

# HPARC NEWSLETTER

*High Point Amateur Radio Club*



## SEPTEMBER MEETING

There will indeed be a HPARC meeting for September 6. I realize this is Labor Day, and some of our members will probably be traveling. We haven't had much luck in the past changing from the first Monday of the month. There is only one day J&S Cafeteria closes for during the year – Christmas Day. So hopefully we will see some of you at the next meeting. For those of you traveling, be safe.

David said something about a program involving math, and my mind began to wander. Oh, I think it was how to figure the RF Exposure requirement the FCC has recently instituted. Sorry, you know me and math.

At the August meeting, Peter Kapetanakis showed us his go-kit he used to transmit from

Pilot Mountain. Although he didn't make many contacts, he had a lot of interest from people passing by and answered a lot of questions on Ham Radio.

**HPARC Meeting**  
**6:30 p.m. / Meal: 6:00 p.m.**  
**September 6, 2021**  
**J&S Cafeteria**  
**5835 Samet Drive, HP**  
**& on the Zoom app**

David Macchiarolo is in charge of sending out Zoom email invitations to the club meeting. If you are planning to attend the meeting via Zoom and have not gotten an invitation, please contact David and let him know (email under Officers in this newsletter).

Please send your club dues directly to Warren Gallemore,

HPARC Treasurer. His email address is listed in this newsletter if you need to contact him.

The HPARC Board needs to meet this month to pick a nominating committee to select officers for next year. If enough Board members show up at this meeting, we could do a quick meeting. Otherwise we will pick a future date. We will make a decision at the September meeting.

As you can see from the article on new members, the HPARC has been doing well. We have had several Hams join the club and had a rather good Field Day this year. I still miss seeing some of our members who have not attended in a while. My hopes and prayers are that all our members are in good health and that I will get to see you in person real soon.

## FCC APPLICATION FEES UNLIKELY TO GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL 2022

The previously announced schedule of FCC Amateur Radio application fees likely will not go into effect before 2022. FCC staff confirmed during a recent virtual meeting with Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (VECs) that the agency is still working on the necessary changes to the

Universal Licensing System (ULS) software and other processes and procedures that must be in place before it starts collecting fees from Amateur applicants. Earlier this year, the FCC said it would not start collecting fees from Amateur applicants before this summer. The new estimate is that the

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**HPARC/Zoom Meeting**  
**September 6, 2021**

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

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

# NEW MEMBERS OVER THE LAST YEAR

I know I have been promising this for some time. Actually, looking back, I think it has been a year since I announced any new members. The last new members I mentioned was in last year's September newsletter. They are Dean Wilson and Justin Sayres.

So here is a brief mention of those members who have joined the HPARC in the last year listing name, call sign, city of residence and month joined the

HPARC:

Chris Riewe, AE4TI, High Point, June 2020; Austyn Hensley, KO4LTP, Jamestown, March 2021; Daniel Moss, KO4LTL, High Point, March 2021; Robert Brown, WB4ROB, High Point, March 2021; Terrance Crandall, K0TLC, High Point March 2021; Craig Linville, KN4VZU, Kernersville, April 2021; Steven Brannan, KO4MGC, Kernersville, April 2021; Keith Ousterman,

KO4QOO, Trinity, June 2021; Tom & Vasti Forest, N4GVK, W4DXJ.

Sorry for the delay in reporting these new members. Also I apologize for sending a roster out late to HPARC members. I will attempt to do that very soon. I hope I have not missed anyone. If anyone knows of someone I missed, please email me and let me know. I will update my records accordingly. Thanks.

## A FRIEND IN NEED

It's been said that "when all else fails, there's Ham Radio." Our last story takes this one step further. Because even when Amateur Radio isn't directly involved, when all else fails, there's nothing like Ham Radio FRIENDS.

Ham Radio is what gave Bill Scott K6PKL and Skip Kritcher K7ZAA the gift of friendship.

But ironically, it was the connection via another form of radio communication -- the cell-phone -- that gave Skip the gift of life.

According to a report from CBS Sacramento, the Myrtle Point, Oregon radio opera-

tor was apparently felled by a stroke last month and desperately punched up numbers on his mobile phone, thinking he was calling his sister. Those numbers connected him instead with Bill, 500 miles away in San Joaquin County, California.

Skip had difficulty speaking because his speech was slurred but suddenly Bill released who it was who was speaking and that his friend was in distress. Bill's wife, Sharon, a retired nurse, concluded Skip had just had a stroke. The couple called 9-1-1 and first responders in Oregon were dispatched to his home to transport him to a hospital

According to the news report, Skip is back at home recovering after four days in the hospital and for now he still has some impaired vision. One of the EMTs told Bill and Sharon he would have died within a few hours if he hadn't found help.

