

MARCH 2014

# HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point  
Amateur Radio  
Club



## MARCH MEETING

Our newest member, Larry Kirby, will give the program for March. Larry will be talking about the North Carolina Aviation Museum in Asheboro where he volunteers.

Warren Gallemore talked about health matters including the meaning of some of those items measured in your blood work. Warren titled his presentation "What you always wanted to ask your doctor but were afraid to ask."

We have successfully moved our Saturday morning breakfast site to Biscuitville. There was a little confusion (2709 South Main beside Verizon

and the place we used to meet), but we have been having a crowd show up. Almost enough, actually, to hold a club meeting. This is a very informal meeting of club members and Hams with most showing up at 8:00 a.m. but some of us dragging in a little later.

I would remind you again that we are looking into alternate restaurants for the membership meetings. Are you satisfied with our current location, or do you have an idea for another place? Contact Dan Bly, House Committee chair, or a Board member with your recommendations.

One more reminder: the HPARC decided to have a net on the 147.165 repeater on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. John Starrett agreed to be the net control for this net. John is a new Ham, and as such it was decided that for the time being this would be a rag-chew net and we would see if this progress beyond just rag-chew. We had a good attendance at the first Tuesday, but are off on a rocky start since then. Support the HPARC and John by checking in on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

Hope to see everyone at the March meeting.

## NEW ARRL NORTH CAROLINA SECTION MANAGER

Karl Bowman, W4CHX, of Raleigh, is the new ARRL North Carolina Section Manager, effective on February 20. Outgoing SM Bill Morine, N2COP, of Wilmington, decided not to run for another term after serving since 2010. Although

his term did not end until April 1, Morine asked to step down early, due to business and personal commitments, and let Bowman step in. Membership and Volunteer Programs Manager Dave Patton, NN1N, reviewed Morine's recommendation and

consulted with Roanoke Division Director Dennis Bodson, W4PWF, before making the appointment official.

—The ARRL Letter,  
February 20, 2014

## WWW.W4UA.ORG

Remember that the HPARC's web page is now [www.w4ua.org](http://www.w4ua.org). If you use the old [w4ua.net](http://w4ua.net), you will be redirected to the dot org page.

Check out our web page. There is a lot of Ham and local information there.

Please remember to update your web browser bookmarks.

### HPARC Meeting March 3, 2014

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

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

# NO ONE VOTED IN UNANIMOUSLY

*[Ed. note: Every so often, I drag out this article to remind people of traditions and why no one in the HPARC gets voted in unanimously (at least while I remain in the HPARC).]*

Traditions are something we hold near and dear to ourselves. It has been a while since we have published this article, so I thought with new members coming on, it might be time to remind everyone of another HPARC tradition. NO ONE gets voted in unanimously in the HPARC; there is always one in the crowd who votes in the negative. It is a tradition that goes back to Lomer McMahan, WA4RIS.

Lomer never held office in the HPARC but was on the HPARC Board as membership chairman. As membership chairman, it was his duty to

present new members to the HPARC for consideration.

Lomer would present the prospective person to the HPARC for membership. When it came time for the vote on the new member, Lomer always voted “nay” with a wicked grin on his face.

Lomer became a silent key in 1993. On the first vote of a new member after Lomer’s passing, there were several nay votes.

As Lomer’s son, the tradition has fell to me to continue. I, too, ~~am~~ was the membership chairman. And I also vote against every new member (and any other resolution to come before the club). Some day I may be proven right when I can say, “See I told you so. I voted against it” (all in jest).

And so it has been to this

day, no one gets voted into the HPARC unanimously. It is a tradition.

Update: Through no fault of my own, I was elected President of the HPARC for 2014. It took some time to sink in, but I realized my vote had been taken away from me. As moderator, my vote only counts in case of a tie. Who would vote against someone applying for membership? Would someone get voted in with no objection after a period of at least 30 years or more?

My faith has been restored. At least two “nay” votes were cast against Larry at the February meeting (Sorry, Larry). Suddenly everything is alright in the universe. Balance has been restored. Again, no one gets voted into the HPARC unanimously. It is a tradition.

## SEND YOUR NAME TO THE ASTEROID BENNU

If you have ever wanted to vicariously into space, now is your chance. NASA is inviting people around the world including Ham Radio operators to submit their names to be etched on a microchip aboard a spacecraft headed to the asteroid Bennu in 2016.

