

HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point Amateur Radio Club



FEBRUARY MEETING

January went by so quickly, and here I am trying to compose another newsletter. And believe it or not, I am at a loss for words. Hmm. Hades must have frozen over . . .

For the February meeting, Keith Thomas, KA4JAH, will be giving a program on his successful attempt to contact the International Space Station.

At the January meeting, David talked about antenna tuners.

Dwight Sledge and Larry Frye have both been in the hospital recently. Please remember

these in your prayers.

David Macchiarolo is in charge of sending out Zoom email invitations to the club meeting. If you are planning to

HPARC Meeting
6:00 p.m.
Meal: 5:00 p.m.
February 1, 2021
J&S Cafeteria
5835 Samet Drive, HP
& on the Zoom app

attend the meeting via Zoom and have not gotten an invitation, please contact David

and let him know (email under Officers in this newsletter).

Once again, I am going to encourage our members to frequent J&S Cafeteria as much as you are able. J&S has been a great place for the HPARC to meet, and the manager and staff have been very helpful to the club. They have a drive-through now if you wish to order to go. I know they will appreciate your business.

Hope everyone is doing well; would love to see you in the meeting or at least on Zoom; and wish you the best. 73.

FCC REDUCES PROPOSED AMATEUR RADIO APPLICATION FEE TO \$35

The FCC has agreed with ARRL and other commenters that its proposed \$50 fee for certain Amateur Radio applications was “too high to account for the minimal staff involvement in these applications.” In a Report and Order (R&O), released on December 29, the FCC scaled back to \$35 the fee for a new license application, a special temporary authority (STA) request, a rule waiver request, a license renewal application, and a vanity call sign application. All fees are per application. Administrative updates, such

as a change of mailing or email address, are exempt. ARRL had filed comments opposing the FCC’s \$50 fee and application fees and urged its members to follow suit.

As the FCC noted in its R&O, “ARRL and many individual commenters argued that there was no cost-based justification for application fees in the Amateur Radio Service. After reviewing the record, including the extensive comments filed by Amateur Radio licensees and based on our revised analysis of the cost of processing mostly automated

processes discussed in our methodology section, we adopt a \$35 application fee, a lower application fee than the Commission proposed in the NPRM for personal licenses, in recognition of

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HPARC/Zoom Meeting
February 1, 2021

J&S Cafeteria,
5835 Samet Drive, HP
& on Zoom

Meal at 5:30 p.m.
 Business meeting at 6:00 p.m.

2021 HPARC COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

List of HPARC Committees along with the members of that committee (chairmen listed first).

Education: TBD

Finance: Warren Gallemore, KA4LOQ; Lacey Armistead; Art Johnson

Membership: Keith Thomas, KA4JAH; Lon Cecil; Mike Cumbo; Art Johnson

House: Bob Witt, KN4LMH; Lacey Armistead;

George McCormick

Program: David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF; Derek Brown; Gordon Saunders

Publicity: George McCormick, KN4JPB; Bob Witt; Lacey Armistead

Repeater: Lon Cecil, AA4LC; David Macchiarolo; Mark McMahan

Special Activities: David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF; Mark Pegram; Camille Taylor

LAST HURRAH FOR 'LAST MAN STANDING'

When "Last Man Standing" wraps up its final day of shooting this spring, it's going to be saying farewell Ham Radio style. The prime time show, which became a showcase for Amateur Radio through its main character Mike Baxter KA0XTT, is leaving the air after nine years – but not before it first gets ON the air on the Amateur bands. Executive producer John Amodeo AA6JA told Newsline

that a big farewell special event station is planned for KA6LMS between March 14th and March 30th, the last day of the show's production.

The show grew even more popular after star Tim Allen made things real by getting the callsign KK6OTD. It also featured guest radio operators on the set during meal breaks. John told Newsline: "Rather than have it slip away silently, we should have one more acti-

vation of KA6LMS now." With operators from the Great South Bay Amateur Radio club, the K2H special event station, the activation will give everyone a last chance to work KA6LMS in an ambitious special event. Be listening on CW, SSB, D-STAR, DMR, RTTY, PSK and FT-8. Consider it one last hurrah for "Last Man Standing."

—*Amateur Radio Newsline*,
Report 2256,
January 22, 2021

DAYTON HAMVENTION CANCELS 2021 SHOW

With distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine falling behind schedule in the U.S., organizers of Hamvention 2021 have called off the annual event for the second consecutive year. The executive committee posted the news on various social media outlets on Monday, January 11th, citing several

setbacks related to the pandemic, with the vaccine delay named among them.

The posting said: "We make this difficult decision for the safety of our guests and vendors. Those who had their tickets deferred last year will be deferred again."

