



December 2025

HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point Amateur Radio Club



W4UA

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

HPARC Meeting & Christmas Party

December 6 @ 6:00 pm
Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Church Fellowship Hall
301 Hickory Chapel Rd. – High Point

In-Person Only – No Zoom

Single Sideband Activity Nights

2 Meter SSB: Thursdays @ 9pm ET 144.200 MHz

www.W4UA.org

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

HPARC December Meeting and Holiday Party

Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

The December HPARC meeting/Christmas party will be held on SATURDAY, December 6, 2025. Please mark your calendar! We will have a brief business

meeting at 6:00 p.m. which will then be followed by the holiday party. As part of the business meeting a vote will occur for the installation of club officers for the 2026 term. The program will be eating and festivities! This is a time for club members

to just enjoy each other's company.

The meal will be potluck from the club members. Email Keith Thomas if you have not done so yet, to tell him what dish you may be bringing. Hope to see everyone there!

2025 ARRL Field Day Results Published

Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

Results are published, and the numbers are in. They paint a picture of a very active 2025 ARRL Field Day. 1,204,752 contacts were reported by nearly 32,000 participants during the 24-hour event. That is down slightly from 2024's 1.3 million contacts.

Entries were received from all 85 ARRL and Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) sections, as well as from 20 different countries from outside the US and Canada.

Field Day is whatever you make it. For

some participants, it's a contest; for others, it's a social gathering and club activity. Other groups use Field Day to showcase what amateur radio is all about to the public. Some groups use Field Day as an opportunity to introduce youths to amateur radio.

Class A, B, and C scores are included in the 2025 QST results article. The scores for Class D, E and F stations and club aggregate scores are listed in the 2025 line scores on the web, as well in the digital edition of QST.

Results are available now on the ARRL Field Day website at <https://field-day.arrl.org/fdresults.php> and in the December issue of QST.

Congratulations

W4UA made #5 in the
4A - Commercial Category
3,915 points

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	
June	Field Day Planning
July	Meshtastic
August	Show & Tell Your Ham Gear
September	QSL Cards
October	Remote FT8
November	HT Programming
December	Christmas Party



Radiogram Changes

Source: ARRL Letter: November 6, 2025

Participants in National Traffic System® (NTS®) message nets will soon be noticing two changes in ARRL Radiograms. For the first time in 45 years, a new message “precedence,” or priority level, is being introduced, and the list of numbered “ARL” radiogram texts has been updated and expanded. The new “C,” or “CERTIFIED,” precedence joins the long-standing list of E (EMERGENCY), P (PRIORITY), W (WELFARE), and R (ROUTINE) message categories. It is to be used for unique messages to specific individuals with known contact information and must be delivered within 48 hours of origination. The “C” precedence may not be used for bulk messages, such as those sent to welcome new amateurs to the hobby. It is the first new precedence established since the WELFARE (W) category was introduced in 1980.

In addition, the list of standardized ARL Numbered Radiograms has been updated and expanded to keep up with changing technology and messaging needs during disasters and emergencies. The use of “ARL” in a message alerts the receiving operator to expect ARRL NUMBERED RADIOGRAM(s) in the message text. For example, the new ARL THIRTY FIVE is a shortened form of telling the recipient that the sender is “Evacuating to family member/friend’s house,” and ARL NINETY TWO is shorthand for “Widespread disruptions to internet service at this location.” There are many more new ARL Numbered Radiogram Texts. Anyone involved in traffic nets is encouraged to download the complete list from either the [NTS 2.0 website](#) or [Radio Relay International](#) (RRI).

The changes are part of ongoing efforts to modernize the National Traffic System and result from a memorandum of understanding establishing a closer working relationship between NTS and RRI. More details are available in the November issue of [The NTS Letter](#).



Amateur Radio Digital Communications Funding Opportunities

Source: ARRL Letter: November 20, 2025

If you or your club are developing projects that advance amateur radio or digital communications, now’s a great time to apply for [Amateur Radio Digital Communications](#) (ARDC) grant funding, with the next application deadline on February 1, 2026. The foundation has been awarding grants since 2019, supporting a wide range of initiatives that strengthen and expand the amateur radio and digital communications communities.

ARDC’s priority areas for funding reflect the organization’s broader vision and strategy for supporting experimentation, education, and open

technology within the amateur radio and digital communications communities. They are especially interested in projects that align with these three areas:

● **Research & Development (R&D):** Open hardware and software systems that enable learning and experimentation, such as software defined radios, open codec technologies, and new modulation techniques.

● **Space-Based Communications:** Projects that create or expand access to satellite communications for amateur radio and digital communications, engaging

communities in wireless experimentation programs, such as repurposed commercial satellites, and space-based tools for learning.

● **Open Source Education:** Scalable, open educational materials and hands-on projects that make amateur radio and digital communications more accessible, especially for new learners and clubs.

Proposals are welcome across the full range of projects that align with these areas and remain a priority in ARDC grantmaking decisions.

Learn more about these priority areas and ARDC at [ARDC.net](#).

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 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



October

HPARC CALENDAR

- 6 — HPARC Meeting / Christmas Party
- 7 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 13 — VEC Greensboro VE Session (Hinshaw United Methodist Church)
- 15 — Hannukka/Chanukah Starts
- 21 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline
- 22 — Hannukka/Chanukah Ends
- 25 — Christmas
- 26 — Kwanzaa (thru Jan 1)
- 31 — New Years Ev

Birthdays

Horne, Christopher K. - W4CKH
McCormick, George - KN4JPB
Pegram, Mark - KX4PZ
Scronce, Cliff N - C4ANQ
Wilson, Dean - N4DH
Worland, Ken - KW4UC

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.
—
Biscuitville,
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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.