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HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



JANUARY MEETING

Happy New Year! We made it to yet another year! We even managed to survive all those political ads. Whew!

For the January meeting, David Macchiarolo is giving a program you can wrap your hands around – literally. David intends to talk about handie talkies and repeaters – how they work, and how to program your handie to connect to the club’s repeater. What we need from you is for you to tell us in advance what kind of handie you are using. Send us an email at aj4tf@arrl.net or w4ua@arrl.net or call David at 869-2894 and tell us what brand and model of

2-meter handie you have.

The December meeting was as usual our annual Christmas meeting/party. This year we had the event catered by Snyder Farms. We had a good number of members in attendance. From those I spoke with, it seems as though everyone had a good time.

The HPARC did something different this year to pay for use of Hickory Chapel Wesleyan’s Activity Building. A motion was made to give \$80 from the treasury for use of the building. The motion was amended to add that we would also give any donations that were collected. I am proud

to say the HPARC collected another \$67.39 to make our total donation to the church in the amount of \$147.39. Wow! I am sure the church will be very grateful. Thank you!

Matt Flyer did an excellent job of being our net control for the HPARC Christmas Day Roll Call this year. Thanks, Matt for volunteering for this event.

David Macchiarolo’s dad recently passed away. Our condolences to David.

Hope to everyone in the New Year. We have been missing some. We trust all is well with you. Please make plans to be with us in the coming year.

AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT BILL UNABLE TO OVERCOME FLORIDA SENATOR’S OBJECTIONS

The Amateur Radio Parity Act, H.R. 1301, suffered an unbecoming demise on December 9 as the 114th Congress drew to a close. After passing the House of Representatives on a unanimous vote earlier this fall, the bill stalled in the Senate due to the intervention of only one member, Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL). The measure would have directed the FCC to extend its rules relating to

reasonable accommodation of Amateur Service communications to private land-use restrictions, such as covenants, conditions, and restrictions (CC&Rs) imposed by homeowners associations.

“[During 2016] Nelson received thousands of emails, letters, and phone calls from concerned constituents asking for his support of H.R. 1301. Numerous meetings were held with his senior staff in an

effort to move the legislation forward,” ARRL said in a news release. “Negotiations, which

H.R.1301 continued inside...

**HPARC Meeting
January 2, 2017**

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

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

2017 HPARC OFFICERS

Officers were voted in at the December HPARC meeting. Those voted in as officers were: Dan Bly (KB8TLF), President; Mark McMahan (KB4MFP), Vice-President; David

Macchiarolo (AJ4TF), Secretary; and Warren Gallemore (KA4LOQ), Treasurer.

The nominating committee has suggested to get new members into chairmanships for the

coming year to help them transition into leadership roles in the next officer election. It is difficult in a small club to come up with officers. Please help if you are called on to be a chairman.

ARRL TRANSITIONING TO NEW PLATFORM

ARRL is moving to a new digital publishing platform! The January 2017 digital edition of QST will be the first produced using PageSuite. ARRL Publications Manager Steve Ford, WB8IMY, said the transition from the current Nxtbook platform to PageSuite not only will improve members' reading experience, it will be more convenient.

"PageSuite provides a sleek, modern design that runs on desktop browsers, mobile browsers, and within apps for mobile devices," Ford said. "PageSuite does not require Flash but uses HTML5 instead. This alleviates many security concerns and makes the magazine more broadly compatible."

New QST issues, beginning with the January 2017 edition, will take up less space on mobile devices, speeding up download time. Added features include digital bookmarks to save a page and pick up right where you left off, and a clipping tool to save or share important passages as JPEG files. Video files will be hosted on YouTube in high resolution.

The new application is compatible with Android devices, iOS devices — including iPhones, iPod touches, and iPads — and will be newly available to Kindle Fire. These apps will receive regular, quick updates in order to keep the application running smoothly.

Ford said the link to the digital edition of the monthly

journal will remain in the same spot on the QST website, and members will continue to be notified of its release via e-mail.

ARRL has compiled a "how-to" guide to help members navigate PageSuite, which will be available on the QST web page on the day the January digital edition is announced.

Members can use the online digital QST feedback form to comment on the new platform when it is available. To ease the transition, Nxtbook applications will continue to function on iOS and Android devices until January 1.

—*The ARRL Letter*,
December 8, 2016

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, Ed.

