



GE Transmitter



Inside the GE



GE Power Supply



Transmitters are from several manufacturers, including AEG-Telefunken, Brown Boveri Corp., Continental and General Electric. The earliest date back nearly 50 years, having been installed when the station first went on the air.



There are eight very large transmitters, all typically operate at 250 kW, one can provide 750 kW of HF energy if required. There is one 50 kW used for backup, most recently used for evaluating DRM performance in the HF bands.



Brown Boveri Corp. Transmitter



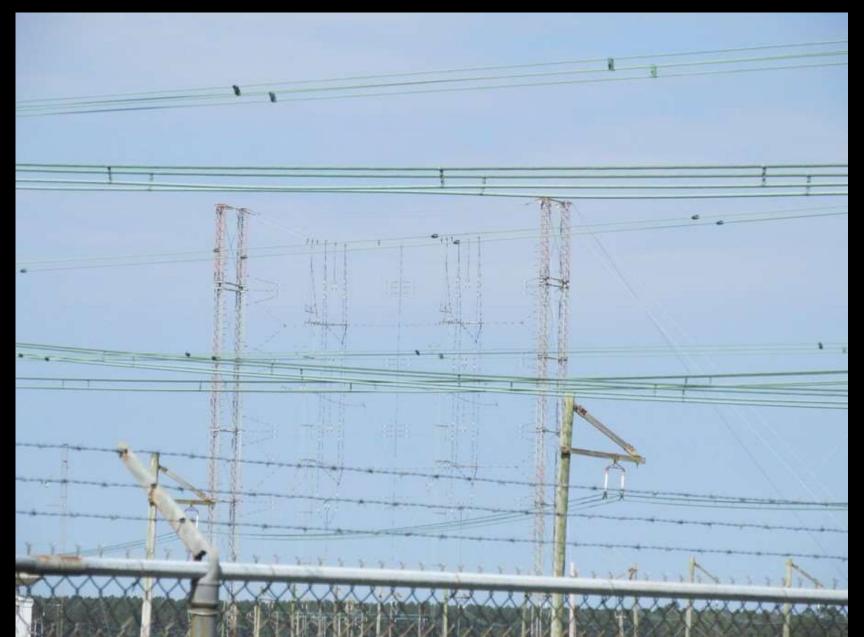
Just outside the back door are the antennas and feedlines.



...and antennas and feedlines



...and antennas and feedlines



Did I say feedlines???



The 12,000 square foot building located behind the main transmitting plant and encloses a massive remotely-controlled high-power RF routing switcher for switching transmitter outputs to various antennas.



Switching output to antennas



Always Something There to Remind Me



This sign is for someone else.



1.6 Megawatt Standby Generator



The station consumes approximately 1 million kilowatt hours of electricity each month.



Continental Power Supply



Continental Transmitters



Continental Controls



Small Parts and Test Equipment



The Work Shop



Screen Room



Thousands of spare parts, including large and small vacuum tubes, are kept on site to maintain the huge shortwave transmitters.



Humidity Controlled Room



Humidity Controlled Room II



The facility also has a complete machine shop for fabricating transmitter components and assemblies that are no longer available from their manufacturers.



In the observation tower.







Saying Goodbye



Saying Goodbye



Thank you Earl!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS



 Are there any additional ARCCC, Inc.
 Membership Applications which need to be turned in before we vote?

ARCCC, INC. REPORTS



- Treasurer's Report
- Secretary's Report
 - Posted on Website



AmazonSmile



- Log into https://smile.amazon.com/
- Select the Amateur Radio Club of Columbia County, Inc. as your charity
- Amazon Gives!

Support Amateur Radio Club Of Columbia County Inc.

When you shop at **smile.amazon.com**,

Amazon donates.

Go to smile.amazon.com

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SWAP TABLE







UPCOMING EVENTS



- 11-05-2016 Stone Mountain Hamfest
- 11-22-2016 ARCCC, Inc. Meeting
- 12-08-2016 ARCCC, Inc. Christmas Party
 - Olive Garden
 - December 2016 Meeting Cancelled

OLD BUSINESS



- Any Old Business?
 - Previous Motions to follow up on not otherwise covered by a committee?

CHILD ENRICHMENT CENTER



- Notes for receiving donated toys for the Child Enrichment Center:
- The Child Enrichment Center accepts unwrapped toys for boys and girls ages newborn to 18 years of age.

