

JANUARY 2019

HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



JANUARY MEETING

For January, the HPARC will be at a new location: the Moose Cafe at the Piedmont Farmers' Market. This is just a trial to see if we wish to move locations. We will probably make a decision at this meeting whether to continue there or go back to our previous restaurant.

Since it is a new location and committees have not officially been appointed, there will be

no program at this meeting. We will instead discuss our possible move of meetings.

New Meeting Location: Moose Cafe

We have had a lot of activity for December: Christmas party, new officers, Roll Call with a new Ham, meeting at a new restaurant for January.

For a small club, we seem to do fairly well.

Was good to see Tom Mills, AF4NC, at breakfast this past Saturday. Tom resides in Pennsylvania now, but I believe his heart is in North Carolina.

Please plan on meeting with us for the January meeting. We need you to help us grow the club. Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

FCC RELEASES PLAN IN THE EVENT OF A PARTIAL GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

The FCC has released its Plan for Orderly Shutdown in case funds become unavailable to continue operation.

“If a potential lapse in appropriations is imminent, the FCC will determine whether and for how long prior-year funds are available to continue agency operations during a lapse,” the FCC said in its plan. According to the plan, if prior-year funds are available, the FCC will remain open beyond a lapse. If prior-year funds are unavailable or exhausted during the lapse in appropriations, the FCC will commence a shutdown.

ARRL VEC Manager

Maria Somma, AB1FM, said in such situations, the FCC website goes offline, which includes the Universal Licensing System (ULS) and the registration system (CORES). “This means all electronic license transactions would stop,” Somma said. “FRN registrations would be unavailable, and even the search engines would be unavailable.”

According to the plan, during such a shutdown, all FCC activities will cease “other than those immediately necessary for the protection of life or property, performing other excepted activities, or those funded through

a source other than lapsed appropriations.”

A short-term spending bill to fund the government through February 8, 2019, is now in play, in an effort to avert a partial government shutdown this week.

—*The ARRL Letter*,
December 20, 2018
Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,

HPARC Meeting January 7, 2019

**Moose Cafe,
2914 Sandy Ridge Road,
Colfax, NC**

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

HPARC HISTORY – HPARC REORGANIZED

So in our last history article, we read how the HPARC disbanded and sold off all the assets. Except for one thing—the clubhouse itself.

Phillip Pugh originally donated the land on which the HPARC built its clubhouse. When the club voted to disband in 1963, they apparently forgot about the land and the clubhouse. Guilford County, however, did not forget. Ten years later Guilford County was about to seize the property for the back taxes on the property. Until Phillip Pugh stepped in that is.

Phillip Pugh knew Guilford County was about to take the old HPARC property. Phillip

contacted Dave Rawley and Paul Wilson to let them know. Dave and Paul Wilson obtained the services of an attorney and paid the back taxes on the property.

According to the attorney, Wesleyan Arms was “tremendously interested in buying your peroperty [sic] at a tax sale.” The story is that they wanted to buy the property and give it to the City of High Point. The end goal was to have the city build a road beside Wesleyan Arms. That road? Hartley Drive.

After paying off the liens and getting the services of an attorney, Wesleyan Arms decided they were not interested in

the purchase of the property. In the end, they relented and bought the property. With the sale, the club considered using it to move the clubhouse to a new location. Did it happen? I cannot find it in the minutes.

Dave and Paul kept the services of the attorney to help with the sale of the property, issue new stock certificates to members and adopt new by-laws.

On the issuance of new stock certificates, new club members were issued a stock certificate in the High Point Amateur Radio Club. However, it would not be discovered for some years later that this was not proper. Why? Next time...

WHEN A QSL CARD BRINGS CALLSIGN DEJA VU

It’s not unusual for one Ham’s transceiver to show up in another Ham’s shack, one Ham’s antenna to find its way across the country to another Ham who needed it or even an old, treasured straight key given away by someone who doesn’t need it any longer. But a Ham in Oklahoma and a Ham in California recently learned they shared something entirely different, as Mike Askins KE5CXP explains.

On November 25, 2018, Mike Olsen NQ6C and Roger Simpson K5RKS had a QSO on 17 meters at 1831 UTC using FT8 mode. Not long after, Mike received

Roger’s QSL card and something else — a second, older QSL card in the same envelope which left Mike feeling as if he were looking into a mirror.

