

6th March Bulletin

Good Morning: - Herewith the Bulletin for Sunday, 6th March 2015. This is **Victor Five One November Alpha Mike**, the official Amateur Radio Station of the Namibian Amateur Radio League, operated this morning from Windhoek by Werner, V51JP, to transmit Amateur Radio News to Radio Amateurs and all listeners on this frequency. This is a service by the Namibian Amateur Radio League, in the interest of all Radio Amateurs in Namibia. This Bulletin is broadcast on 7069 Kilo Hertz, Lower Side Band, at 08:00 local time, on the first Sunday of every Month. It will also be transmitted on 2Meters as well as 3720 Kilo Hertz, Lower Side Band and on Echo Link via V51RS-R. This bulletin is also published on the NARL website for download. Enquiries and comments relating to the Bulletin, or the NARL, may be made on the air after the Bulletin, or by writing to:
Namibian Amateur Radio League, P O Box 1100, Windhoek, Namibia.

The items in today's bulletin are:

- 1. Council News**
- 2. Repeater News**
- 3. Monthly meetings**
- 4. Members Input**
- 5. Local news**
- 6. International News**

1. Council News

The next AGM is due in a few months and we would really like to see a few more faces than the usual trustworthy crowd!

2. Repeater News

All repeaters are up and running.

3. Monthly meetings

Nothing to report

4. Members Input

Nothing to report

5. Local news

After not having a bulletin for exactly one year I am pleased to announce that the NARL bulletin is back. I have to apologize for not presenting a bulletin for the last 12 months, I was tied into a project in Swakopund and had no access to HF radio and no one else was willing to stand in. Furthermore I started 2016 with some health problems and was handed from specialist to specialist to try and find the cause of my ailment leaving me extremely tired all the time.

6. International News

Amateur Radio is alive and well!

ARRL report growth in the US continued in 2015, with a record 735,405 licensees in the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS) database by the end of the year

That's up 9130 over December 2014, a 1.2 percent rise, continuing a steady increase in the Amateur Radio population in every year since 2007. In 2014, the Amateur Radio ranks grew by a net 8149 licensees.

The figures, compiled by **Joe Speroni, AH0A**, on his FCC Amateur Radio Statistics web pages, exclude expired licenses that are within the 2-year grace period, and club station licenses. Compared with the same month 10 years ago, the Amateur Radio population in the US has expanded by 72,805 licensees — or nearly 11 percent.

As expected, the biggest growth by license class was in Technician licensees, which rose by 6570 in 2015. General ranks increased by 3079, and Amateur Extra numbers went up by 3496. The 2015 overall numbers faltered a little in April before rebounding in July.

The introduction of a new General class question pool on July 1 appeared to have only a slight effect on month-to-month numbers in that license class. ARRL VEC Manager **Maria Somma, AB1FM**, said 2015 was another banner year for ARRL VEC-sponsored test sessions.

Conclusion

This concludes the Bulletin for Sunday the 6th March 2015. Should you wish to comment on any of the items in the Bulletin, please feel free to do so after this service. This bulletin was compiled and read by Werner V51JP, as a service to all Radio Amateurs, Short Wave Listeners and Electronic Enthusiasts. Thank you for listening. This is Victor 51 November Alpha Mike, operated by V51JP, Continuing with the call in list.

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8H00: V51RS V51DM V51GB V51SN

80M

8H00:

2M

8H00: V51JF V51SN

ECHO-LINK

8H00:

This is V51NAM handing the frequency back for normal use