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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

**April 6th @ 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 [www.W4UA.org](http://www.W4UA.org)  
6 Meter SSB: Sundays @ 8:30pm ET 50.155 MHz

## Start Planning for ARRL Field Day 2026

Source: ARRL Letter, March 12, 2026

It's not too early to gear up and get ready for ARRL Field Day! Field Day 2026 takes place June 27 – 28 and will bring together more than 30,000 amateur radio operators for one of the most popular on-the-air events in the US and Canada.



This year's Field Day theme is "Amateur Radio: A National Resource." Combined with the [ARRL Year of the Club](#), it provides the perfect opportunity for radio clubs to set up stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill, and service to our

communities and our nation.

All of the information you need to get started can be found on the [Field Day](#) web page, including how to join the [ARRL Field Day Facebook Group](#), where you can share your plans, tips, and tricks for a successful Field Day.

The overall objective for Field Day is to contact as many stations as possible on the 160-, 80-, 40-, 20-, 15- and 10-meter HF bands, as well as all bands above 50 MHz, and to learn to operate in less than optimal conditions. Many clubs choose to set up in camp-style fashion with portable equipment, temporary antennas, and off-grid power sources.

Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2 (North and South America). DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are

not eligible to submit entries. Each claimed contact must include contemporaneous direct initiation by the operator on both sides of the contact. Initiation of a contact may be either locally or by remote.

Also check out the [Field Day site locator page](#) to help find participating stations near you.

As an added incentive for anyone participating in ARRL's yearlong America250 Worked All States (WAS) Award, contacts made with ARRL Affiliated Radio Clubs all year, including during Field Day, will count toward your America250 WAS Affiliated Club Endorsement. Check out those details at [www.arrl.org/america250-was](http://www.arrl.org/america250-was).

For more information about ARRL Field Day, visit [www.arrl.org/field-day](http://www.arrl.org/field-day).

## Indiana Hams Living Under HOAs Gain Antenna Protections

Source: ARRL Letter, March 5, 2026

The Indiana General Assembly has passed and Governor Mike Braun has signed a bill that adds protection for amateur radio operators who live in homeowner association (HOA) regulated housing developments.

Official language of the House Bill 1152 can be found at IGA | House Bill 1152 - Homeowners association matters.

Credit for adding the new language goes to Hunter Reed, KD9YLQ; Campbell Reed, KD9GEK, and State Senator Scott Alexander for

their efforts writing and introducing the bill, and to the Muncie Area Amateur Radio Club, an ARRL Affiliated Club.

The bill takes effect on July 1, 2026.

## Tennessee Approves Credentials for Amateur Radio Technician License

Source: ARRL Letter, March 5, 2026

The FCC amateur radio Technician Class license is now an approved industry credential in the State of Tennessee. The certification has been placed as Tier 1- Recognized and will be included on the 2026-27 Statewide Industry Credential List.

Stephanie Kelly, Director of Credentialing and Postsecondary Success; Division of Postsecondary, Workforce, CTE, and Military

Readiness for the Tennessee Department of Education, said this certification will benefit students throughout the state. "Students across the state will have access to high-value, industry-recognized credentials that support strong postsecondary and workforce pathways."

The statewide industry credential program promotes credentials for grade K-12 students through a structured process that allows for

the submission of credentials for review by various agencies. The program is designed to enhance postsecondary articulation and provide students with certification, credentials, and degrees in high-skilled and high-wage industries.

The initial application was submitted by Riverside High School Teacher Justin McClain, KQ4ANJ. "We sincerely look forward to the next steps in getting students licensed, on the

air, and learning with all the benefits and applications in amateur radio,” said McClain. “CQ Bunkers on the Air” is the official calling signal and USBOTA offers three awards:

- Activator - Lifetime Award

- Activator’s Lifetime Bunker-to-Bunker Award (all bands)

- Activator - Annual Reference Award

There will be USBOTA National Awards coming in March 2026.

A lot of history is involved with BOTA activations from inside, outside and nearby.

For more information, visit [WWBOTA – Worldwide Bunkers on the Air](http://WWBOTA – Worldwide Bunkers on the Air).

## ARISS Outlines Opportunities for Space Station Contacts in 2027

Source: ARRL Letter, April 2, 2026

The Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program is seeking formal and informal educational institutions and organizations, individually or working together, to host an amateur radio contact with a crew member on board the ISS.



Crew members will participate in scheduled amateur radio contacts. These radio contacts are approximately 10 minutes in length and allow students to interact with the astronauts through a question-and-answer session.

ARISS anticipates that the contact would be

held between January 1 and June 30, 2027. Crew scheduling and ISS orbits will determine the exact contact dates. To maximize these radio contact opportunities, ARISS is looking for organizations that will draw large numbers of participants and integrate the contact into a well-developed education plan.

The deadline to submit a proposal is May 22, 2026, 11:59 PM Pacific Time. Proposal information and necessary details are at [ariss-usa.org/proposal-overview/](http://ariss-usa.org/proposal-overview/).

An ARISS Introductory Webinar session will be held April 30 at 8 PM ET. The Zoom link to sign up is: [us06web.zoom.us/j/3yid9dxzRkmYfVroIPOnWA](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3yid9dxzRkmYfVroIPOnWA).

An ARISS contact is a voice-only communication opportunity via amateur radio between astronauts and cosmonauts aboard the space station and classrooms and communities. ARISS contacts afford education audiences the opportunity to learn firsthand from astronauts what it is like to live and work in space and to learn about space research conducted on the ISS. Students also will have an opportunity to learn about satellite communication, wireless technology, and radio science. Because of the nature of human

spaceflight and the complexity of scheduling activities aboard the ISS, organizations must demonstrate flexibility to accommodate changes in dates and times of the radio contact.

Amateur radio organizations around the world, with the support of NASA and space agencies in Russia, Canada, Japan, and Europe present educational organizations with this opportunity. The ham radio organizations’ volunteer efforts provide the equipment and operational support to enable communication between crew on the ISS and students around the world using amateur radio. Please direct any questions to [education@ariss-usa.org](mailto:education@ariss-usa.org).

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) is a cooperative venture of international amateur radio societies and the space agencies that support the International Space Station (ISS). In the United States, sponsors are ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio, Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC), Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT), NASA’s Space Communications and Navigation program (SCaN) and the ISS National Lab—Space Station Explorers..

## 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 **May 12th**. 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](mailto:KK4RR@mac.com) to register.

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

Course Start Dates listed below

### Technician Course:

~~January 6~~

~~March 31~~

June 23

September 22

### General Course:

~~February 17~~

**May 12**

August 4

## 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 population and their radio and morse code. Richard Weinbaum, partnership for some time and we have exposition and share our knowledge. To museums volunteer process. To get started, Weinbaum, KK4RR at 336-687-8001 or [KK4RR@mac.com](mailto:KK4RR@mac.com).



& Mariana Qubein Children’s Museum to accompanying adults about the world of KK4RR has been spearheading this dates on the calendar for us to have an volunteer you must go through the or to learn more, please contact Richard

# 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



## April

### HPARC CALENDAR

- 5 — Easter
- 6 — **HPARC Meeting**
- 11 — W4VEC Greensboro VE Session  
(Hinshaw United Methodist Church)
- 12 — Orthodox Easter
- 19 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline
- 25 — W4VEC High Point VE Session  
(Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Church)

Breakfast every  
Saturday  
—  
8:00 a.m.  
—  
Biscuitville,  
2709 S. Main St.

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

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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.