

NOVEMBER 2019

HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



NOVEMBER MEETING

For the November meeting, David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF, will give a program on solar conditions and space weather.

Derek Brown, WF4I, gave a presentation on Remote Operating. Derek has been operating his radio via a tablet and his cell phone when not at home. Contact Derek if you are interested in the programs he is using to operate remotely.

At the October meeting,

we had another Ham join the HPARC. Welcome Camille Taylor, KX4CAM. Camille is an Extra Class, lives in High Point and is active on David's VE team. Camille joins as a Complimentary member as a new Ham under rules passed by the HPARC Board. Make her feel welcome!

The nominating committee will be giving their recommendations for officers for 2020 at

the meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Our numbers seem to be increasing at the club meetings. We are actively looking for another location as we seem to be outgrowing our current meeting site. If we haven't seen you at a meeting in a while, what is your excuse? We would love to see you. Plan on attending the November meeting. See you there.

BUILDING OF ICONIC DAYTON BUSINESS SOLD

Mendelsohns, located on East First Street in Dayton Ohio, has been sold. A surplus reseller business encompassing an eight-story building visited by Amateur Radio operators from all over the world while attending Hamvention

each May will be no more once a huge sale of 50 percent of its contents is completed.

It was once said if you couldn't find it in Mendelsohns it could not be found.

Mendelsohns carried everything from office equipment to

restaurant merchandise, electronic parts, computers, building supplies and much much more. Believe it or not, the store even had an F-16 flight simulator.

Developer Crawford Hoying has purchased the Mendelsohn

Mendelsohns continued inside...

OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2020

The Nominating Committee has met and made their recommendations for officers for 2020. Their selections are: Mark McMahan, KB4MFP, for President; Tom Bertolino, KB1p, for Vice-president; David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF, for Secretary; and Warren Gallemore, KA4LOQ, for Treasurer.

Additional nominations may

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

The Nominating Committee for 2020 consists of: David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF; Mike Cumbo, ND4S; George McCormick, KN4JPB; Lacey

Armistead, KN4JOX, and Cliff Scronce, KC4ANQ.

**HPARC Meeting
November 4, 2019**

Rancho's,
10463 North Main St,
Archdale, NC

Meal at 6:30 p.m.
Business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ARRL TO LAUNCH NEW ON THE AIR MAGAZINE

ARRL is launching a new magazine, *On the Air*, in January 2020. To be published on a bimonthly basis, *On the Air* will offer new and beginner-to-intermediate-level Radio Amateurs a fresh approach to exploring radio communication. Each issue will include advice and insights on topics from the variety of Amateur Radio interests and activities: radio technology, operating, equipment, project building, and emergency communication. The goal of this new magazine is to be a vital resource in helping new and newer Radio Amateurs get active and involved in radio communications.

"On the Air responds to the brand-new and not-so-brand-new Radio Amateur seeking ideas and answers," said QST Managing Editor Becky

Schoenfeld, W1BXY. Schoenfeld is part of the ARRL staff team that developed the new magazine. The planning included an extensive national-level study of new Amateur Radio licensees, identifying their motivations for getting licensed and their experiences of getting started. A focus group responded positively to a trial sample edition of the magazine.

"Too many new licensees never take the next step," says Schoenfeld. "We're excited to introduce a new Amateur Radio magazine for this audience, aimed at getting them active, getting them involved, and getting them on the air."

The first issue of *On the Air* will be published in January 2020 (January/February issue) and will be introduced as a new ARRL membership

benefit. Effective November 1, when eligible US Radio Amateurs join ARRL or renew their memberships, they will be prompted to select the print magazine of their choice — *On the Air* or *QST*. Current members receiving the print edition of *QST*, upon renewal, may choose to continue receiving the print edition of *QST* (monthly) or the print edition of *On the Air* (bimonthly).

All ARRL members, including international members, will be able to access digital editions of both *QST* and *On the Air*. Members who already access *QST* on the web or from the mobile app will be able to access *QST* and *On the Air* starting in January.

—*The ARRL Letter*,
October 17, 2019

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, Ed.

ANNA BRUMMER, N2FER, FETED ON HER 105TH BIRTHDAY

When she turned 80, Anna Brummer, N2FER, of Fort Edward, NY, predicted she would live to be 100. On September 27, she topped her own forecast by 5 years, as she celebrated her birthday at the Fort Hudson Nursing Center, surrounded by family and friends. The only thing she wanted was a drink of Scotch whiskey, and the nursing home obliged, along with a slice of cake. Unit Manager Donna Hopkins told Post Star newspaper reporter Gretta

Hochsprung that she didn't attempt to put 105 candles on Brummer's cake because it would have been a fire hazard. Brummer told Hochsprung that the secret to longevity is being nice to people.

"Keeps you young when everything's going smooth," she told the reporter.

Anna Brummer was a late-comer to Amateur Radio. In 1984, her son Richard, K2JQ (ex – K2REB), got his mom and his dad, Edwin, interested in Amateur Radio, and

Anna obtained her Technician license when she was 69 years old. Edwin Brummer, who died in 1996, was N2FEQ, and held a Tech Plus ticket. They were married for 56 years.

