

## President's Column

Stuff happens. Not long after I was first licensed, I used to prowl the dial looking for conversations. Every morning there was a chat on 75 meters from somewhere in the Carolina's. After listening for several days, not thinking closely about what frequency they were using, I thought I would answer their call for any additional check-ins. I gave my call, adding that I was a newly minted General. After a couple of seconds of silence, one of the group advised me that I was in a section of the band reserved for Amateur Extra licensees. Oops! I was more careful after that to observe my band restrictions.

Earlier this week I was observing a plumbing contractor employee digging a trench for a water line when he hit an energized power line. He commented on seeing sparks as he hit it and said he would splice the wire. The next day, after a rain shower, the breaker controlling a pond aeration pump would not reset and some other outside outlets were dead. The general contractor had the plumber come back to the job site to fix the problem. It turned out that there were two wires that the employee had hit and neither one had been repaired. The plumbing company owner was not happy and said the extra cost would come out of the employee's paycheck, not because he cut the wire but because he didn't report it and fix it.

Sometimes we accidentally break something, drop something or whatever. Like I said to begin, stuff happens. Either properly fix it or let someone in charge know so it can be fixed to be usable in case of an emergency. No blame, just to be prepared to fulfill our mission if needed. By the way, there are signs pointing to an active hurricane season.

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