

JUNE 2018

HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



JUNE MEETING

This month the program will be Field Day preparations. As Field Day chairman, I have asked David Macchiarolo to assist me in preparations and in giving the program for June. Please attend as this is our planning session for Field Day operations.

Although the address for

Field Day is Dillon Road, please enter from Sherrill Road. We will pass around a paper asking club members to help bring an item or two for our picnic at Field Day. You may want to bring a chair with you as well.

Last month Tom Evans, N4AU, gave a program on

Software Defined Radios (SDR).

At the High Point VE Ham Radio exam session on May 26, Thomas J. Hill of Winston-Salem passed Technician. Congratulations!

Hope to see everyone at the June meeting. We need you! Bring a friend. See you.

FIELD DAY 2018

Field Day will take place at the Moore Farm in Jamestown. For those not familiar with the site, this is location of past YesterYear in Motions.

We will meet at the Moore's on Friday to put up the dipoles. Contact David Macchiarolo for exact times.

This year's Field Day will be June 23 and 24. After a short breakfast at Biscuitville on Saturday, June 23 at 8:00 a.m., we will head out to start setting up for Field Day. The official start for Field Day is 2:00 p.m.

Our club picnic will be around 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Spouses, family members and friends are welcome to join us. Club members can sign up to bring an item or two for the picnic. Hot dogs are the normal main fare, so prepare accordingly if you prefer something else.

The HPARC uses the pro-

gram SQUIRL to log our Field Day contacts. This program can be downloaded on your computer if you want to work with it before Field Day.



Directions to Field Day: from MLK Dr. (formerly Kivett Drive), turn onto Scientific Street. Go about .2 of a mile to Sherrill Road and turn right. Moore's farm is on the left just before the stop sign. Coming from Jamestown, turn onto

Dillon Road. Come about a mile, and turn right onto Sherrill Road. Moore's farm will be the first driveway on your right. Using one of the Internet map programs, use 3139 Dillon Road as your ending destination. Hope everyone can make it.

Remember to bring your radios, extension cords, chairs and anything else you can think of that we may need.

If you have any questions, call or email David Macchiarolo or one of the HPARC officers (see back of newsletter).

HPARC Meeting June 4, 2018

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

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

HPARC HISTORY: FIELD DAY—THE DOGWOOD BANDIT

One year Rogers Albertson, WA4BPL, brought his young grandson, Michael, to Field Day to spend the night. Upon hearing they were staying overnight, one Ham commented, "You need to be aware of the boog-a-boos if you are staying overnight. They come by and grab you by the toe and drag you out into the woods."

Michael asked rather wide-eyed, "That's not true is it?" Other Hams listening in on this chime in: "Oh, yes." "They're mean!" "Didn't they get a club member a couple of years back?" Well as they head off to sleep in the back of Rogers truck, Michael is still not sure what to believe.

As usual, I am awake most of the night to operate and keep an eye on our camp. About midnight I began to hear noises coming from the woods about 200 yards from my tent. I see a light flashing around and hear metal clank-

ing noises.

I'm thinking Michael has slipped out of Rogers' truck with the idea he will scare me. I get a flashlight and unzip the back of the tent. I head towards the noise and light being careful not to make much noise. When I get to within 15 feet, I turn on my flashlight. It was not Michael. Standing in front of me is a guy with a hoe, shovel and post hole digger and fumbling with a flashlight.

"What are you doing?" I ask.

"Oh," the guy replies, "I'm looking for Dogwoods."

"Don't you think you need to get Mr. Moore's permission to do that?" (Willard Moore being the owner of the property).

"Oh, do you think he would mind?"

I replied, "I think that is a question you should ask Mr. Moore — in the morning. Where

do you live?"

"Over there," the man answers pointing behind me and coming forward to shake my hand.

I take a step back and tell him, "I think you need to go home and come back to talk to Mr. Moore — in the morning."

I walk away from this guy and look back. He has cut his flashlight off, and he is not heading "over there." I don't know where he went.

Being concerned, I go wake Rogers and Michael to stay awake for a while just to be safe. In the morning Mr. Moore observes where the Dogwoods were dug up. "They do this all the time — they don't dig deep enough to get the root. The tree won't live."

So goes the story of the "Dogwood Bandit" who created a little more than QRM on a Field Day weekend.

NORTH CAROLINA WORKING ON "DISTRACTED DRIVING" BILL

NC Senator Jeff Tarte of Mecklenburg County has sponsored S-393 which, in its present form, would severely restrict the use of a handheld device, AND without saying so, the use of a hand mike. I learned this thru the local news last week. I spoke with his office in Raleigh, and I have been assured by his secretary that there will be revision providing an exemption to licensed two way radio users! Apparently others have

already advised his office that the way it is now written, S-393 could possible cause lawsuits and actions in Federal Court. So this pending revision, if I am being told truthfully, is good news.

