

JULY 2017

# HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point  
Amateur Radio  
Club



## JULY MEETING

David Macchiarolo discussed Field Day at the June meeting: the history and the rules and preparations for the upcoming Field Day.

Due to scheduling conflicts with Rancho's, the July meeting has been canceled by action of the HPARC Board. Rancho's will be closed for the

week of the Fourth, and there were no open dates for any Monday or Tuesday for July.

**July meeting canceled.  
Will meet August 11, 2017**

Plan on being with us for the August meeting.

Field Day was a little wet

this year but nothing compared to the down pour we received two years ago. David is feverishly working on the logs and should soon have a final score for us.

Hope to see you all at the August meeting when we will have a complete report on Field Day.

## FIELD DAY 2017 RECAP

What to say about Field Day? Well it was wet. Even before the thunder boomer that came through Saturday afternoon. And wouldn't you know it: that is when Fox 8 sent out a camera man to film the event. Our crew valiantly stuck to the radios with thunder in the background until the camera man left the grounds. We are happy to report that no one was injured in the filming of this event. By the way, Fox 8 repeated the piece on Field Day several times to give the club and Ham Radio a good amount of coverage.

The fields were damp and in some places quite soggy. After the thunderstorm, we cooked hot dogs with the rain still drizzling (under an umbrella no less). As usual there were some good treats provided by

members and their spouses.

We had some brave souls spend the night at the radios. Chris and Mindy together made about 300 contacts. Lon Cecil stayed at the radio all night, while others faded out before morning (not mentioning any names, Mr. Field Day chairman.)

We had quite an attendance. Several visitors with even a visit by the High Point Police Department. I had left to change into dry clothes only to come back and see not one, but four police cars. I wondered, "How much trouble can the guys get in while I was gone for such a short period of time?" Turns out they responded to an invite by Matt Flyer who handled PR for Field Day.

By the way, there was also

an article printed in the High Point Enterprise about Field Day. It was a nice article with quotes from Matt Flyer.

As I said in the previous article, David is feverishly working on compiling the score for Field Day (even though this is not a contest. But it is nice to see our name close to the top of the list). We will probably announce the score in an later email since our July meeting has been canceled.

Anyway, I think most if not all enjoyed themselves.

**HPARC Meeting  
August 7, 2017**

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

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

# BEAR IS UNWANTED VOLUNTEER AS ARES TEAM SUPPORTS COLORADO ROAD RACE

Lots of things can go awry when Amateur Radio volunteers are supporting public service events, from technical and weather problems to lost or injured participants. The 2017 Garden of the Gods 10-mile and 10-kilometer races in Colorado was no exception. On Sunday, June 11, the Pikes Peak Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) deployed a dozen operators to support more than 1,400 runners in scenic Garden of the Gods Park just west of Colorado Springs. John Bloodgood, KD0SFY, Region 2, District 2 Emergency Coordinator and Public Information Officer said all was going well, with cooperative weather and only a slight delay due to traffic — nothing out of the ordinary.

“The real excitement came when a couple of the reporting positions called in to report that a bear was on the course,”

Bloodgood said. “Bears are not uncommon in this area, and most of the locals aren’t too fazed by them; we know they will be out foraging this time of year.” But for runners unfamiliar with the lay of the land there, the sudden appearance of a bear can be alarming, he added.

“This bear was apparently trying to get across the road and wasn’t quite sure why all these people were running through its home so early on a Sunday morning,” Bloodgood said. “It finally saw a gap between groups of runners and dashed across the road, but not before local runner Donald Sanborn managed to get a few pictures of it. In the end, the problem resolved itself before any intervention was necessary.”

Bloodgood said Dan Huber, KN0MAP, saw the bear and was the first operator to call it in. Matthew Bowker,

KD0THF, reported it based on reports from runners.

Bloodgood said the ARES volunteers tracked the first three male and female runners from both the 10-mile and the 10-kilometer races, reported on any medical issues, supported aid station logistics, helped to ensure the course was clear, tracked the last runners, and provided an operator on a bicycle for the sweep function.

Bears notwithstanding, Bloodgood said the event has been a fairly easy one to support and offers a good training ground for less-experienced operators. “Our most intense and demanding events, the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb (vehicle race) and Pikes Peak Ascent and Marathon (half and full marathons) are coming up,” he added.

—*The ARRL Letter*,

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Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,  
Editor

## 13 COLONIES SPECIAL EVENT RETURNS JULY 1-7

The ninth annual “13 Colonies Special Event” will take place July 1-7, with activity starting at 1300 UTC on July 1 and continuing until 0400 on July 7 (the evening of July 6 in US time zones).

