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HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



W4UA

W4UA repeater 147.165 MHz +Offset 67 Hz tone
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HPARC Meeting

November 3, 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

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HPARC Officer Nominations For 2026

Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

The HPARC Nominating Committee met via zoom and have made the following recommendations for officers in 2025:
President: Keith Thomas, KA4JAH
Vice President: David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF
Secretary: Terence Crandall, N4TLC
Treasurer: Andrew Talbert, K4XAT

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the November Meeting, and as stated in the HPARC bylaws, no further nominations may be made at the December meeting.

Please note that the recommendations made by the nomination committee will be made formally at the November

meeting. Elections will be held at the December meeting.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee for their help in selecting next year's slate of officers.

FCC Announces Intent to Delete Minor Part 97 Provisions

Source: ARRL Letter: October 16, 2025

As part of a [much larger overhaul focused on deleting almost 400 obsolete wireless regulations](#), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has announced plans to delete or modify four minor provisions of Part 97.

ARRL's Washington Counsel has reviewed the proposal and agrees that the deletions are to obsolete rules and will have no impact on today's modern Amateur Radio Service. One of the [deletions was suggested by ARRL](#) as part of an earlier FCC request for public input on rules ripe for deletion.

The proposed regulatory changes are to:

1. **Delete § 97.27.** This provision relates to the FCC's right to modify station licenses. The Commission

rationale for deletion is that it duplicates Section 316 of the Communications Act. Its deletion will result in no substantive change to the right of the FCC to modify a station license.

2. **Delete § 97.29.** This provision specified the procedure to replace paper licenses. The FCC stopped producing paper licenses at the end of 2020, having implemented a system that allows any licensee to download license originals using the password-protected area of the FCC's ULS computer database system that is web-accessible. The ARRL proposed deleting this section in comments filed earlier this year.
3. **Delete § 97.315 (b)(2).** This provision grandfathered HF amplifiers purchased before April 28, 1978 by an amateur radio operator for use at that operator's station and also

grandfathered those manufactured before April 28, 1978 for which a marketing waiver was issued. The applicability of this rule has long passed.

4. **Delete § 97.521(b) and Appendix 2.** This rule and appendix relate to VEC regions, which were based on the traditional amateur call sign areas. The FCC no longer limits VECs to regions and there is no reason for doing so given the nature of remote exams.
"Direct Final Rule" proceedings such as this are limited to rules that are no longer applicable because they have sunset by operation of law; govern an expired event; regulate an obsolete technology; regulate virtually a null set of FCC licensees; regulate an outdated market structure; or otherwise are no longer used in practice or otherwise in the public interest. The deletions will



become effective 60 days after publication in the Federal Register unless the Commission finds that adverse comments filed within 20 days of publication raise significant issues that

merit additional consideration.

ARRL will continue to engage with the FCC in the regulatory and rulemaking process as part of our mission to promote and protect the art, science,

and enjoyment of amateur radio, and to develop the next generation of radio amateurs.

FCC Issues Notice of Violation for Unauthorized One-Way Transmissions and Denial of Inspection

Source: ARRL Letter: October 9, 2025

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a [Notice of Violation \(NoV\) to Mike F. Conte](#) of Naples, Florida, citing alleged rule violations related to unauthorized transmissions and refusal to allow station inspection. The FCC notice by the Regional Director, Region One, Enforcement Bureau, was released on September 29, 2025, and includes that Conte holds an Amateur Radio Service license, KA2FPZ.

According to the Notice, FCC Enforcement Bureau agents from the New York Field Office conducted an investigation on March 17, 2025. Using

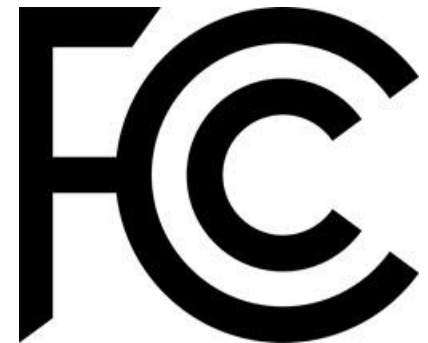
direction-finding techniques, they located and monitored transmissions on 7.200 MHz emanating from a residence owned by Conte in Brookfield, Connecticut that appeared to be one-way broadcasts originating from KA2FPZ.