Also in January, I wrote a Mr. Scott Stone of the Wireless /Licensing Bureau asking for a Declaratory Ruling that would clarify current FCC regulations, and, if necessary, provide a Federal exemption for Amateurs, CB operators, and

commercial licensees. Perhaps it is so that any exemption would only apply to Part 97, and other users *may* have to apply under their sections and Parts of Title 47. Thus far I haven't received any response from Mr. Stone. I am about re-submit the letter.

At least, here's one more state that is responding to common sense and advice of the Amateur community.

—QRZ NEWS Forum,
K4KWH, May 7, 2018

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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: MORE THAN FAIR AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

Are you ready for Hamvention 2019? OK – not so fast – it’s only days since the big gathering in Xenia wrapped things up. General chair Ron Cramer, KD8ENJ, told Newsline the final attendance count wasn’t in yet, but he expected this year’s attendance to top the nearly 30,000 Amateurs who visited the fairgrounds in 2017.

The theme of “Amateur Radio, Serving the Community” didn’t just find its way into various award cer-

emonies and forums but even turned up in informal gatherings near the food trucks where Hams from Puerto Rico and other storm-ravaged places enjoyed eyeball QSOs for the first time with Hams who shared last year’s storm assistance efforts with them.

Ron said some of the greatest strengths of the weekend event were the new weather-resistant tents and the 767 volunteers who came in from around the world to keep operations running smoothly.

Meanwhile there were special hours at the Voice of America Museum in nearby West Chester, Ohio which opened its doors to more than 250 Hams from around the world who got immersed in broadcast history and even got on the air. To quote Ron, when Newsline asked him about the overall positive feedback so far: “If you have any complaints about Hamvention 2018 you probably weren’t there.”

—*Amateur Radio Newsline*,
Report 2117, May 25, 2018

NEW CQ HALL OF FAMERS INDUCTED AT HAMVENTION

The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame inducted 11 new members during Hamvention, including Silent Keys ranging from the late actor Marlon Brando, FO5GJ, to the three astronauts killed in the Challenger shuttle disaster of 2003: Laurel Clark, KC5ZSU; David Brown, KC5ZTC; and Kalpana Chawla, KD5ESI.

The list also includes open-source QRP kit designer Ashhar Farhan, VU2ESE; Silent Key Grady Fox, W4FRM, one of the pioneers of SSB; African-American broadcaster and college radio supporter Wendell King, a Silent Key who was formerly 2ADD and Fred Lloyd, AA7BQ, who founded QRZ.com. The list also included

well-known educator and youth advocate Carole Perry, WB2MGP; cybersecurity’s Mark Pecen, KC9X/VE3QAM; and U.S. Army photographer Ed Westcott, W4UVS.

The Hall of Fame was created in 2001 by CQ Magazine and has since inducted 321 members.

—*Amateur Radio Newsline*,
Report 2117, May 25, 2018

FAULTY ELECTRIC BLANKET LED TO HAM’S DEATH

Arthur Earle Plimley ZL1TAG became a Silent Key last August after a fire erupted in the room of his home in Thames. The 76-year-old retired electrician was pronounced dead on the

scene, the result of asphyxiation from a smoldering fire. A new report reveals that the fire had been set off by a 40-year-old electric blanket that he had modified. The blanket burned the mattress

on his bed and it is believed that he got up from the bed in an attempt to reach the window but was overcome by smoke.

—*Amateur Radio Newsline*,
Report 2116, May 18, 2018

LAST MAN STANDING MOVING TO FOX NETWORK

There will be a season 7 of the TV show Last Man Standing, in which Tim Allen — a real Radio Amateur — plays Mike Baxter, KA0XTT. The primary difference is that the show now will appear on the Fox Network.

A year ago, ABC axed Last Man Standing, which had attracted more than 8.3 mil-

lion viewers. The network did not own the show but was licensing it from 20th Century Fox.

John Amodeo, NN6JA, has been a co-executive producer, producer, or supervising producer of the comedy and was instrumental in Allen’s getting his Ham Radio license in 2014; more than 2 dozen members

of the crew were also inspired by the show’s Amateur Radio component, and got licensed. Allen tweeted news of the Fox reboot on May 11. “Thanks to all you guys for the support,” Allen said. “We are back.”

—*The ARRL Letter*,
May 17, 2017

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HPARC JUNE CALENDAR

- 2 — Winston-Salem Classic Hamfest
- 4 — **HPARC Club Meeting**
- 6 — D-Day (WWII Invasion of Normandy)
- 9-11 — ARRL June VHF QSO Party
- 14 — **FLAG DAY**
- 17 — **FATHER'S DAY**
- 16 — ARRL Kid's Day
- 21 — First day of Summer
- 23-24 — **ARRL Field Day**
- 24 — HPARC Newsletter deadline

BIRTHDAYS

- Rafael Cruz — June 8
- Dale Waterson — June 17
- Jerry Yarborough — June 17

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