Participating stations try to contact all 13 Colony Stations plus two Bonus Stations — a clean sweep, a la ARRL November Sweepstakes.

Stations in each of the original 13 colonies will be on the air using 1 x 2 special event call signs.

The bonus stations will be WM3PEN in Philadelphia and GB13COL in Durham, England. Call signs and their respective states are K2A, New York; K2B, Virginia; K2C, Rhode Island; K2D, Connecticut; K2E, Delaware;

K2F, Maryland; K2G, Georgia; K2H, Massachusetts; K2I, New Jersey; K2J, North Carolina; K2K, New Hampshire; K2L, South Carolina, and K2M, Pennsylvania.

Additional information is on the 13 Colonies website.

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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.

# HAMVENTION REPORTS SECOND-LARGEST ATTENDANCE EVER FOR 2017 SHOW

The tally is in, and Hamvention® 2017, at its new venue in Xenia, Ohio, attracted 29,296 attendees, official spokesperson Mike Kalter, W8CI, told ARRL. That is the second-largest attendance in the history of the event. Hamvention attendance peaked in 1993 at 33,669, before the 1996 change in date from April to May, when the show was still being held at Hara Arena. Attendance in 2016 for the show's final year at Hara was 25,364. Hamvention relocated to the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center this year, after Hara Arena closed last summer.

Hamvention General Chair Ron Cramer, KD8ENJ, called 2017 "a most successful year."

"We knew this would be a big year, but this was even beyond our expectations," Cramer said. "The challenge was great to reinvent Hamvention at a new venue in a very short time period. From all the e-mails, letters, and calls I have received over the last few weeks, we have accomplished it successfully."

"We all recognize the traffic, rain, mud, and parking issues, but part of those issues were corrected even before show weekend was over," Cramer said. "Other issues are being worked on already

for next year's show." He and Kalter said the Hamvention Committee has joined Greene County, municipal officials, and the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center Advisory Board in addressing improvements for 2018.

"We can't control the rain, but we promise there will not be some of the other issues next year," Cramer said. "There may even be some new surprises in store," he added, pointing out that Hamvention has 3 more months to plan for the 2018 event than it did for this year's.

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## "LAST MAN STANDING" BREATHES ITS LAST

True fans may already know this but TV's "Last Man Standing" appears to have breathed its last. The show, which was cancelled by ABC, was in talks to be revived on CMT but media reports indicated that negotiations with

20th Century Fox Television, as of June 20, had broken down.

According to the Hollywood Reporter website, talks fell apart over cost. The ratings hit, which ran for six seasons on ABC, featured Tim Allen as an Amateur Radio

operator. The show eventually prompted the actor to get his own real-life license, KK6OTD. At least for now, his character Mike Baxter KA0XTT, appears to have become a Silent Key.

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,  
Report 2069, June 23, 2017

## THIS CHICKEN SANDWICH IS OUT TO LAUNCH

You've heard about high altitude balloon launches carrying APRS equipment and sending data back to Earth. But we leave you with this sizzling question: "Why did the chicken sandwich cross the launching pad?" The answer: "To get into space, of course." This isn't just any sandwich – and this isn't just any chicken. This is the main ingredient for a promotional stunt by KFC for its sizzling spicy Zinger sandwich.

The space antics are playing off an advertising campaign that features Kentucky Fried

Chicken founder Col. Harland Sanders, played by actor Rob Lowe, in a space suit. KFC is introducing the sandwich in the U.S., and decided to mark that launch with.....a real launch. Talk about fast food!

Sometime after June 21, the sandwich will be dispatched to the edge of the atmosphere via high-altitude balloon known as a stratollite, courtesy of World View Enterprises of Arizona. This will be poultry in motion at very high altitudes indeed.

KFC is betting its lunch that this flight constitutes

the longest controlled stratospheric balloon flight carrying a commercial payload. When it comes back to earth – at least four days later – it will bring back telemetry data – but sorry, there's no dessert.

Riding aboard the stratollite, it's not likely the sandwich will make it as high as 62 miles up, which is considered the edge of space. But perhaps that honor will someday be reserved, not for chicken, but some high-flying Ham instead.

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,  
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## HPARC JULY CALENDAR

- 4 — INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- 8 — Salisbury Firecracker Hamfest
- 8-9 — IARU HF World Championship
- 12 — “Night of Nights” - To commemorate the history of maritime radio and the closing of commercial Morse operations in the USA
- 15 — Cary Swapfest
- 23 — PARENTS’ DAY
- 29 — Waynesville Hamfest
- 31 — HPARC Newsletter deadline

### BIRTHDAYS

- Grady Stone — July 16
- Tom Mills — July 26

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