According to the FCC, Conte was “pretending to speak with a station he identified as KB2VBO,” a call sign not currently assigned to any licensee. No station responded to the transmissions, and the Notice included that “Conte later admitted to an agent that he was engaging in one-way communication that was neither allowed nor exempted under the rules.”

In addition to the alleged unauthorized

broadcasting, the FCC reported that “Agents were denied access to the Residence,” in violation of the Commission’s rules.

[Read more about this story on ARRL News](#)



Amateur Radio Licensing Update During US Government Shutdown

Source: ARRL Letter: October 2, 2025

A bulletin sent to ARRL Members included information about the impact of the US Government shutdown on licensing for the Amateur Radio Service.

The government shutdown began at 12:01 Eastern time on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, when Congress had not passed an appropriations bill or other plan to keep the government funded for the new fiscal year (begins October 1).

The Federal Communications Commission, which issues Amateur Radio Service licenses, issued a [Public Notice](#) on Tuesday, September 30, indicating that it would suspend most operations following a shutdown. “Aside from a few emergency and auction

filing systems, all other Commission electronic filing systems will be unavailable to the public until normal agency operations resume,” said the FCC Notice.

[ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator](#) (ARRL VEC) Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM, said the FCC systems appeared to go off-line around 1 PM Eastern time on Wednesday, and are redirecting to the Public Notice. This means the FCC will not be processing any amateur radio license applications during the shutdown, which includes individual, club, and exam session (new and upgrade) applications.

“But ARRL Volunteer Examiners should continue giving exam sessions,” said Somma. “Keep

doing what you’re doing. Keep serving new and upgrade candidates for amateur radio licenses.” Somma also urged that Volunteer Examiners continue to promptly forward session results from their exams to the ARRL VEC.

“Please do not hold your session results. Send your sessions to us, and ARRL VEC will continue to queue all applications as they are received. Once the federal government reopens, ARRL VEC will promptly resume submitting applications to the FCC for processing. So, keep sending sessions to the ARRL VEC.”

The FCC’s shutdown notice indicated that CORES registration system would remain available for certain activities, but **New Registrations are currently not**

being accepted. This means that **new applicants cannot register for an FRN.** This has created a temporary barrier for individuals who wish to take an amateur radio exam but do not yet have an FRN. Existing users can still log in and access their accounts and applicants who already have an FRN can test without issue.

Given the current situation, there is **active discussion** within the testing community about **temporarily allowing testing without an FRN,** with the understanding that:

1. The applicant would take the exam and receive a CSCE

(Certificate of Successful Completion of Examination).

2. Once CORES resumes issuing new registrations, the applicant would:

- Register for an FRN.
- Contact the coordinating **VEC** with their FRN.
- Have their application submitted retroactively.

This approach would preserve momentum for new licensees and avoid delays in testing.

Please continue to check the ARRL website for updates as they become available.

The FCC's Universal Licensing System ([ULS](#)) databases are also

currently unavailable to the public. ULS and related systems (like the License Manager, License Search, Application Search, etc.) are not accessible during the shutdown. Users cannot file applications with the FCC, or access license data, including address information.

To find an amateur radio exam session, please visit www.arrl.org/find-an-exam. For a list of VE Teams that offer Online Exam Sessions, go to www.arrl.org/online-exam-session.

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



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 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.



the Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's population and their accompanying morse code. Richard Weinbaum, partnership for some time and we have exposition and share our knowledge.

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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 HAPRC 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



October

HPARC CALENDAR

- 3 — **HPARC Meeting**
- 8 — W4VEC Greensboro VE Session
(Hinshaw United Methodist Church)
- 11 — Veterans Day (Federal Holiday)
- 19 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline
- 27 — Thanksgiving (Federal Holiday)

BIRTHDAYS

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Breakfast every
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8:00 a.m.
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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.