
Volunteer Monitor Program Report

The Volunteer Monitor (VM) Program is a joint initiative between ARRL and the FCC to enhance compliance in the Amateur Radio Service. This is the April 2025 activity report of the VM Program.

A traffic and awards net operating on 7.185 MHz was issued an advisory for deliberately starting the net on top of the Andaman Island DXpedition operating as VU4AX.

A case involving an Alabama station continuously calling another station on 20-meter FT8 was resolved informally and the robotic one-way transmissions stopped.

Technician operators in Texas and Michigan were issued advisories for operating FT8 on 40 meters. Technicians have only CW privileges on that band.

A Technician operator in Florida was issued an advisory for FT8 operation on 15 meters. Technicians have only CW privileges on that band.

A Technician operator in Iowa was issued an advisory for FT8 operation on 20 meters, a band on which Technicians have no privileges.

A commendation was issued to a station in Colorado for exemplary net control operation on 14.295 MHz on February 16, 2025, from 1600 – 1800 UTC, in which he demonstrated exceptional courtesy and efficiency in checking in stations under crowded band conditions.

A commendation was issued to an operator in North Carolina for exceptional CW QRP operation on 7.025 MHz from 0100 – 0120 UTC on April 5, 2025. The operator demonstrated exceptional courtesy and efficiency in making contacts with numerous operators under crowded band conditions.

A question-and-answer session was presented in person to the Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club in Mt. Airy, Pennsylvania. A virtual VM program was presented to the Bella Vista Amateur Radio Club in Rogers, Arkansas.

The totals for March 2025 monitoring were 1,480 hours on HF frequencies, and 1,849 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 3,329 hours. — *Thanks to Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH*