



DECEMBER MEETING, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Please note that our December meeting will be December 6 (Saturday). This is our HPARC meeting/Christmas party. We are having the meeting on Saturday in hopes that more of our members can attend.

There will be a short business meeting with election of officers. There will be no formal program. Bring your spouse

and socialize with members.

Our party is a covered dish potluck. Bring a finger food, main dish or dessert. You can call or email Mark McMahan if you would like to confirm what you are bringing for the party.

Larry Kirby, KI4LHX, gave the program for the November meeting. Larry's program was on analog to digital conversion.

On Christmas Day at 8:00

a.m., the HPARC will have its Christmas Day Roll Call. Remember to check in Christmas morning for the HPARC Roll Call.

Hope to see everyone at the club meeting. For those traveling for the holidays, be safe. Have a merry Christmas, a happy New Year and we hope next year is good one for everyone. Cheers.

CHRISTMAS DAY ROLL CALL 2014

Christmas Day Roll Call 2014 will mark 33 years as long standing HPARC tradition when club members gather on the club's repeater, 147.165, on Christmas morning to answer to a roll call.

On Christmas Day, our net control operator will call out

all club member's names over our 2-meter repeater, 147.165, starting at 8:00 a.m. Each member answers and is welcome to give a brief Christmas greeting to their fellow Hams. After going through the list of HPARC members, the net control opens the net for late and

other check-ins. Non-members are welcome to join in as well. After the net, a few Hams hang around to ragchew and brag (or complain) about what Santa brought them.

Please be with us early Christmas morning for our Christmas Day Roll Call.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2014

The Nominating Committee made their recommendations for officers for 2014 at the November meeting. Those recommendations are: Mark McMahan, KB4MFP, for president; Dan Bly, KB8TLF, for vice-president; Larry Kirby, KI4LHX, for secretary; and Warren Gallemore, KA4LOQ, for treasurer.

According to HPARC bylaws, no further nominations may be made at the December meeting.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their work. This year's nominating committee included David Macchiarolo, Dan Bly, Larry Kirby, Bob Erdin, and Dwight Sledge.

Please attend the December meeting and cast your vote.

**HPARC Meeting
December 6, 2014**

**Hickory Chapel Wesleyan
Church Fellowship Building,
301 Hickory Chapel Road,
High Point**

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

RILEY HOLLINGSWORTH AT FORSYTH ARC

Former FCC Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, told the Forsyth Amateur Radio Club that the FCC is still active in the Amateur Radio enforcement arena, even though it's not always apparent. He spoke to the Winston-Salem, North Carolina, club on November 10.

"You may not think so, but enforcement is very much alive," said Hollingsworth, who – although retired – still keeps up with goings on at the FCC and with the enforcement activities of his successor, FCC Special Counsel Laura Smith.

"You just don't hear a lot about it, as you used to," he said, because Ham Radio news media report only the "big announcements" these days. During his tenure, Hollingsworth routinely released preliminary letters of inquiry and warning notices to Radio Amateurs suspected of breaking the rules. Now, he said, the FCC is using "the IRS model" of releasing information, partly in response to privacy considerations.

"You only see final actions [now]," he said. "So, you don't think a lot's being done, but it's all behind the scenes, and

you don't know about it."

In remarks now familiar to many who have heard him speak at Dayton Hamvention and elsewhere, Hollingsworth also warned his audience members against getting into on-the-air spats with rude or careless operators.

"Don't engage people, and don't humor the idiots," he said. "Stupidity can't be regulated, no matter how good the rules are. Just turn the big knob. Every rig has one."

—The ARRL Letter,
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Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,
Editor

"AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT OF 2014" ATTRACTS MORE THAN A DOZEN NEW CO-SPONSORS

The list of co-sponsors for the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014, H.R. 4969, has grown to 63. Sixteen new co-sponsors signed aboard as the 113th Congress re-convened for its final session before adjournment. ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, is urging ARRL members to keep in contact with their Congressional representatives and to encourage them to become co-sponsors to the bill.

"We are excited about the addition of 16 new co-sponsors when Congress reconvened after the November mid-term elections," Henderson said.

"Each new co-sponsor brings us one step closer to achieving our goal of getting HR 4969 enacted. We have a long way to go - but we are definitely moving in the right direction."