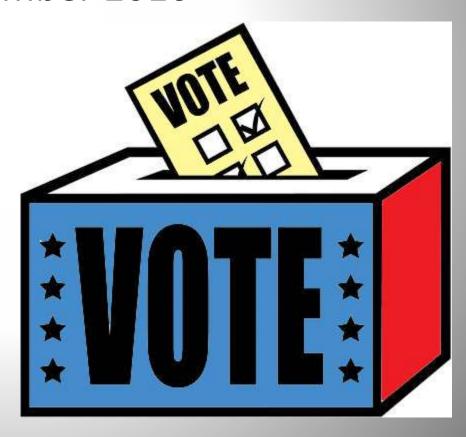
2015 – ARCCC, Inc. Donation to CEC Fos/Teens 13-18 s dearfoams Bathing Baby



ARCCC, INC. ELECTION REMINDER



- Nominations offered in October 2016
- Elections held in November 2016





NOMINATIONS



Article II. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Section 2.07
 - The Board of Directors will be elected every two years at the November meeting of the organization. Nominations will be offered at the October or other designated meeting by the Board and nominations will also be accepted from the floor. Nominees must confirm that they are willing to accept if they are present or in writing if they are not present. Nominees will be listed and the list distributed to Full Members via e-mail at least two weeks prior to the November meeting. Only Full Members in good standing and at least 18 years old may hold office in the organization. A term for a Board Member is defined as two years. A Board Member can serve in the same position for no more than 5 years. The nominating committee will be the Board, unless a nominating committee is established by the Board of Directors.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE



- Earl Welsh Committee Director
 - Nomination Slate
 - President
 - Rusty Welsh KG4HIR (Incumbent)
 - Vice President
 - Walter Brumbeloe W4EFS (Incumbent)
 - Secretary
 - Shannon Covington KK4MED (Incumbent)
 - Treasurer
 - Howard Weeks K5JCP (Incumbent)
 - Board Member at Large
 - Eric Cagle KK4ZHT
 - Norm Selby KORFR

NOMINATION COMMITTEE



- Earl Welsh Committee Director
 - Move to Accept Nominations from Floor for the following Board Positions
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Board Member at Large

NOMINATION COMMITTEE



- Earl Welsh Committee Director
 - Move to close the floor nominations and present the nomination Slate
 - President
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NET UPDATES



- Devon Harris (KM4PHT) Net Director
 - Net Controllers WANTED!!!
- ARCCC, Inc. Net
 - Monday's at 7:30 PM Local Time on 146.985 TSql 71.9
- East Central GA ARES Net
 - Need Net Controllers!!!
 - Monday's at 20:30 on 147.120, No Tone
- AmRRON Net
 - Monday's at 21:00 on 146.985, 71.9 TSql

COMMITTEE UPDATES



 Directors should provide QUICK UPDATES on their committees

– Who has an update?

COMMITTEE UPDATES



- Outreach Committee Dan Marshall (N1ADM)
 - Oliver Hardy Festival
 - Request for additional clip board for outreach materials (Delivered)

Outreach Committee: Oliver Hardy Festival 10-01-2016

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COMMITTEE UPDATES



- Repeater Committee
 - Echolink
 - Belair Road Repeater Site Update
 - Too Much to List See Photos

ARCCC, Inc. Facebook Page





DONATIONS NEEDED!



146.985 Repeater Building Repair

- Rohn 45G Tower for Sell
 - 18" Face
 - 9 10' Sections
 - 1 Section has about 3' which is Bent



MEETING AGENDA ITEMS



 Anyone wishing to place an item on the ARCCC, Inc. Meeting Agenda should provide their request via email to the ARCCC, Inc. President at least 7 days prior to the upcoming meeting.

PHOTOS OF THE HOBBY



- TAKE PHOTOS!!!
- Share the photos with the ARCCC, Inc. Board so they can be placed on the website and other outreach materials.
- Take photos in order so they tell a story in chronological order
- Be certain Camera Date and Time are Correct

ANY OTHER BUSINESS?



New Business?

REVIEW



Review Motions and Assignments

MEETING RAFFLE



All ARCCC, Inc. Members get a free ticket

Additional Tickets may be purchased for \$1 each

Nonmembers may purchase Tickets for \$1 each



THANK YOU!!!