

MAY 2020

HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



MAY MEETING

It sure is lonely at the restaurant without you guys here for the meeting. If you remember back in the January meeting I said I didn't know why you guys elected me President again? After all, I ran away some members when I was President in the 90's. I also ran away an officer just a few years ago when I was President. And in the January meeting I was contemplating who I would run away this year. I think out did myself. I ran everyone off. Still think you want to keep me on as President? Where is that impeachment committee when you need them?

As Hams, we have to learn to adapt to adverse conditions in order to get out messages. We will again have our HPARC Meeting for May on

the repeater, 147.165, as we did last month, but we are adding another element to include those who cannot get into the repeater for one reason or another. We will be using Zoom for a supplement to our May meeting.

HPARC meeting
May 4, 2020 7:00 p.m.
147.165 - 67.0 Hz tone
See you on the air

David Macchiarolo will serve as the host for the Zoom portion of the meeting. You will be able to hear the meeting through David's connection. He will be sending all HPARC members instructions on how to connect with Zoom. We may even have a program presented through Zoom.

I suggest you check out Zoom

ahead of time to download any necessary software you may need. If you are not a club member but would like to be included in the Zoom portion of the meeting, please email David at his email address listed in the officers section of this newsletter. Please understand that we welcome visitors, but we have to be careful with privacy issues. If anyone needs help with this, please email one of the officers listed in this newsletter. Thanks.

What do you say when the words just won't come? I don't want to sound like a broken record, and say I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. I don't want to sound like the evening news. So let's look forward to better times when we will all be together again and all this is all behind us.

ARRL SUGGESTS TAKING A CREATIVE APPROACH TO FIELD DAY 2020

This year, ARRL Field Day promises to be a unique iteration of this annual event, with many individuals and groups coming up with new and interesting ways to adjust their approach. As an event, Field Day is structured to be versatile and can be adapted for any situation.

Many groups have asked how they can adjust their Field Day

planning to address social-distancing guidelines that may be in effect in many areas of the country, as gathering at their traditional Field Day site may not be feasible or safe. Instead of participating in a group event this year, consider operating as a Class B, C, D, or E station, utilizing your own call sign.

ARRL will include club names

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HPARC Meeting
May 4, 2020
Meet us on-the-air
147.165 – 67.0 Hz tone
7:00 p.m.

ARRL ANNOUNCES NEW BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS

ARRL members will now receive digital access to four ARRL magazines beginning with their May/June issues. Joining QST and On the Air magazines on a digital platform will be the bimonthly editions of QEX – The Forum for Communications Experimenters and NCJ – National Contest Journal. QEX includes articles, columns, and other features ranging from construction projects to more advanced technical information in radio theory and practice. NCJ, published since 1973, targets Radio Amateurs active in radiosport. NCJ includes scores, technical articles, contributions from top contesters, and advice for beginners and seasoned radiosport enthusiasts alike.

“Feedback from ARRL members and our readership surveys has shown that our magazines are one of the most valued member benefits,” said ARRL Publications Manager Steve Ford, WB8IMY. “Our investment in digital access provides

another channel through which we can deliver content to our members across the expanse of interests and activities in Amateur Radio. All members can enjoy specialized content and a high-quality reading experience whether at their desk or on the go. Offering this suite of digital magazines is an opportunity for us to give members more of what they want while adding value to ARRL membership.”

Members who have elected to receive a printed QST or On the Air as part of their membership benefits will continue to have this service. Members may not substitute a print subscription of QEX or NCJ as their delivered magazine member benefit. Print subscriptions of QEX and NCJ will continue to be available at additional cost for those who want to receive them.

All four magazines are easily accessed through any web browser from members-only links. The free ARRL Magazines app is available for

iOS and Android in the Apple App Store and Google Play. If you’re already an ARRL member and previously created an arrl.org website account, your username and password will provide you access to the digital editions, whether online or in the app. Members who have not previously registered will need to create a new account. If you’ve forgotten your password, visit www.arrl.org/forgot-password, or email circulation@arrl.org for assistance.

Previous and prospective members can join ARRL and take advantage of this and other membership benefits.

—*The ARRL Letter*,

April 16, 2020

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,
Editor

[Editor’s note: The HPARC receives a small commission on ARRL renewals and new subscriptions. If you want to renew through the club, you can contact the HPARC treasurer on what you need to do and to give a portion back to the club.]

FCC TO ACT ON FUTURE OF 6 GHz BAND

The FCC is expected to act this month on changes that would open new frequencies on the 6 GHz band for use by Wi-Fi devices. Companies such as Apple, Facebook and Google have eyed the opportunities on this part of the spectrum as a way to ensure faster internet connections.

The commissioners are scheduled to meet next on April 23 and a recent report in Bloomberg News said the 6GHz vote is on the agency’s agenda.