H.R. 4969, which was introduced in the US House of Representatives with bipartisan support in late June, would call on the FCC to apply the "reasonable accommodation" three-part test of the PRB-1 federal pre-emption policy to private land-use restrictions regarding antennas. The limited PRB-1 pre-emption currently applies only to state and municipal land-use ordinances. The FCC has

indicated its reluctance to provide the same legal protections from private land-use agreements – often called covenants, conditions, and restrictions or CC&Rs – without direction from Congress.

The League has opened a HR.4969 page. HR.4969 has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Rep Greg Walden, W7EQI (R-OR), chairs that panel's Communications and Technology Subcommittee, which will consider the measure.

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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.

ARRL ASKS FCC TO CONTINUE ISSUING HARD COPY LICENSES TO THOSE WHO WANT THEM

The ARRL has recommended that the FCC continue to provide paper license documents to Amateur Radio licensees who want them. The League's remarks were in response to an FCC Public Notice (in WT Docket 14-161) that proposed to cease the routine issuance of hard-copy license documents to all Wireless Service licensees, including Radio Amateurs. While having a paper license document from the FCC to post on the wall of the Ham shack has been a tradition, the Commission for several years has considered the "official" Amateur Radio license to be the virtual document residing in its Universal Licensing System (ULS) database.

"The FCC is willing to continue to mail paper licenses to those who request them," ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, has explained. "However, they are making available to licensees — starting right now — the actual license to print via the FCC ULS, and it is allowing Hams now to opt out of receiving paper licenses from the FCC directly."

Under the FCC-proposed

process, once a license application is granted, the ULS will generate an official electronic license but will no longer mail a hard copy license unless notified that the licensee wishes to receive an official paper license document. Until new procedures are final, however, the Commission will continue to print and mail official paper licenses, unless notified to stop.

The ARRL pointed out that not everyone has easy access to, or is comfortable using, the ULS and that Amateur Radio licensees may occasionally need an official license document — for example, when applying for a license upgrade at a VEC exam session or for vehicle call sign license plates.

"If there is not a license printed on distinctive license stock by the Commission, authentication issues arise and the possibility of electronic alteration of a license document is created," the League.

The ARRL also suggested that requiring individuals to go online in order to obtain a license document may

prove to be a roadblock to some applicants.

"It is not acceptable to erect barriers to entry for anyone to obtain an Amateur Radio license or to modify a license," the League commented. "ARRL is concerned that there should be, especially for newcomers, an easy, intuitive path to make the election for license delivery method that does not involve ULS access at the outset."

The ULS License Manager online system now includes a setting that allows licensees to notify the FCC that they want to receive official licenses on paper. Licensees could change the default setting online, so that once an application has been granted, the FCC would mail an official paper license.

—The ARRL Letter,
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Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, Ed.

"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins."

—Matthew 1:21 NASV

REALTIME BAND CONDITIONS WEBSITE

bandconditions.com is a newly created website that supplies real time band condition information to operators wanting to get this up to the minute information. The data provided is based on what the developers call a new Ionospheric Sounding method called "HF Ionospheric Interferometry" which operates

very similarly to the PolSAR system used by NASA.

Reports are generated and uploaded to the web server every 30 seconds. Header information includes a Date, Time in GMT and a report number in sequential order. A web browser refresh command is also sent so the user does not have to hit the

refresh button for the latest report. The web browser does it automatically for them.

The display shows the Meter Band in red and the Band Quality Index as blue colored number at the bottom of the band scale.

—Amateur Radio Newsline,
Report 1945, Nov. 21, 2014



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HPARC DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 5-7 — ARRL 160-Meter Contest
- 6 — HPARC Club Meeting**
- 7 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 13-14 — ARRL 10-Meter Contest
- 17 — Wright Brother's Day
- 21 — First Day of Winter
- 21 — ARRL Rookie Roundup—CW
- 25 — CHRISTMAS**
 (Don't forget the HPARC
 Christmas Day Roll Call)
- 28 — Newsletter deadline
- 31 — NEW YEAR'S EVE**

BIRTHDAYS

- Roland Wright — December 9
- Chris Horne — December 12

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