

W9JOZ

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**Next Meeting is
February 16, 2017**

**2017 Dues are due.
\$12.00**

If you wish, you may mail your dues to:
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**Stay Warm!
Work the low
Bands.**

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Meetings are at the Henry F. Schricker Library on the third Thursday of each month, with the exception of December.

The library is located on west Culver Road, two blocks west of Highway 35.



The Bands are OPEN!

Are you on the air?

January Events

Birthdays

February 1 - David, KC8OBH

February 4 – Bill, K9BZM

February 14 – Dan, KC9UKX

Starke County Amateur Radio Club Weekly 2 Meter Net

DAY OF WEEK: Saturday 8:00 p.m. Central time

HOST: KN9OX Repeater

FREQUENCY: 145.410 - 600

PL TONE: 131.8

Is 1A going to be deleted?

According to this press release

(<http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2017/01/25/0057/00139.html#ing>), it seems the Sovereign Military Order of Malta is not Sovereign anymore. Pope Francis seems to rule the order through a Papal Delegate. According to the constitution of the Order this would not be possible, but the situation is still rolling and unstable and it could be possible that the Order of Malta will be annexed to the Vatican City State. Here is an interesting article about the entire story:

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/commentandblogs/2017/01/25/the-vatican-has-destroyed-the-order-of-maltas-sovereignty-what-if-italy-does-the-same-to-the-vatican/>

<http://www.dxcoffee.com>

<https://www.cia.gov/library/readingroom/search/site/amateur%20ham%20radio>

CIA documents about Ham radio declassified online

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CIA reports about amateur (ham) radio in the former Soviet Union (including the Baltic States) and Warsaw Pact member countries have been declassified to a new online search engine.

The website is: <https://www.cia.gov/library/readingroom/search/site/amateur%20ham%20radio>

The documents include translations and assessments of : amateur radio clubs, including DOSAAF; training; monitoring sputniks; technology and equipment; and even qsl cards.

All the documents have been de-classified and made available to the public for the first time in this internet archive; some were previously available in a closed system at the US national archives.

Our thanks to **Andy G0SFJ** for spotting this item

SOURCE: southgatearc.org

Another Outstanding Year for Amateur Radio Licensing!

02/01/2017

Last year — 2016 — was another outstanding one for Amateur Radio licensing. So says ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM.

“New Amateur Radio licenses issued were up by 1% over 2015, and this is the third year in a row that the total number of new licenses has exceeded 30,000,” Somma reported. She said 32,552 were granted in 2016, 32,077 in 2015, and 33,241 in 2014.

Somma said that while 2014 was a record-setting year for new licenses issued, ARRL VEC “continues to see an elevated interest in obtaining an Amateur Radio license.”

The overall trend continues to be up, up, up! The total number of US Amateur Radio licensees has continued to grow each year since the FCC eliminated the Morse code exam requirement in 2007. Over the past decade, the net number of Amateur Radio licensees has risen by nearly 87,000, according to statistics compiled by Joe Speroni, AH0A, who is ARRL Pacific Section Manager.

As of December 31, 2016, the total number of licensees in the FCC database was 742,787, topping the 2015 total of 735,405, but down just slightly from the all-time high of 743,003 reached last November.

Somma said license upgrades were down by 5% compared to 2015 — 10,617 versus 11,224. “A new Amateur Extra class pool took effect on July 1, 2016, which may have impacted upgrade totals in the second half of the year,” she speculated.

As of December 31, according to figures compiled by Speroni, there were 143,337 Amateur Extra licensees, 45,071 Advanced licensees, 172,807 General licensees, 371,560 Technician licensees, and 10,012 Novice

licensees. The FCC no longer issues Advanced and Novice class licenses. The General and Technician licensee totals at the end of last year were all-time highs, and the Amateur Extra total was nearly so.

It is time to start thinking about Field Day 2017. Yes or No on Club doing Field Day.

Field Day is always the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and running through 2059 UTC Sunday. Field Day 2017 is June 24-25.

02/25/2017 | [La Porte County Amateur Radio Hamfest](#)

Location: La Porte, IN

See you at a meeting.

73

John, W3ML