No official records are kept, but Anna Brummer is among a small circle of centenarian Radio Amateurs in the US and may be the oldest woman holding a license.

—*The ARRL Letter*,
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Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,
Editor

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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 6:30 p.m. at a local restaurant announced in the newsletter. The business meeting starts around 7:00 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.

...Mendelsohns continued from cover building located at 340 East First Street which has 555,000 square feet making it the largest redevelopment project currently in Dayton, Ohio. It out- rivals the massive redevelopment project currently under-

going in the Dayton Arcade project in Dayton, Ohio.

Built in the 1920s, the Mendelsohn building once housed part of General Motors' presence in Dayton, Ohio.

Sandy Mendelsohn, 74, is retir- ing but the Mendelsohn name

is being retained by the family. They still own a building on East Third and Keowee Street and the family could possibly move the business to that location.

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,
Report 2189,
October 11, 2019

LARRY JUNSTROM, K4EB, SK

Larry "LJ" Junstrom, K4EB, died on October 6. Junstrom was a founding member and bassist of Lynyrd Skynyrd, although he left the group before it recorded its first album. He's better known as

a member of another Southern Rock band, 38 Special, with which he performed from 1977 until retiring in 2014.

Licensed in 1962 as WN2LKF, later becoming WA4LKF, Junstrom was inac-

tive in Amateur Radio during his busy years on the road but picked up the hobby again in 1990 and became an avid DXer.

—*The ARRL Letter*,
October 10, 2019
Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, Ed.

THE WEATHER CHANNEL CITES "OLD SCHOOL TECH" AMATEUR RADIO AS STORM RESOURCE

Julio Ripoll, WD4R, Amateur Radio Assistant Coordinator of WX4NHC at the National Hurricane Center (NHC) explained Amateur Radio's role during severe weather situations to interviewers from The Weather Channel (TWC). In a September 16 segment headlined, "Using Old School Tech During a Storm," Ripoll — seated at WX4NHC — told Weather Channel interviewers Rick Knabb and Mike Bettes, that information NHC forecasters receive via Amateur Radio volunteers and spotters "sometimes fills in gaps they can't get from satellites or reconnaissance."

Knabb recounted an occasion when he was trying to pin down information about a storm sys-

tem in Central America. "The only way I was able to accurately document what happened with that system in Central America was because of data through the Ham Radio operators that relayed it," he told Ripoll.

Ripoll cited the WX4NHC vol- unteer staff of approximately 30 Radio Amateurs who gather and essentially screen information gathered via Amateur Radio for weather data that may be of use to forecasters.

Over the weekend, Ripoll expressed appreciation to WX4NHC, Hurricane Watch Net, and VoIP Hurricane Net volunteers for the time they donate during hurricanes and the reports they send to WX4NHC.

"Sometimes, we sit for hours

listening to static. Sometimes, we receive many reports that are unremarkable. Sometimes, we receive very few reports. But then there are those times that one or two reports make a difference," Ripoll said. He noted that NHC Hurricane Specialist Stacy Stewart cited Amateur Radio in a Hurricane Humberto advisory.

The advisory noted, "An Amateur Radio operator at Ports Island near the southern end of Bermuda reported a sustained wind of 75 MPH and a gust to 104 MPH during the past hour. An Amateur Radio operator in Somerset Village recently reported a sustained wind of 70 MPH and a gust to 89 MPH."

—*The ARRL Letter*,
October 3, 2019
Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, Ed.

NEW/UPGRADED HAMS

At the High Point W4VEC Ham Exam Session on October 26, there was seven individuals to pass their Technician license: Charles Clark, KN4ZKU, of Greensboro; Thomas Cudo, KN4ZKV, of

Greensboro; Jesse Hooven, KN4ZKW, of High Point; John Polese, KN4ZLA, of Greensboro; Micah Sams, KN4ZKX, of Brown Summit, Chase Wilhelm, KN4ZKY, of Greensboro; and Austin

Young, KN4ZKZ, of Pleasant Garden.

Congratulations to all.

For W4VEC Testing, call or email: David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF, (336) 420-9424, aj4tf@arrl.net



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HPARC NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 2-4 — ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW
- 3 — Daylight Savings Time ends
(move clocks back one hour)
- 4 — **HPARC Club Meeting**
- 5 — Election Day
- 10 — Marine Corps Day
- 11 — **VETERAN'S DAY (observed)**
- 16-18 — ARRL November Sweepstakes, phone
- 17 — Jarsfest Benson, NC
- 24 — HPARC Newsletter deadline
- 23-24 — CQ Worldwide Contest, CW
- 28 — **THANKSGIVING**

- 30 — W4VEC High Point session (Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Church, Fellowship Bldg)
- Dec 7 — HPARC Club Meeting/
Christmas party**

BIRTHDAYS

- Bruce Berk — November 4
- Denny Wojnar — November 12
- Bob Holmes — November 18
- Steve Chambers — November 20
- Marie Bertolino — November 25
- Lewis Denny — November 26

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