

NOVEMBER 2016

# HPARC NEWSLETTER

*High Point  
Amateur Radio  
Club*



## NOVEMBER MEETING

David Macchiarolo informs me the program for November will be programs. Let me explain: David wants input from the club members on just what kind of programs you are interested in hearing about. All programs don't have to be terribly technical. Or on just Ham Radio. Maybe you would like some aspect of radio explained to you. Maybe you there is something you think is a silly question (there are no silly questions. We are here to learn and grow in the hobby). What would you like to hear about? Think on it, and let us know at the November meeting.

Tom Evans, N4AU, gave an interesting program for October on Magnetic Loop Antennas. David Macchiarolo

helped with a Power Point presentation. Tom has designed antennas previously, and this one is great for someone living in an antenna restricted area.

With the change of club officers, I have been asked repeatedly "who is going to do the newsletter next year?" Unfortunately, you are stuck with me. The Newsletter used to be one of the responsibilities of the club President. Some have assumed that since I was Secretary in the past, it was the responsibility of the Secretary. Truth is: the Newsletter Editor is not even mentioned as a position in our By-Laws. Maybe that position should have been mentioned.

I volunteered to take on the newsletter editor's position many years ago because I was

young, arrogant and thought because I was a graphic artist, I could do a better job of creating the newsletter. I'm older now (but probably still arrogant) and realize I should have let sleeping dogs lie.

It has been difficult at times to be the Newsletter Editor, and I have wished several times someone would take over. I don't know that I have done such a good job. I am willing to lay down the title anytime someone wants to take on the position and run with it. But until then, I guess you are still stuck with me.

Great attendance at the meetings lately. Look forward to seeing you all in November.

Don't forget our Christmas Party/Meeting will be December 3, 2016, Saturday.

## OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2017

The Nominating Committee has met and made their recommendations for officers for 2017. Their selections are: Dan Bly, KB8TLF, for President; Mark McMahan, KB4MFP, for Vice-president; David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF, for Secretary; and Warren Gallemore, KA4LOQ, for Treasurer.

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 2016 consists of: Dan Bly, David Macchiarolo,

Tom Evans, Art Johnson, and Warren Gallemore.

**HPARC Meeting  
November 7, 2016**

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

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

# HPARC CHRISTMAS PARTY/MEETING

The HPARC Christmas Party/Meeting will be on December 3, 2016, Saturday at the Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Fellowship Building. This is the same location we have had our December party/meeting in for the last few years.

This year, the club voted to try something different. We are going to have the party catered. We have arranged for Snyder Farms to cater our

party/meeting.

The club gets to pick the menu. We can pick two meats and three vegetables. Put on your thinking caps and help us plan the menu. Snyder Farms will also provide tea and bread.

If you want to fix an extra dish or dessert, you still can do that in addition to the menu.

Snyder Farms has another engagement that same night,

so we will need to either pick up the meal or have them drop it off and serve ourselves.

The cost will be \$10.50 per person. We need a head count at the November meeting so we inform Snyder Farms.

Please let John Starrett or one of the officers know by the November meeting if you plan to attend and if you are bringing someone with you so we can firm our plans. Thank you.

## NEW MEMBERS

We had two new members join the HPARC at the October meeting. Matt Flyer is from High Point and just passed his

General class license. Brian Simpson lives in Jamestown and is also a General. Brian was an active participant in our recent

Field Day as well as attending our Saturday breakfasts.

Please make these guys feel welcome in our club.

## MIKE CUMBO, ND4S, NOMINATED TO THE ARRL A-1 OPS CLUB

Mike Cumbo, ND4S, was recently nominated to become a member of the ARRL A-1 Ops Club.

Membership is available to all currently active, licensed Amateur Radio operators. Membership comes after nomination by two club members who find the nominee qualified to be a member of this elite group. Note that the A-1 Ops Club membership is based upon ON-AIR operating proficiency.

Nominations should follow these guidelines:

1. General considerations. Transmissions are stable, well filtered, and occupying the minimum required

bandwidth. On voice, clarity of speech, brevity, uses appropriate words and good grammar. On digital modes, clean tones and appropriate operating-frequency selection. On CW, proper character formation and spacing with appropriate speeds (high-speed ability is not a consideration).

2. Procedure. Always listens before transmitting. Appropriately short CQs, avoidance of unnecessary repetition, use of proper procedures and abbreviations recommended by ARRL, avoidance of common inanities in making contacts. When operating a message

forwarding system, makes sure that traffic is routed to its destination.

