

JANUARY 2014



JANUARY MEETING

Happy New Year! As I write this on New Year's Eve, I can be assured that you will not read this message until after New Year.

We switch gears somewhat in January with new officers, and I don't know what the program may be. Things have been a blur around here lately and they haven't slowed down yet. So I haven't had time to take a breath and think about radio related matters.

Yours truly will be your President for 2014. I was last President in 1997-1998. I guess enough time has passed that most members forget what my former reign was like. Boy, are you guys in for a surprise.

We shouldn't let the moment pass without praising our now past President, Warren Gallemore. Under Warren's tenure, we moved our repeater

to the hospital, had a fundraiser that allowed us to purchase a new 2-meter antenna along with a repeater cabinet, hardline and accessories and add to our general fund as well. And we had a few new members join our crew. Thank you, Warren, for the great job you did as HPARC President (insert sound of applause here).

While we are giving out thanks, thank you to everyone in attendance at the HPARC Christmas party/meeting. Especially thanks go to the ladies (and guys) who helped set up and clean up afterwards. I appreciate the take charge attitude of several people who helped out. I had a great time and hope everyone else did as well.

Everyone has been asking, "Well who is doing the newsletter this coming year?"

Well I hate to break the bad news to you. Although I have been Secretary/Treasurer for what seems like ages, the newsletter responsibilities stay with me. The newsletter is not covered in the bylaws nor assigned to any officer. So for better (or worse) I am currently still your newsletter editor. Sorry.

Speaking of the newsletter, I had a computer crash just before Christmas — the one I use to create the newsletter. I wasn't too worried as I had the newsletter and club material backed up on a raid. However, transferring address books and past emails to a different computer was something else. Looking for an old Powerbook as some software I used for the club was on System 9.

We hope to see you all in the New Year. 73s.

2014 HPARC OFFICERS

At the December meeting, new officers were elected for 2014: Mark McMahan for HPARC President, Dwight Sledge for vice-president and Warren Gallemore for secretary/ treasurer.

These are your new HPARC officers. We have added some

new members this past year and had a very successful Field Day. Where we go from here is up to you, the membership. You must decide what direction the club will take this new year. Plan on attending the meetings and supporting the HPARC.

**HPARC Meeting
January 6, 2014**

**Rancho's,
10463 North Main St,
Archdale, NC**

Meal at 6:30 pm
Business meeting at 7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY ROLL CALL 2013

Warren Gallemore was the net control for the HPARC Christmas Day Roll Call. Warren took over as net control from Ben Rogers who has been in that position for the past several years.

For those who are not aware, on Christmas day net control calls out all club member's names over our 2-meter repeater, 147.165, starting at 8:00 a.m. Members answer and are welcome to give a brief Christmas greeting to their

fellow Hams. Non-members are welcome to join in as well. This is a 32-year-old tradition that was started by Fred Browning.

This year, I counted 10 check-ins (counting late check-ins and visitors). Not a bad number for Christmas morning. About the same amount that checked in last year.

Thanks to everyone who remembered to get up early and check in to the roll call.

KID'S DAY IS JANUARY 5!

The next Kids Day, sponsored by the ARRL and The Boring (Oregon) Amateur Radio Club, will be Sunday, January 5, from 1800 to 2400 UTC. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase Amateur Radio and Amateur Radio satellites to youngsters and let them get some first-hand experience.

Share the excitement with your own children or grandkids or youngsters in the neighborhood!

To attract attention call "CQ Kids Day." The suggested exchange is name, age, loca-

tion, and favorite color. There is no limit on operating time, and stations may work each other more than once, if the operator has changed.

The suggested HF frequencies are 28.350 to 28.400 MHz, 24.960 to 24.980 MHz, 21.360 to 21.400 MHz, 18.140 to 18.145 MHz, 14.270 to 14.300 MHz, 7.270 to 7.290 MHz, and 3.740 to 3.940 MHz. Repeater contacts (with permission of the repeater's sponsor) are okay too, and satellite contacts may provide a real thrill. Be sure to observe third-party traffic restrictions when mak-

ing DX contacts.

All participants are encouraged to post stories and photos to the Kids Day Soapbox page and are eligible to receive a colorful certificate. You can download the free certificate, customized with the youngsters' names, after filling out the Kids Day Survey found on the same page as the certificate generator. Alternatively, you can send a 9 ? 12 SASE to Kids Day Certificate Request, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

—The ARRL Letter,
December 19, 2013

RETIRED ASTRONAUT CHRIS HADFIELD VA3OOG PREDICTS MOON BASE WITHIN 70 YEARS

Retired Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield, VA3OOG has predicted that humans will have a colony on the moon within the next 30 to 40 years and establish a base on Mars within the next 70.