Mike told Newsline in an email: “The first QSL card on top had NQ6C which was my call sign but it wasn’t one of my cards.” Mike was assigned the call sign earlier this year and clearly this QSL card went back much further in time than that. His temporary confusion ended when he looked at the other QSL card — the one from their recent contact — and saw that Roger had written, at the very bottom: “What a surprise to work

my old call!”

It turns out Roger had been assigned the call sign in November of 1982 after passing his Extra Class exam at the FCC’s San Francisco office. Mike, of course, had no clue about its history when it became his turn to be assigned the call sign in March.

It’s not every day you get to connect with your digital doppelganger. Now, says Mike, NQ6C has not just become a treasured call sign and QSL card but a piece of personal history — and he might just have this card framed.

—*Amateur Radio Newsline*,
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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.

2019 HPARC OFFICERS

Officers were voted in at the December HPARC meeting. Those voted in as officers were: Dan Bly (KB8TLF), President; Matt Flyer (KM4WON), Vice-

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

Support these officers by

accepting chairmanship of a committee when asked (or volunteer for a committee position) and by attending club meetings.

CHRISTMAS DAY ROLL CALL 2018

Seven Hams checked into the HPARC Christmas Day Roll Call.

Lacey Armistead, KN4JOX, was our net control for the Roll Call this year. Lacey did

a great job being a new Ham and first time on 2-meters. And being so cheery. (Is anyone that cheery that early in the morning? Apparently, yes.)

Where were the rest of our

members? We need you to check in and give the repeater a work out. It is about the only time of the year the repeater sees so much activity.

Thanks to all check-ins.

HPARC CHRISTMAS PARTY/MEETING

The HPARC held its Christmas Party/Meeting on December 1, 2018, Saturday at the Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Fellowship Building. We really had a

good attendance this year. And lots of food!

Mike Walker and his sister showed up. Was good to see you Mike. Not to overlook anyone, it was good to see so

many members show up for the party this year.

If you missed it, please make plans for next December. You owe it to yourself.

W4VEC TESTING SCHEDULE

If you read the article on the FCC possibly shutting down if the government remains shut down, you may wonder about the W4VEC testing sessions. The W4VEC

will continue its testing sessions as planned. Be aware that if the FCC is shutdown, it will be a while before any Ham licences will be processed.

The W4VEC will be testing in High Point on January 26 and in Greensboro on February 9. Contact David Macchiarolo for more information <aj4tf@arrl.net>.

ROBUST MEMBER VOTING RESULTS IN ARRL DIVISION LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Four new Division Directors will take their seats around the conference room when the ARRL Board of Directors next meets in January. After the votes were tallied on November 16 at ARRL Headquarters, incumbent Directors in the ARRL Hudson, New England, and Roanoke divisions had lost their re-election bids to challengers. In addition, a new Director and Vice Director will fill seats in the Northwestern Division that are being vacated by incumbents. A total of 22,257 votes were cast in

seven contests within five ARRL Divisions.

In the Roanoke Division, George "Bud" Hippisley, W2RU, of Penhook, Virginia, defeated incumbent Director Dr. Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, 1,891 to 1,365 votes. Boehner has been Roanoke Division Director since 2015. Hippisley served as ARRL Atlantic Division Vice Director from 1982 until 1985, and more recently as the Eastern Area Chair for the ARRL National Traffic System (NTS). The co-author of Practical Antenna

Handbook, Hippisley is a 2010 recipient of the ARRL George Hart Distinguished Service Award.

Incumbent Roanoke Division Vice Director Bill Morine, N2COP, fended off a challenge from John Humphrey, W4IM, 1,742 to 1,505 votes.

All successful candidates will begin 3-year terms at noon on January 1, 2019.

—*The ARRL Letter*,

November 29, 2018

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,
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HPARC JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1 — NEW YEAR'S DAY**
- 1 — ARRL Straight Key Night
- 5 — ARRL Kid's Day
- 5-6 — ARRL RTTY Roundup
- 5 — Winston Salem Firstfest
- 7 — HPARC Club Meeting**
- 19-21 — ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes
- 21 — MARTIN L. KING JR BIRTHDAY**
(observed)
- 26 — W4VEC High Point session (Hickory)

- Chapel Wesleyan Church, Fellowship Bldg)
- 27 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline

BIRTHDAYS

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

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