The theme for this year's

Hamvention was to have been "The Gathering." Instead, a Hamvention QSO Party is planned instead on the dates the event was to have taken place.

The organizers added: "We'll be back next year!!!"

—*Amateur Radio Newsline*,
Report 2255,
January 15, 2021

AN ARECIBO TELESCOPE REPLACEMENT

Researchers have presented the National Science Foundation with a proposal for a \$400 million replacement of the Arecibo telescope – on the same site

where its iconic predecessor suffered its fatal collapse late last year in Puerto Rico.

The project would of course need funding from the U.S.

Congress. Engineer Ramon Lugo said: "We have to be optimistic that we will make this happen."

—*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 5:00 p.m. at a local restaurant announced in the newsletter. The business meeting starts at 6:00 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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the fact that the application process is mostly automated,” the FCC said in the R&O. “We adopt the proposal from the NPRM to assess no additional application fee for minor modifications or administrative updates, which also are highly automated.”

The FCC turned away the arguments of some commenters that the FCC should exempt Amateur Radio licensees. The FCC stated that it had no authority to create an exemption “where none presently exists.” The FCC also disagreed with those who argued that Amateur Radio licensees should be exempt from fees because of their public service contribution during emergencies and disasters.

“[W]e are very much aware of these laudable and important services Amateur Radio licensees provide to the American public,” the FCC said, but noted that specific exemptions provided under Section 8 of the so-called “Ray Baum’s Act” requiring the FCC to assess the fees do not apply to Amateur Radio personal licenses. “Emergency communications, for example, are voluntary and are not required by our rules,” the FCC noted. “[W]hile the value of the Amateur service to the public as a voluntary non-commercial communications service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications, is one of the underlying principles of the Amateur service, the Amateur service is not

an emergency radio service.”

The Act requires that the FCC switch from a congressionally mandated fee structure to a cost-based system of assessment. The FCC proposed application fees for a broad range of services that use the FCC’s Universal Licensing System (ULS), including the Amateur Radio Service, which had been excluded previously. The 2018 statute excludes the Amateur Service from annual regulatory fees, but not from application fees.

The effective date of the fee schedule has not been established.

—*The ARRL Letter*,

January 7, 2021

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,
Editor

FCC TO REQUIRE EMAIL ADDRESS WITH APPLICATION AND ON FILE

Effective on June 29, 2021, Amateur Radio licensees and candidates must provide the FCC with an email address on all applications. If no email address is included, the FCC may dismiss the application as “defective.” On September 16, the FCC adopted a Report and Order (R&O) in WT Docket 19-212 on “Completing the Transition to Electronic Filing, Licenses and Authorizations, and Correspondence in the Wireless Radio Services,” which appeared on December 29 in the Federal Register. The FCC has already begun strongly encouraging applicants to provide an email address and will email a link to an official electronic copy of the license once it’s granted.

While many, if not most, Amateurs already have provided an email to the FCC,

this also will become a requirement. Under Section 97.21 of the new rules, as amended, the holder of a valid Amateur Radio station license “must apply to the FCC for a modification of the license grant as necessary to show the correct mailing and email address, licensee name, club name, license trustee name, or license custodian name.” For a club or military recreation station license, the application must be presented in document form to a club station call sign administrator who must submit the information to the FCC in an electronic batch file.

Under new Section 97.23, as amended, each license must show the grantee’s correct name, mailing address, and email address. “The email address must be an address

where the grantee can receive electronic correspondence,” the revised rule will state. “Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct email address.”

Licensees can log into the ULS License Manager System with their FRN and password to update their FCC license record, including adding an email address. For questions or password issues, call the CORES/FRN Help Line, (877) 480-3201 (Monday – Friday, 1300 – 2300 UTC) or reset the password on the FCC website.

—*The ARRL Letter*,

January 7, 2021

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,
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High Point, NC 27263

HPARC FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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| 1 — HPARC Club Meeting | 22 — Washington's Birthday |
| 2 — GROUNDHOG DAY | 27 — W4VEC High Point session (Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Church, Fellowship Bldg) |
| 7 — Super Bowl Sunday | |
| 8-12 — School Club Roundup | |
| 12 — Lincoln's Birthday | |
| 14 — VALENTINE'S DAY | |
| 15 — PRESIDENT'S DAY | |
| 20-21 — International DX – CW | |
| 21 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline | |

BIRTHDAYS

Mark McMahan — February 7
 Katrina Worland — February 23

For W4VEC Test information, call or email David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF, (336) 420-9424, aj4tf@arrl.net

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**Saturday
 Breakfast**
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8:00 a.m.
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**Mrs Winners,
 2713 S. Main St.**