The following is a summary of the general announcements and comments made by President Patrick KI4CDY:

- □ We had Laurel Testing Tonight. Peter DeToth earned his Technician's License. Peter's new call sign is KK4UZY.
- □ The Laurel Schedule for 2014 will continue, same as last year. There will be testing every meeting, starting at 5:30 PM with the exception of December. There will also be testing on Field day 2014, Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.
- □ Peggy Lang, N4PEG will be VE Team Leader starting immediately.
- Congratulations Peggy for coming in first in the World Wide WPX Contest for the North America division for Rookie-Low Power SSB 10 meters. Good job! A copy is attached.
- □ ARRL has published Amateur Radio Technician Privileges for Technicians. A copy is attached.
- ☐ The generous quantity of food donated to VISTE this month was noted. There will be a final collection for the year at the December meeting.
- Our paperwork for the 501-c-3-status is in the hands of the IRS. Normally, approval takes a bit over one year.
- □ Charley has done a marvelous job with name badges, but needs a break. Starting immediately, Bill Johnson will be taking over this responsibility. If you have questions about badges, see him.
- Our Treasurer (Bob K2EUH) will be accepting dues for the coming year.
- ☐ Mention was made of Andrew KK4KIC's involvement with the Good News Club and their introduction to amateur radio. Andrew was able to raise Peggy on 2 meters, convincing the students in the class that the system really does work.
- □ A poll suggested that the Rag Chew has lost some of its popularity. This may have something to do with the weather. The same comment can be made about the Thursday evening net.
- □ Spouse Appreciation and Christmas Dinner 2013 will be Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 at 6:00 pm.
  - o There will be a brief meeting at 7:00 pm.
  - o Once again, it will be catered by Jimbo's BBQ
  - o \$9:00 per person cash
  - o Please bring a salad or desert to share.
  - o See Ernie if you plan to attend.
- □ The Fall Picnic 3013 will be held at:
  - o Lake Parker Park
  - o Granada Street, Lakeland Florida
  - o Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from dawn to 2 pm
  - o There will be a Fox hunt, HF DX, and other activities.
  - As usual, the club will provide hot dogs, burgers, and condiments. Please bring a covered dish to share, and something to drink.
- The Tampa Bay Ham fest 2013 will be held in Plant City this year. Please contact DonKI4EFL for tickets and information. There will be a Sky-Warn Spotter class during the Ham fest.

- □ North Port Ham fest will take place December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The location will be AMVETS Post 2000, North Port Fl.
- Polk County Emergency Management will hold its Christmas Party
  - o December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
  - o Location 1890 Jim Keene Boulevard, Winter haven, Fl.
  - O Doors open at 3:00 pm, dinner at 5:00 pm.
  - o Bring your own drink, in a sealable container.
  - o The facility is quite impressive, and worth the trip for that alone.
  - o Any licensed ham and one guest is welcome.
  - Please RSVP no later than December 9<sup>th</sup> to Mike Green, AG4LT@outlook..com
- □ According to bylaws the election of board members was held. The results were:
  - Officers
    - President Rich Kennedy. N4ESS
    - Vice President Randy Wildman, KK4QAU
    - Secretary Bill Johnson, KI4ZMV
    - Treasurer Robert Foxworth, K2EUH
  - Board of Directors
    - Frederick A Delaney, K1DU
    - Tom Evans, KJ4WFS
    - Michael W. Oliver, KT2T
    - Geoffrey A Shuck, WA4MMO
    - Albert P. Sheppard, W4ZSC
    - Robert G. Siegel, WA4YFN
    - David R. Zdunowicz, KI4WRX
    - Mathew Stevens

Finally, the last three of six kit-building presentations coordinated by Al Sheppard were delivered last evening. The presenters included President Elect Rich Kennedy, VE coordinator Peggy Lang, and board member elect Bob Siegel.

Respectfully submitted,

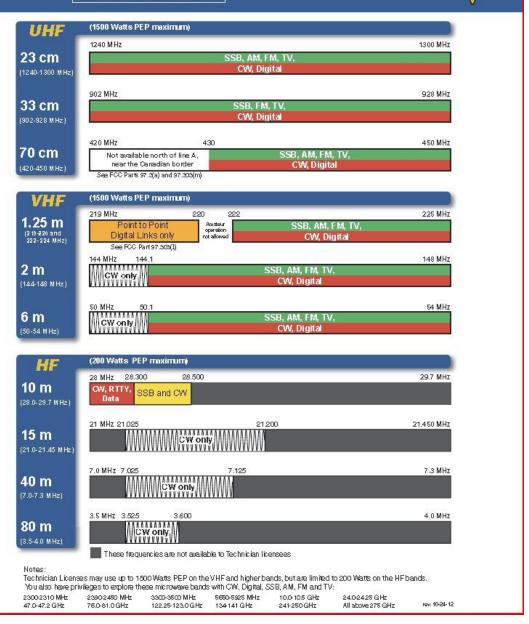
Bill Johnson, KI4ZMV Secretary

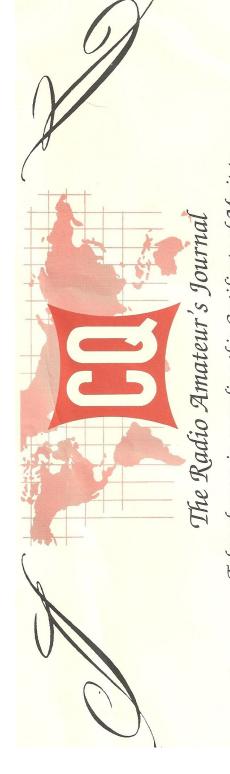
## **US Amateur Radio Technician Privileges**

This chart shows privileges and band plan recommendations for each of the frequencies, as granted by the FCC to the Technician licensee. It is good amateur practice to follow the band plan established by the Amateur Radio community. The band plan is developed so that spectrum allocated for our use is used most effectively. You'll find a complete description of the band plan online at www.arrl.org/band.plan.



## Effective Date March 5, 2012





Takes pleasure in awarding this Certificate of Merit to N4PEG In Recognition of the achievement of winning the 2013

World Wide WPX Contest

for the

NORTH AMERICA division for

IST PLACE ROOKIE - LOW POWER SSB 10 METERS

A Total score of 1,180

points was computed on the basis of the

number of stations worked and call sign prefixes contacted. In witness of this #14 WORLD achievement, we hereby affix our signatures on this day.

J. Wholes war

CQ WPX Contest Director

Editor, CQ