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HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



W4UA

W4UA repeater 147.165 MHz +Offset 67 Hz tone
FM • Digital • APRS • Wires-X

HPARC Meeting

July 7, 2025 @ 6:30 pm

Mario's Pizza
2645 N. Main St., High Point

Contact Keith Thomas, KA4JAH for Zoom info.

Single Sideband Activity Nights

2 Meter SSB: Thursdays @ 9pm ET 144.200 MHz

6 Meter SSB: Sundays @ 8:30pm ET 50.155 MHz

Field Day is over...Now What???

By: Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

Field Day is over...Now What???. Well, it's time to gather those logs, tally those contacts, and complete the entry form to ARRL. After all, don't you want to know how stack up in the contest that is not a contest?

HPARC had a great turnout this past weekend. Although not an official number, the last time I checked the log we had 28 check ins by Saturday evening. And in true Field Day fashion, we had heat, lots of heat, and several rainstorms. In fact, we had to stop and disconnect all of the radio stations within the first 10 minutes of activation due to lightning in the area. Once the storm passed, however, we were back at it.

This year, as we did last year, we ran under class 4A. We also had two stations set up to attempt some satellite contacts. And a special mention to the Guilford County Sheriff and crew for showing up and checking up on us. We appreciate your coming out.

The club also held a special meeting via zoom on June 18th where by those present discussed and approved the club purchase of a new pull behind enclosed



trailer. The purchase was made and the trailer made its debut at field day in great fashion. The trailer will be used to store club owned items and supplies and will allow the club to more readily be able to do special events should the opportunity come about. Perhaps a club POTA adventure I in our future.

But back to the original question. Field Day is over...Now What? Well, our fearless leader and president David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF will work on gathering the club logs and submit the Field Day entry on behalf of W4UA. But what about you. Did you operate your rig at home during Field Day? Did you know that when you submit your log that you can indicate the High Point ARC as your club. While your score is yours, it will also aggregate and get added to the club score. How cool is that?

Submission deadline is **July 29, 2025**.

Step 1) If you will be submitting your scores electronically, make sure you have 1 consolidated log in Cabrillo format. You will have to upload it for proof. If you are submitting my mail, then skip this step.

Step 2) Go to the ARRL Field Day submission web page:

<https://field-day.arrl.org/fdentry.php>

Step 3) The first line of the submission page has you complete your call sign and your location. Remember this is the call sign you used on air during the FD event

Step 4) The next line is the field "Club or Group Name". In this field you will start to type "High Point" and the name "High Point ARC" will appear. This is us. select that option. If you are sending in your scores by mail, be sure you use "High Point ARC" in this field.

Step 5) Complete the rest of the form as instructed.

Once you submit the form, the website will provide you with a confirmation screen that will also give you your total score.

W4UA Programming Schedule

By: Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

This year we have Andrew Talbert, K4XAT as our club's Program Chair. He has been hard at work and has created a schedule of volunteers for programs to be help at our monthly meetings. Should you have any questions, comments, or ideas, please feel free to contact Andrew, or any of the Club's officers.

**Programming Schedule is subject to change.*

2025 Program Schedule	
January	DMR
February	FT8
March	Wires-X
April	Geochron
May	SAT
June	Field-Day Planning
July	Meshtastic
August	Show & Tell Your Ham Gear
September	QSL Cards
October	Remote FT8
November	HT Programming
December	Christmas Party



HPARC HISTORY – VOTING ON NEW MEMBERS

By: Mark McMahan, KB4MFP,

Why is it when anybody applies for membership in the HPARC there is at least one “no” vote on membership?

Many years ago, Lomer McMahan, WA4RIS, was membership chairman. Lomer was a bit of a character, you might say. He had a dry humor. He would bring a prospective member application to the club at a meeting. Then when it came time for a vote, he would vote against that person (always with that smirky smile).

Lomer became a Silent Key in May of 1993. He was very active in the HPARC and was made an Honorary HPARC

Member postmortem.

At the first meeting after Lomer's passing someone submitted their application for membership, three members voted against membership. (One of these days I am going to look to see if we have on record who that unfortunate soul was.)

As Lomer's son, I have carried on with that tradition. Although not the membership chairman, I have voted against every member who has joined in the last 35 years. Oh, except for that brief time a few years ago when they made me President of the HPARC. A more than 40-year-old tradition was

broken when we actually voted on a member with no one objecting. (As President I could not vote unless it was a tie. Still haven't forgotten that.) I actually incorporated a twist into the tradition by voting against EVERY motion to come before the club. Never know that one day I might be right and get to tell you "I told you so."

So, don't be offended if your application for membership is voted against by one (or more) members in the HPARC. It is just a tradition. And a dry sense of humor.

Ham Radio Classes

By: Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

The Tri-County ARC, High Point ARC, and Forsyth ARC have formed a partnership to provide online (Zoom) classes for those seeking to acquire their Technician Class operator's license, or to upgrade to a General Class license.

Each course is comprised of 6 class sessions. Each class session is held via Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00pm ET and is free of charge.

The Technician & General classes are held in an alternating sequence. The next course is the **General** Course scheduled to begin **August 5th**. Please note that the courses are meant to prepare you for the FCC license exam, but do not include the license exam itself.

Pre-registration is required for each course. Please contact Richard Weinbaum, KK4RR at 336-687-8001 or KK4RR@mac.com to register.

The starting dates for each course in 2025 are as follows:

Technician Course:

January 7, April 1, June 24, September 23

General Course:

February 18, May 13, August 5

Volunteers Needed

By: Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

Hello readers,

As many of you have heard in our club meetings, the HPARC has been working with the Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum to education our younger adults about the world of radio and KK4RR has been spearheading this dates on the calendar for us to have an exposition and share our knowledge. To volunteer you must go through the museums volunteer process. To get started, or to learn more, please contact Richard Weinbaum, KK4RR at 336-687-8001 or KK4RR@mac.com.



HPARC Buttons

By: Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

For anyone interested I have HPARC Buttons for sale. There are two options as seen in the photos below. The Yellow button is larger with a 2.25" diameter and the white button is smaller with a 1.25" diameter. Profits from the sale will be donated to the HPARC club. Suggested pricing is \$2 for the yellow button and \$1 for the white. You can purchase in person at club meetings, or if you wish to contact me direct, I can send to you through the mail. Postage may be applied depending on cost. Just contact me at W4UA.Newsletter@gmail.com



July

HPARC CALENDAR

- 4 — Independence Day
- 7 — **HPARC Meeting**
- 12 — W4VEC Greensboro VE Session (Hinshaw United Methodist Church)
- 20 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline
- 26 — W4VEC High Point VE Session (Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Church)

BIRTHDAYS

Comitz, Ronald W.	N3CHX
Davis, Cynthia Y.	
Lauer, Tommie	KQ3H
Linville, Craig	KN4VZU
Ousterman, Keith	KO4QOO
Stone, Grady	WA4JYK
Pantazes, Bob	W2ARP

For W4VEC Test information, call or email Keith Thomas, KA4JAH, (336) 906-2469, KA4JAH@Aol.com

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Breakfast every
Saturday

—
8:00 a.m.

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Biscuitville,
2709 S. Main St.

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The High Point Amateur Radio Club meets the first Monday of each month (except for holidays) at a local restaurant announced in the newsletter. Come early to enjoy dinner. The business meeting starts at 6:30 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. Contributions and letters/emails to the editor are welcome.