In a recent interview with the Telegraph newspaper, Hadfield said that this is a pattern we have been follow-

ing for the last 70,000 years. He noted mankind gradually made its way around the world. In the last 100 years we have gotten to Antarctica and now there are people who live there for months at a time.

VA3OOG went on to say that he thinks that within his lifetime we will see a permanent lunar base. Also that the set-

ting up of a permanent habitation on the Moon will help to improve space exploration.

Hadfield retired from the Canadian Space Agency last June and is currently on tour promoting his new book "An Astronaut's Guide To Life on Earth."

—Amateur Radio Newline,
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Membership is open in the HPARC to all licensed Amateur Radio operators. Membership is \$24.00 a year. Associate membership is also available to those who are interested in Amateur Radio but who do not currently hold a license. Associate membership is \$12.00 a year. Student membership is also available for \$12.00 a year.

The High Point Amateur Radio Club meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at a local restaurant announced in the newsletter. The business meeting starts around 7:00 pm followed by a short program of interest. Family and visitors are welcome to attend. For more information, please call or email one of the HPARC officers listed in this newsletter.

CQ TO CONSOLIDATE PUBLICATIONS

CQ Communications, Inc. has announced plans to realign its roster of publications and to launch a new online supplement to its flagship CQ Amateur Radio magazine. Effective with the February 2014 issue of CQ, content from the magazine's three sister publications,

Popular Communications, CQ VHF and WorldRadio Online, will be incorporated into CQ's digital edition as a supplement to be called CQ Plus.

According to Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, while their primary audience is Ham Radio operators, very few Hams began their radio involvement as Amateurs.

Most started out as shortwave listeners, broadcast band DX'ers, CB'ers or scanning enthusiasts. Ross says that many continue to be involved in various different aspects of the radio hobby in addition to Amateur Radio. K2MGA notes

that by consolidating four specialized publications into one, that CQ will be better able to keep these multidimensional readers informed on all aspects of the radio hobby while simultaneously exposing those who are not Hams to all the excitement and opportunities that Amateur Radio has to offer.

Richard Fisher, KI6SN, who is currently Editor of both Popular Communications and WorldRadio Online will become the Editor of CQ Plus. Current subscriptions to Popular Communications, CQ VHF and WorldRadio Online will be converted to CQ subscriptions and receive CQ Plus at no additional charge. Details will be posted on each magazine's website.

—Amateur Radio Newslines, Report 1898, Dec. 27, 2013

NEW TECHNICIAN CLASS QUESTION POOL RELEASED

The NCVEC Question Pool Committee has released the new 2014-2018 Technician Class, Element 2, question pool to the public. This pool will take effect on July 1, 2014, and will remain valid until June 30, 2018. The current Technician question pool, released in 2010, is valid until June 30, 2014.

—The ARRL Letter, December 19, 2013

FCC CHAIRMAN DELAYS TV SPECTRUM AUCTION UNTIL 2015

The long awaited TV spectrum incentive auction has been postponed by a year. The chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, Tom Wheeler, delivered the news via his FCC Blog on Friday, December 6th where he stated – and we quote: “I believe we can conduct a successful auction in the middle of 2015.”

Wheeler went on to say that getting the right policy and procedures for the auction is only half the job. He said that for the incentive auction to be a success, the FCC must also ensure that the operating systems and software to run it work from the moment the first bid is placed, until the final broadcast station is relocated or ‘repacked.’”

Up until December 6th the FCC appeared to be determined to hold the auction in June of 2014. However many details remain undetermined, including station repacking coordination along the borders with Canada and Mexico.

—Amateur Radio Newslines, Report 1896, December 13, 2013

SOLAR CYCLE 24 WEAKEST IN A CENTURY

Four leading solar scientists on told journalists that current solar Cycle 24 has demonstrated extremely low sunspot activity and appears to be the weakest cycle of the past 10 cycles – more than 100 years. This already has resulted in milder “space weather” and less-intense geomagnetic storms and “energetic par-

ticle events,” such as coronal mass ejections.

According to Spaceweather.com, since 2004 there have been 821 days without sunspots, compared to 486 days for the “typical” solar minimum, but none of these days fell within 2012 or 2013.

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HPARC JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1 — NEW YEAR'S DAY**
- 1 — ARRL Straight Key Night
- 4-5 — ARRL RTTY Roundup
- 5 — ARRL Kid's Day
- 11 — Winston Salem Firstfest
- 18-20 — ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes
- 20 — MARTIN L. KING JR BIRTHDAY**
(observed)
- 26 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline

BIRTHDAYS

- Larry Frye — January 15
- Robert Erdin — January 16

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