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## A Short Story...

This short story about a hunting trip gone awry is definitely on-topic. We're posting this story with permission of the author, W. A. Taylor.

73,

Wayne

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### Major Sheldon's Last Watt

By W. A Taylor

When the major burst into my backcountry general store that night, in possession of his rifle but not his dog, I knew something was up. His face was stubbled and anxious, his silver hair ruffled. The confident manner was gone. He closed the door, then froze with his hand on the knob, gazing through the window.



"Damn bears," he mumbled.

I thought I detected a touch of fear in his voice.

At the time, I assumed he was referring only to Mork and Orson, a pair of tourist-pleasing California black bears who'd adopted our rural community. This was back in 2015, the same year dozens of them had invaded Three Rivers, some ten miles to the west.

In the brightly illuminated parking lot I could see Mork nosing my bear-proof dumpster for the thousandth time. Orson was up on two legs beside the porch, shaking an oak branch. A few acorns rained on his shaggy head.

I dropped the bills I'd been counting.

"Bears? What else is new? They're all over Tulare county.

And by the way, Ed, you look like hell." [Read More](#)

# News & Updates

## K3 Featured at Z60A Kosovo

### Z60A Fielding Three Stations to Handle Huge Pileups for New DXCC #1

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The special Z60A activation to mark the addition of the Republic of Kosovo to the DXCC List has topped 50,000 contacts and counting. Pileups continue to be heavy.

Dona Berisha, Z63DBB, will be among the local hams expected to operate during the Z60A special activation.

The Z60A activation will culminate on Kosovo's 10th anniversary of independence, Sunday, February 18, the weekend of the ARRL International DX Contest (CW), and some "sporadic" Z60A activity is anticipated during the contest. Visiting operators will team up with locals to wrap up the project and salute the ARRL and the US contesting community, as credit for working Z6 now is accepted for ARRL awards.



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Manmade noise in the capital city of Pristina has been problematic. Plans call for using donated equipment to set up a "clean receiving site" outside of Pristina.

The European DX Foundation (EUDXF) has made a cash donation to Kosovo's IARU member society, SHRAK, and the Yasme Foundation has presented a series of ARRL publications to the SHRAK Headquarters library at the Technical University of Pristina.

Others wishing to donate to support Amateur Radio in Kosovo should contact Wayne Mills, N7NG.

The complete Z60A log will be uploaded approximately 4 weeks after the current activation, which will end immediately following Kosovo's 10th independence anniversary celebration on February, 18. -- Thanks to Wayne Mills, N7NG, and Martti Laine, OH2BH

## Trade Show Calendar

Below is a list of trade shows that we're planning to attend. We'll let you know if we add any more shows to our list. If you're attending any of these events, come on by and say hello!

- Feb 3- FrostFest, Richmond, VA.
- Feb 9-11 - Hamcation, Orlando, FL.
- March 31 - RARSfest, Raleigh, NC.
- April 19-22 - International DX Convention, Visalia, CA.
- May 18-20 - Dayton Hamvention, Xenia, OH.
- June 1-3 - SeaPac, Seaside, OR.
- June 1-3 - Friedrichshaven, Germany
- June 8-10 - Hamcon, Plano, TX.
- August 18-19 - Huntsville, Huntsville, AL.
- Sept 7-9 - Boxboro Hamfest, Boxborough, MA
- Oct 19-21 - Pacificon, San Ramon, CA.

## KPA1500 News

KPA1500s have now started shipping against our backlog (we started several days ago). Its been a lot of hard work getting it released and rolling, but we are all excited to see KPA1500s burning in on the test racks and heading out the door!

For the next several weeks the initial shipping rate will be slow as we optimize our production and test flow, and then we will ramp up deliveries each week. We will be contacting customers by phone or email within 7 business days prior to shipment to confirm their shipping info and get their CC for final charges, etc.



Margaret delivering the first KPA1500 to the Shipping Dept.

We are now beginning to ship orders from August 24th, the first day we began taking orders. Due to very large rush of orders we received that day, we expect to be shipping the Aug. 24 orders over the next 3-4 weeks. Please be patient with us as we get this going. Until we get the production rate increased, it will be hard to give exact delivery estimates due to the large number of orders. Please note that KPA1500 orders were received simultaneously via the website, emails, mail, trade shows and phone calls, so order numbers will not indicate exactly where you are in the delivery queue. We also received a very large number of KPA1500 orders each day during the first several weeks, so orders with the same order date will ship spread over a large number of days. (Especially the first week's orders.) Please also check our [Shipping Status Page](#) for the latest updates.

We will email everyone who ordered a KPA1500 to reconfirm orders and shipping addresses prior to shipping. Please respond by email that information is correct or provide us with correct shipping address and other details. Learn more about [KPA1500 here](#).

### Check out this Months Specials!

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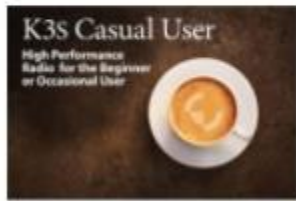


## *Valentine Special!*

Mention "**Major Sheldon's Last Watt**" on the order form and get \$25 off on a KX2 or KX3 order.



## Our Most Popular K3S Configurations Packaged to Fit Your Operating Style!



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