One of the major opponents of opening up the band is the utility sector. Utilities have said network reliability could suffer if Wi-Fi networks are

given access to 6GHz because they will cause interference.

FCC Commissioner Ajit Pai proposed the change last year saying that increased access to the radio spectrum would be an asset for future 5G development.

—*Amateur Radio Newsline*,

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Complimentary issues of the HPARC Newsletter are available by writing to the HPARC Newsletter at PO Box 4941, High Point, NC 27263 or emailing your request to w4ua@arrl.net. Subscriptions are available to non-members for \$12.00 a year. Contributions and letters/emails to the editor are welcome.

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

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for all participating stations in the published results, so the efforts of your club's members can be acknowledged. While we will not publish an aggregate club score, seeing the name of your club associated with various individual member's results is certainly a way to highlight your club's activity.

Myriad opportunities are possible in this year's Field Day setting. A few options are as follows:

- Consider having an intra-club competition among members, seeing who can make the most contacts during the event. You can award prizes or distribute certificates at a club meeting. This can be a fun way to bolster the activities of individual club members, even though

they cannot all gather together at the same location this year.

- Set up a Field Day Challenge with rival clubs in neighboring communities. See how many members of each club get on the air from their own stations and participate in the event. In addition to "bragging rights," perhaps certificates to the top-scoring individual entries in each category can be presented as part of this inter-club camaraderie.

One club is planning to conduct its Field Day as a 4A club group, with participants spaced to comply with social distancing guidelines within the required 1,000-foot-diameter circle and operating individual stations. This club also plans to set up a "Get on the Air" (GOTA) station. The club's plan is to have the

GOTA coach at the Field Day site, while GOTA operators participate via remote link.

Another club is planning to set up a remote-controlled station at its usual Field Day site, with club members taking turns controlling the station from their homes. The club is developing a schedule that outlines when each member of the club will be at the helm via the remote link.

Whatever approach you take to this year's Field Day, keep up to date with the current guidelines issued by local and state health agencies that may impact your proposed operation.

—*The ARRL Letter*,

April 23, 2020

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,
Editor

EXTRA CLASS QUESTION POOL DUE TO EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2020

In January 2020, the National Conference of Volunteer Coordinators (NCVEC) introduced a new Amateur Extra-class license examination question pool which becomes effective from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2024. Barring any unforeseen delays with printing

and shipping, ARRL will have new editions of its Extra Class study materials (for exams given on, or after, July 1, 2020) by mid or late May, and available from ARRL and its publication resellers.

ARRL is working on an Extra Pool extension but the

final decision must come from the NCVEC.

Any changes due to impact from the current health crisis will be posted to ARRL News and www.arrl.org/COVID-19.

—<http://www.arrl.org/arrl-news-coronavirus-covid-19>

WELSH RADIO AMATEUR COPIES TITANIC DISTRESS

A Welsh Radio Amateur copied the Titanic distress call, but authorities did not believe him. April 15 marked the 108th anniversary of the Titanic disaster. As the passenger vessel was going down, frantic shipboard Radio Operators transmitted repeated distress calls.

Arthur "Artie" Moore, MNX, near Pontllanfraith, Wales, heard one of the calls for help: "CQD CQD SOS de MGY Position 41.44N 50.24W.

Require immediate assistance. Come at once. We have struck an iceberg. Sinking."

At that time, operators used "CQD" (come quickly, distress) and "SOS" interchangeably. MGY was the RMS Titanic's call sign.

The then 26-year-old Moore picked up the distress calls from the stricken ship thousands of miles away, and, as recounted in The South Wales Argus newspaper, he raced to inform police about what

he'd heard, but the authorities would not believe him. It wasn't until a day or two later that the grim news reached the shores of Great Britain.

More than 1,500 people died in the tragedy, including some prominent individuals, on the voyage from England to the US on the Titanic's maiden voyage.

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HPARC MAY CALENDAR

- 4 — **HPARC Club Meeting - On-the-Air,**
147.165 (67.0 Hz tone) 7:00 p.m.
- 5 — Cinco de Mayo
- 5 — National Teacher's Day
- 7 — **National Day of Prayer**
- 8 — VE Day
(Germany surrenders WWII 1945)
- 10 — **MOTHER'S DAY**
- 16 — **ARMED FORCES DAY**
- 24 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline
- 25 — **MEMORIAL DAY**
- 29 — John F. Kennedy's Birthday

BIRTHDAYS

- Richard Weinbaum — May 18
- Robyn Pegram — May 21
- Lynn Flyer — May 29

NOTE: Most Hamfests have been cancelled for now. Please check Hamfest/club web sites before making your plans.

W4VEC has officially canceled all scheduled Ham Radio exams through July 1, 2020.

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**Saturday
 Breakfast
 get-togethers
 postponed
 until further
 notice**