

NOVEMBER 2015



## NOVEMBER MEETING

Thanksgiving Day is in the month of November, but we can be thankful every month of the year. We have a lot to be thankful for.

Chris Horne, W4CKH, will give the program for November. Chris will talk about his travels in his career and how Ham Radio had a part.

Dale Waterson, WD4DIY, gave the October program on Paperchasing and collecting certificates. Dale showed off his extensive collection of certificates he has acquired over the years. If you are interested, Dale will send you his Powerpoint presentation which lists sites to visit with information on obtaining certificates.

The amendments to our Articles of Incorporation finally have made it through the State. A minor correction had to be made, and the amendments have now been approved.

We have also heard from the IRS on our 501(c)3 application. They have received our application and, barring any problems, we should hear something in the next 90 days.

I again want to remind you about our Christmas meeting/party on Saturday, December 5, 2015. I want to give you plenty of time to plan to be with us. The meeting/party will be at the same location as last year—Hickory Chapel

Wesleyan Church Fellowship Building. At the November meeting, we will pass around a sign-up sheet to see what everyone is bringing (and so there will be no duplicates). This is a fun time for the club. Bring your spouses and invite some friends. For this meeting, we will have a brief business meeting first and eat afterwards (opposite of what we normally do at meetings).

The club is still conducting a food drive. Bring non-perishable food items to the meeting. Warren Gallemore and John Starrett have been in charge of the donations.

Hope to see everyone at the November meeting. See you.

## OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2016

The Nominating Committee has met and made their recommendations for officers for 2016. They have recommended that we keep the same officers in place for another year. In case you have forgotten, those currently serving as officers are: Mark McMahan, KB4MFP, for President; Dan Bly, KB8TLF, for Vice-president; Larry Kirby, KI4LHX, for Secretary; and

Warren Gallemore, KA4LOQ, for Treasurer. (I guess I lied in the last newsletter about you getting a better President next year. Better luck next time.)

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the November meeting. Elections will be held at the December meeting, and, as stated in the HPARC bylaws, no further nominations may be made at the December meeting.

The Nominating Committee

for 2015 consists of: Dan Bly, David Macchiarolo, Larry Kirby, Bob Erdin, and Dale Waterson.

**HPARC Meeting  
November 2, 2015**

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

Meal at 6:30 p.m.  
Business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

## HPARC TO CONTINUE COLLECTING FOOD

At the August meeting, the HPARC collected canned and packaged food to be distributed among a couple of members who are associated with

food pantries and food kitchens. It was decided by the club to continue this activity.

If you wish to participate, please bring non-perishable

food items to the club. It doesn't have to be canned food – just non-perishable such as boxed or packaged food items.

We appreciate your help.

## PLUGGING THE HOLES IN CALIFORNIA'S SAFETY NET

Hams in the Laguna Woods, California area now have a wireless network to use for data transmissions in extreme emergencies. Three new antennas just went up in the region, creating the Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network, also known as "Hamnet."

Dave Southworth, KS6RFI, secretary of the Laguna Woods club, describes it as "very similar to the Internet in that you can send email and everything else. But you can't go out and send it to mom and pop out in

Wisconsin." It's a mesh network, with each antenna performing the same role a router might perform for the Internet. And it provides speeds for data transmission that outpaces even the voice of a radio operator. Yes, it's THAT fast – and it should be. It's the area's safety net for communications.

Southworth adds, "it's an alternate communication path. If there was a big earthquake where the earth shifted and cut Internet cables, then we'd use our radios and Hamnet

capabilities to communicate between other Hamnet meshes." It could even transmit pictures of areas needing emergency services, giving first-responders an idea of what's needed.

And it's one of many such projects throughout California's Orange County. With this Hamnet, the region's safety net has just widened a little bit more.

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,  
Report 1982,  
October 23, 2015

## HAMVENTION INTERVENTION

A published report in Dayton, Ohio, has cast doubts on the location of next year's Dayton Hamvention. An October 2 report published in the Dayton Daily News notes that this global gathering of more than 25,000 amateurs, which infuses the local economy with \$8.5-million each year, may face relocation from Hara Arena. Hamvention has been held there since 1964. It is no secret that the arena has been beset with financial challenges in recent years.

Emails obtained recently by the newspaper raise questions about the arena's future, and describe how city and tourism

officials are scrambling to compile alternative sites to keep Hamvention in the Dayton region. An August 26 email from Dayton Convention Manager Michael Cashman to one Dayton official described the prospect of holding Hamvention 2016 at Hara as "highly unlikely." Cashman's message reported that the Dayton Amateur Radio Association had already been given tours of such alternate venues as the Dayton Convention Center and the Dayton Airport Expo Center.