While Skip recovers, he and Bill, who belongs to the Ham Radio Club in Manteca, have gone back to communicating under less urgent circumstances. They are also using their preferred means of getting in touch with one another: Amateur Radio.

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,  
Report 2286,  
August 20, 2021

## HPARC SATURDAY BREAKFAST AT BISCUITVILLE

Just a reminder that the HPARC has an informal meeting of members at Biscuitville on South Main Street (across from Walmart). Biscuitville

recently opened its inside dining area, and club members began meeting there after more than a year ago.

HPARC members meet infor-

mally beginning at 8:00 a.m. with some members arriving later than that. Everyone is welcome to join the crew and eat breakfast with us.

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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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fees won't go into effect until early next year.

Once it's effective, a \$35 application fee will apply to new, modification (upgrade and sequential call sign change), renewal, and vanity call sign applications. All fees will be per application. Administrative update applications, such as those to change a licensee's name, mailing, or email address, will be exempt from fees. ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, said Volunteer Examiner (VE) teams will not face the burden of collecting the \$35 fee.

"Once the FCC applica-

tion fee takes effect, new and upgrade applicants will pay the exam session fee to the VE team as usual, but they'll pay the \$35 application fee directly to the FCC using the FCC Pay Fees system," she explained. When the FCC receives the examination information from the VEC, it will email a link with payment instructions to each successful candidate, who then will have 10 days from the date of the email to pay.

After the fee is paid and the FCC has processed an application, examinees will receive a second email from the FCC with a link to their official license. The link will be good

for 30 days. Licensees also will be able to view, download, and print official license copies by logging into their FCC ULS account. The FCC no longer provides printed licenses.

Licensees can log into the ULS with their 10-digit FRN (FCC Registration Number) and password at any time to view and manage their license and application, print their license, and update anything in their FCC license record, including adding an email address.

—*The ARRL Letter*,

August 19, 2021

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,  
Editor

## STARTING DATE FOR THIS YEAR'S FREE TECHNICIAN LICENSING CLASS

Roland "Rol" Anders, K3RA, has announced the starting date for this year's free Technician licensing class. Sessions will be held online via Zoom. Classes start on Thursday, September 9, and run for seven sessions.

Anders has been holding these popular classes from the

National Electronics Museum for many years. He chairs the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) Question Pool Committee. Anders has been following up his Technician exam class sessions with classes for prospective General-class and

Amateur Extra-class licensees. Classes, which are available worldwide, have been recorded for later viewing. Contact Anders via email (roland.anders@comcast.net).

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## UP, UP AND AWAY FOR HIS 99th BIRTHDAY

World War II veteran Ron Shelley G3NZY marked his upcoming 99th birthday by going on the air. He did it in a very big way: there was no radio involved, just a hot air balloon which was launched on Monday August 1st from York Racecourse, giving him a clear view of the North Yorkshire landscape.

According to a report in the Darlington and Stockton Times, Ron had been a wireless operator, travelling far and wide during his time in the Army. At age 22, he had been among the

troops sent to France in 1944, six days after D-Day to transmit false messages to confuse the enemy.

More recently, though, he had one decidedly true message to impart to the staff at the Connaught Court care home in York where he is resident that his life's dream was to ride in a hot air balloon. The staff, appreciating his spirit of adventure, enlisted the help of the Association of Friends of Connaught Court to arrange it. They successfully kept their

birthday surprise from him until the time was right.

A few weeks short of his 99th birthday, Ron Shelley was soon in the air with his son, Peter. It was the uplifting moment in a long lifetime for this decorated veteran army sergeant.

He told the newspaper: "I thought it would be a thrilling one-off experience, a once in a life-time trip, so I'm seizing the chance while I still can."

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,

Report 2285,

August 13, 2021



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## HPARC SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 3-5 — Shelby Hamfest
- 7 — **LABOR DAY**
- 6 — **HPARC Club Meeting**  
also on Zoom
- 11 — **PATRIOT DAY** (in honor of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001)
- 11 — Greensboro VE Session, Hinshaw United Methodist Church
- 12 — Grandparent's Day
- 11-13 — ARRL Sept. VHF QSO Party
- 18-19 — ARRL 10-GHz & Up Contest  
- Round 2

- 22 — **First Day of Fall**
- 25 — W4VEC High Point session (Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Church, Fellowship Bldg)
- 26 — HPARC Newsletter deadline

### BIRTHDAYS

- Matt Flyer — September 5
- Dwight Sledge — September 7
- Bobby Draughn — September 11
- Tom Evans — September 28

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

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