3. Judgment and courtesy. Courteous, and considerate of the other operator's point of view. Takes every opportunity to assist others, especially beginners. Patient and helpful at all times, and never knowingly operates in such a way as to lessen the pleasure of others.

4. Copying ability. This applies to all modes, for there is a knack to passing information through such difficulties as interference from other stations (QRM), atmospheric noises (QRN), fading (QSB), etc.

Congratulations, Mike.

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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 (except for holidays) 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.

# PRESIDENT'S EDITORIAL

I haven't written many editorials in the HPARC Newsletter, but since I am also the Newsletter editor, I guess it could be said that everything in the Newsletter is an editorial. Be that as it may, here is my take on the upcoming HPARC elections.

If you read the article from the front page of this Newsletter, it may seem to you that the election of officers is almost like musical chairs with the same players just switching chairs. And you would be correct.

The problem with small clubs is that there aren't many people willing to serve for the Nominating Committee to pick from for officer positions. This makes a nominating commit-

tee's job a very difficult one.

I used to belong to an organization that had as one of its goals to train young men to take leadership positions. You learned about Robert's Rules of Orders and how to conduct meetings. You made a plan, and you followed the guidelines. You learned through your mistakes. Although that organization had its flaws, I believe I learned from belonging to it.

I believe we have some hidden talent amongst us. We just need to push (gently) to get them to serve. This is a Radio club. What is the worse thing that will happen if you totally mess up? We won't lose any contracts. The club won't go bankrupt (we hope). And most

of us are good guys; we won't bite your head off if you mess up (I did say most of us).

Ham Radio is a hobby. It is supposed to be fun. So should serving in any position in our club.

I understand from the Nominating Committee that they have devised a plan to involve more people in committee positions to get people in the groove and more likely to volunteer for an officer position next time around.

I would like to encourage you to serve on a committee. Be the chairman of that committee. Do the best job you can. If you need it, don't be afraid to ask for help. After all, we are here to have fun. Right? So let's have fun.

## THIS MYSTERY WAS IN THE BAG

This story takes us to the Philippines, where Vladimir Sarmiento DW4VLS seemed on his way to becoming a hero after he'd stopped to aid a bicyclist in distress. The man had discovered a large closed garbage bag near the embankment of a creek and immediately feared the worst - that inside was the body of yet another victim of an extra-judicial killing. The stench was so bad he could

barely stand it.

When the cyclist flagged down Vladimir, the Ham got on the radio to Alfredo Panti DU4AAP who, in turn, notified police. Authorities immediately dispatched an inspector to the site, proclaiming it a crime scene and roping it off. The long investigation began.

Four hours later, however, the investigation ended abruptly just as the municipal health

officer, Dr. Elva Joson, arrived and opened the bag. Inside, the doctor found a body in the state of advanced decomposition.

The body was that of a pig.

With the story having morphed into a tale of barnyard justice gone wrong, authorities concluded this was less a case of homicide than simply... HAMicide.

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,  
Report 2035, Oct. 28, 2016

## THAILANDS KING ADULYADEJ, HS1A, SK

Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX), HS1A, died on October 13, after a long period of declining health. Born in Massachusetts while his physician father was at Harvard University, the king, whose name translates as "strength of the land, incomparable power," was 88. Noted DXer

Fred Laun, K3ZO/HSØZAR, said the king was never very active on the air, and mostly operated using a handheld on 2-meter FM. The king also enjoyed photography and jazz, and played the saxophone.

The king was the patron of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST), the coun-

try's IARU member society. According to RAST, the king was "presented the call sign HS1A by the Ministry of Communications" in a 1989 ceremony. He was the world's longest-reigning monarch.

—*The ARRL Letter*,  
October 20, 2016  
Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,  
Editor



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## HPARC NOVEMBER CALENDAR

5-6 — ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW

6 — Daylight Savings Time ends  
 (move clocks back one hour)

7 — **HPARC Club Meeting**

8 — Election Day

10 — Marine Corps Day

11 — **VETERAN'S DAY**

19-21 — ARRL November Sweepstakes,  
 phone

20 — Jarsfest Benson, NC

24 — **THANKSGIVING**

27 — HPARC Newsletter deadline

29-30 — CQ Worldwide Contest, CW

**Dec 3 — HPARC Club Meeting/  
 Christmas party**

### BIRTHDAYS

Steve Chambers — November 20

Lewis Denny — November 26

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**Breakfast  
 every Saturday**

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**8:00 a.m.**

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**Biscuitville,  
 2709 S. Main St.**