But Jim Tideman, N8IDS, general chairman of the Dayton Amateur Radio Association, has

been downplaying the somber prospect of relocation. Tideman says the board does not foresee any relocation unless "something catastrophic" happens. And the Dayton/Montgomery County Convention & Visitors Bureau agreed this is not the first year that alternative sites have been put on the table for Hamvention.

Meanwhile, it's business as usual, as planning sessions continue for Hamvention 2016. The Dayton gathering is set to run May 20 through the 22nd.

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,  
Report 1980,  
October 9, 2015

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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 p.m. at a local restaurant announced in the newsletter. The business meeting starts around 7:00 p.m. 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.

# PARITY ACT HOUSE COSPONSORS NOW IN TRIPLE DIGITS!

The Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 bill in the US House (H.R. 1301) now has 106 cosponsors! ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, credited ARRL members “who understand the importance of the legislation” with making it possible to reach that milestone.

“They have signed letters at Hamfests and conventions all over the country, at booths staffed by Directors, Vice Directors, Section Managers, and other ARRL officials,” President Craigie said. Backing up those efforts have been recent personal visits to Capitol Hill by ARRL Directors Dick Isely, W9GIG, and

Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, as well as by General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD.

The 100th cosponsor of H.R. 1301 was Rep Larry Bucshon [R-IN], who signed aboard on October 16. Six more cosponsors added their names on October 20 and 21. They are Reps Steve Chabot, [R-OH], Mike Bost [R-IL], and Frank LoBiondo [R-NJ]; Katherine Clark [D-MA]; Thomas MacArthur [R-NJ], and Sheila Jackson Lee [D-TX].

The Amateur Radio Parity Act would direct the FCC to extend its Part 97 Amateur Radio Service rules relating to “reasonable accommodation” of Amateur Service communications to include private land use restrictions. There are two bills, one in the US House and one in the US Senate. US Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) introduced H.R. 1301 on March 4 with 12 original cosponsors from both sides of the aisle. US Sen Roger Wicker (R-MS) introduced S. 1685 into the US Senate on June 25, with Sen Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) as the original cosponsor.

“We are not done by any means,” President Craigie added. “Let’s push the numbers up and keep our representatives and senators aware of how much we care about this issue.”

—*The ARRL Letter*,

October 22, 2015,

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, Editor

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor— and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Opening quote from the Thanksgiving Proclamation  
signed by George Washington,  
President of the United States of America, October 3, 1789

## YOU THINK YOU HAD A BAD DAY?

As Radio Amateurs, many of us all understand all too well the challenges of putting up and maintaining a tower. But some listeners to a professional radio station in Oklahoma got a rude reception on September 23 when the tower of radio station KGUY, 91.3 FM, took a tumble.

Not on its own, thankfully – but at the hands of a tower crew from American Tower Corporation, which took the broadcaster’s tower down without first notifying the station it had arrived to do the work.

Dale Bolton, the public radio

station’s director of programming and operations, said a crew had been hired because the 418-foot tower had been standing at an odd angle and was in need of repairs for safety reasons. But, Bolton adds, the timing came as a total surprise. He said “it would have been nice if we were able to give our listeners notice.”

Instead, the tower came down, crashing into the satellite dish and brushing the station building before landing in an open field -- right in the middle of a classical music program. It knocked the sta-

tion off the air, sending anxious listeners to the phones.

Perhaps, though, the listeners should not have been so shocked. According to an online account from Wireless Estimator, music fans might have been tipped off by the playlist, saying the tower’s dismantling was “perhaps timed perfectly by the tower techs for it to pancake upon the earth at the end of Siegfried’s funeral march blasting from their crew cab.”

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,  
Report 1979,  
October 2, 2015



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## HPARC NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 — Daylight Savings Time ends  
(move clocks back one hour)
- 2 — **HPARC Club Meeting**
- 4 — Election Day
- 7-9 — ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW
- 10 — Marine Corps Day
- 11 — **VETERAN'S DAY**
- 15 — Jarsfest Benson, NC
- 21-23 — ARRL November Sweepstakes,  
phone
- 26 — **THANKSGIVING**

- 29 — HPARC Newsletter deadline
- 28-29 — CQ Worldwide Contest, CW
- Dec 5 — HPARC Club Meeting/  
Christmas party**

### BIRTHDAYS

- Duane Brantley — November 13
- Lewis Denny — November 26

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