The “Messages to Bennu” microchip will travel to the asteroid aboard the Origins Spectral Interpretation Resource Identification

Security Regolith Explorer spacecraft. The robotic mission will spend more than two years at the asteroid, which has a width of only about 1,760 feet. The spacecraft will collect a sample of Bennu’s surface and then return it to Earth.

The deadline to submit your name online is Sept. 30, 2014. Participants who submit their names to the “Messages to Bennu” cam-

paign will be able to print a certificate of appreciation to document their involvement. To submit your name for inclusion on this mission please take your web browser to [planetary.org/bennu](http://planetary.org/bennu). While there are no instructions as to how to include your call sign, we found it simple to just put it right after your last name. (ANS, NASA)

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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.

## LARRY KIRBY, KI4LHX, NEW MEMBER

Larry Kirby was voted in at the February meeting as the newest HPARC member. Larry and his wife, Brenda, live on the north end of High Point. He

is a General class licensee.

Larry has been downloading our newsletters from the web for some time and attending our Saturday breakfasts. I

guess we wore him down.

Larry hits the ground running giving the program for March. Welcome Larry to the HPARC.

## ARRL CENTENNIAL: A CENTURY OF AMATEUR RADIO AND THE ARRL

American Hams won high praise for their considerable help to the military during the Great War [WWI]. However, at the end of the war, hearings in Congress began on an effort to put all radio matters under the control of the US Navy. It was expected that the Navy would abolish Amateur Radio — despite the debt owed to Hams for their war service.

ARRL President Maxim and representatives of many of the large radio clubs in the country attended the hearings and spoke against the proposed legislation. The ARRL called on its membership and on families of Hams killed in action to speak out in opposition to the bill, which they did — in large numbers, and with emotional pleas. So, despite a strong effort to push the bill through, it died in committee and never reached the floor.

On April 12, 1919, five months after the armistice was signed, the US Navy Department announced that the ban on Amateur receiving would be lifted, but that the ban on transmitting would continue until the President of the United States officially announced that a state of peace existed.

Three months later, on July 24, the Navy tried again. The Secretary of the Navy wrote the President of the Senate, asking that legislation be enacted to give the Navy a monopoly on all oceanic and international radio communication. This effort was also defeated by the combined forces of American radio interests, including the efforts of the ARRL.

In August, the Navy again postponed the removal of the ban on transmitting by Hams.

A bill was introduced in Congress to force the Navy to lift the ban. Finally, under the threat of congressional action, the Navy, on September 26, 1919, lifted the transmitting ban and ceded authority over radio matters to the Department of Commerce. Amateur Radio was back in business!

In this year-long overview of the first 100 years of the ARRL, I've lingered over the early years simply because of their great importance. Without the early efforts of the League, its officers, and its members, we likely would not have Amateur Radio as it is today. Perhaps there would be no Amateur Radio at all.

— Al Brogdon, W1AB,  
The ARRL Letter,  
February 13, 2014,  
Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,  
Editor

## BATTLE OF GUILFORD COURTHOUSE SPECIAL EVENT

The Greensboro Amateur Radio Association (GARA) Special Event Amateur Radio Station is holding a special event commemorating the 233rd anniversary of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse. They will be operating using the special radio call sign N4G (Nathanael Greene) on March 15th - March 16th 2014. The event will take place at the Guilford Courthouse National

Military Park (GCNMP).

Times of operation will be as follows:

March 15, 2014 1300 UTC to  
March 16, 2014 1900 UTC

Frequencies:

15 meters (21.323)

20 meters (14.323)

40 meters (7.233)

75 meters (3.900)

2 meters (W4GSO, 145.15 -,  
100 Hz PL)

D-Star (Reflector 054C)

The Battle of Guilford Courthouse pitted General Greene against the British commander, Lord Cornwallis. Although technically a defeat to the Americans, the battle weakened the British army so that they could not pursue the retreating American army. Lord Cornwallis would meet final defeat at Yorktown just seven months later.

—<http://n4g-gch.org/>



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## HPARC MARCH CALENDAR

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| <b>3 — HPARC Club Meeting</b>                   | <b>17 — St. Patrick's Day</b>  |
| 7-8 — Charlotte Hamfest<br>(Cabarrus Arena)     | 20 — First Day of Spring       |
| <b>9 — Daylight Savings Time begins</b>         | 30 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline |
| 15-16 — ARRL International DX Contest,<br>phone |                                |

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