FCC CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER TO STEP DOWN

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler has announced that he will step down in January, when President Barack Obama's term ends. An Obama appointee, Wheeler has headed the Commission for 3 years.

Wheeler was a staunch proponent of the FCC's net neutrality policy, which has been opposed by conservatives as

government overreach.

When Wheeler departs on January 20, the FCC will be left with two Republicans — Ajit Pai and Michael O'Rielly — and one Democrat — Mignon Clyburn, whose term ends in mid-2017. Democratic commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel failed to gain confirmation for another term

before Congress adjourned and is expected to depart by year's end. The FCC's five commissioners are appointed by the president, the political balance favoring the party holding the White House.

—*The ARRL Letter*,
December 22, 2016

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, Ed.

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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.

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led to an agreement with the Community Associations Institute (CAI), the national association of homeowner's associations and publicly supported by CAI and ARRL, were brushed aside by Sen. Nelson as irrelevant."

In a final meeting with Nelson's staff as the 114th Congress neared adjournment, it became clear that no matter what was said or done, the

Senator would oppose the bill and refuse to allow it to move forward. Because the measure had not been put on the floor schedule, the only way it could have passed the Senate would have been through a process called "unanimous consent." A Senate member may request unanimous consent on the floor to set aside rules and expedite proceedings. If any single Senator objects, though, the request is rejected.

The unhappy ending followed nearly 2 years of intense effort on the part of ARRL and thousands of its members, who contacted their Congressional representatives to urge their support of the measure on Capitol Hill. The ARRL Board of Directors is expected to discuss the future of the initiative at its January meeting.

—*The ARRL Letter*,

December 15, 2016

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, Ed.

NEWS FROM MIKE AT TEN-TEC

[Editor's note: this post was heavily edited to fit our newsletter format. See complete post on QRZ.com]

Greetings Friends and Fellow Ten-Tec Enthusiasts,

I wanted to update you on what is happening in Sevierville. As some of you know Ten Tec has been occupying office condominium space behind the site of the former factory where now a Wal-Mart Express is sitting. This site is not appropriate for our needs. Starting last week, we are moving out of this location into a more industrial friendly space. Unfortunately this location is not zoned for commercial walk in traffic, so the days of someone showing up at the factory door unfortunately have come to an end. After an entire year of searching for any possible opportunity to move, this is all we have been able to come up with.

We are moving the remain-

der of this month. You all know what that means. Service will be slow this month. Robert decided not to have you send in radios this month so we wouldn't have to move them. There is no cause for alarm or speculation. Service will continue just as soon as we are moved.

I am rebuilding Ten-Tec and preparing to do some serious manufacturing, which brings me to my next point.

Most of you know we have been bogged down and overwhelmed with the commercial side of our business this last year since I officially assumed the helm in January. We just haven't had the horsepower to build any Amateur transceivers. Well, the good news is we have caught up on our commercial contracts.

I'm certain some of you have heard that I and two partners acquired Alpha and that I've been officially at the Helm since August. It is a separate

company from Dishtronix / TEN-TEC. Of course I will be building the circuit boards for those products as well. I'm after something business people call economy of scale, essentially having enough product flow through the doors to totally occupy the machines and infrastructure.

By the way, we do have RX340s available to build on short notice now. Let me close by wishing you all a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving holiday, one of my favorites and of course the reason I see my dentist in November for my pre-feast tune up.

The Sevierville team and I appreciate your support for Ten-Tec, where we believe we are once again Making America Great – One Radio at a Time.

—VY73 DE MIKE,

N8WFF, AA4OO,

December 13, 2016,

QRZ.com news forums

CHRISTMAS DAY ROLL CALL 2016

If I counted correctly (sorry, I almost slept through), I think we had around 14 to check in for the HPARC Christmas Day Roll Call. That is about double

what we did for last year.

Matt Flyer, KM4WON, one of our newest members, was our net control for this event. Matt did an excellent job con-

ducting the net.

Good to hear activity on the 2-meter repeater. Maybe we can count on hearing more people using the repeater? Hope so.



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HPARC JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1 — NEW YEAR'S DAY**
- 1 — ARRL Straight Key Night
- 2 — HPARC Club Meeting**
- 7 — ARRL Kid's Day
- 7-8 — ARRL RTTY Roundup
- 14 — Winston Salem Firstfest
- 16 — MARTIN L. KING JR BIRTHDAY**
(observed)
- 21-23 — ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes
- 29 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline

BIRTHDAYS

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

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