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HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



NOVEMBER MEETING

I have no idea what the program for November will be. At this point I have not heard from David. Slacker. Speaking of slackers, the Nominating Committee wimped out and picked the same crew to go back in as officers for 2021. Said something about we haven't proven ourselves. Especially the club president. Now there is a slacker.

Please note: J&S is closing a little later – 7:30 p.m. The HPARC will still meet at 6:00 p.m. to give us enough time to hold our meeting and program. Haven't seen some of you lately either at the restaurant or on Zoom. I hope everyone is well. Miss seeing our crowd. Come at 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. for the meal. Please tell the cashier that you

are with the radio club so that we get credit for those attending at J&S.

David Macchiarolo gave a program at the October meeting on Antenna Modeling.

**HPARC Meeting
6:00 p.m.
November 2, 2020
J&S Cafeteria
5835 Samet Drive, HP
& on the Zoom app**

A reminder, if you plan to mail dues to the club, please send them directly to Warren Gallemore, HPARC Treasurer at 1505 Trafalgar Court, High Point, 27262.

David Macchiarolo is in charge of sending out Zoom email invitations to the club

meeting. If you are planning to attend the meeting via Zoom and have not gotten an invitation, please contact David and let him know.

As HPARC President, I will have to say that we probably can not decide yet whether we will have our usual December/Christmas meeting/Party. Our governor has postponed Phase 3, and I don't know how to plan around that. I think we may have a special meeting after November 6 to make a decision. That could be with just the HPARC Board or a special meeting of all members. Maybe we can decide that at the November meeting.

Hope everyone is well and safe. Hope to see everyone very soon. God bless.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2021

The HPARC Nominating Committee has made their recommendations for officers for 2021. 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. (If it sounds like the same crew, hint, it is.)

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, Mike Cumbo, George McCormick, Tom

Bertolino, Camille Taylor and Mark Pegram

**HPARC/Zoom Meeting
November 2, 2020**
J&S Cafeteria,
5835 Samet Drive, HP
& on Zoom
Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Business meeting at 6:00 p.m.

FINDING HAMS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Want to know what Hams live in your neighborhood? Check out Amateur Radio License Map < <https://haminfo.tetranz.com/map/1300%20MAIN%20ST,%20HARRINGTON,%20ME%2004643>>. You may have Hams nearby you never knew

about.

—*The ARRL Letter*,

October 1, 2020

Rick Lindquist, Editor

SOLAR PHYSICIST PREDICTS A SLIGHTLY BETTER SOLAR CYCLE 25

Solar physicist Leif Svalgaard of the W.W. Hansen Experimental Physics Laboratory at Stanford University has predicted a maximum sunspot number of 128 ±10, slightly better than Solar Cycle 24.

“The overall average is 132 ±47 (median 124),” he said.

“None of these numbers are substantially different, so one could perhaps just go with the ‘wisdom of the crowd.’ All predictions that we consider have the underlying assumption that the sun has not changed its behavior on a timescale of a few centuries, and that there will be no such changes in the near

future, in spite of speculative suggestions.”

Svalgaard characterized the science of solar cycle prediction to be still in its infancy, “borne out by the extreme range of predictions of Cycle 25.”

—*The ARRL Letter*,

October 8, 2020

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, Ed,

SPECIAL EVENTS STATION CELEBRATES ABRAHAM ACCORDS TREATY

To celebrate the Abraham Accords treaty of peace, diplomatic relations, and normalization between the United Arab Emirates and Israel, special event stations 4X0AAP and 4Z0AAP will be activated by members of the Israel Amateur

Radio Club, while members of the Emirates Amateur Radio Society will operate A60AAP, October 16, 2020 – January 11, 2021.

—*The ARRL Letter*, October 15, 2020

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, Editor

SIGN UP OR RENEW YOUR ARRL MEMBERSHIP

If you haven’t signed up for the ARRL membership or need to renew your membership, do so through the club. By doing so, the club gets to keep \$15 of new memberships and \$2 of renewals.

As an ARRL member, you will benefit from getting the QST or On The Air Magazine, email forwarding, e-newsletters, availability to Ham Radio equipment insurance, outgoing foreign QSL service, as

well as supporting the ARRL which represents Ham Radio in Washington.

To start your ARRL membership or renew, make your checks out to the HPARC and see our treasurer.

2020 HPARC COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

List of HPARC Committees along with the members of that committee (chairmen listed first).

Education: Tom Evans, NA4U; David Macchiarolo; Mike Cumbo

Finance: Warren Gallemore, KA4LOQ; Lacey Armistead; Art Johnson

Membership: Cliff Scronce, KC4ANQ; Lon Cecil; Mike Cumbo; Art Johnson

House: Bob Witt, KN4LMH; Lacey Armistead;

George McCormick

Program: David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF; Derek Brown; Gordon Saunders

Publicity: George McCormick, KN4JPB; Bob Witt; Lacey Armistead

Repeater: Lon Cecil, AA4LC; David Macchiarolo; Mark McMahan

Special Activities: David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF; Mark Pegram; Camille Taylor

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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 6:00 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.

ARRL URGES MEMBERS TO JOIN IN STRONGLY OPPOSING FCC'S APPLICATION FEES PROPOSAL

ARRL will file comments in firm opposition to an FCC proposal to impose a \$50 fee on Amateur Radio license and application fees. With the November 16 comment deadline fast approaching, ARRL urges members to add their voices to ARRL's by filing opposition comments of their own. The FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) MD Docket 20-270 appeared in the October 15 edition of The Federal Register and sets deadlines of November 16 to comment and November 30 to post reply comments, which are comments on comments already filed. ARRL has prepared a Guide to Filing Comments with the FCC which includes tips for preparing comments and step-by-step filing instructions <arrl.org/arrl-guide-to-filing-comments-with-fcc>. File comments on MD Docket 20-270 using the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS).

Under the proposal, Amateur Radio licensees would pay a \$50 fee for each Amateur Radio application for new licenses, license renewals, upgrades to existing licenses, and vanity call sign requests. The FCC also has proposed a \$50 fee to obtain a printed copy of a license.

Excluded are applications for administrative updates, such as changes of address, and annual regulatory fees. Amateur Service licensees have been exempt from application fees for several years.

The FCC proposal is contained in a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in MD Docket 20-270, which was adopted to implement portions of the "Repack Airwaves Yielding Better Access for Users of Modern Services Act" of 2018 — the so-called "Ray Baum's Act." The Act requires that the FCC switch from a Congressionally-mandated fee structure to a cost-based system of assessment. In its NPRM, the FCC proposed application fees for a broad range of services that use the FCC's Universal Licensing System (ULS), including the Amateur Radio Service. The 2018 statute excludes the Amateur Service from annual regulatory fees, but not from application fees. The FCC proposal affects all FCC services and does not single out Amateur Radio.

ARRL is encouraging members to file comments that stress Amateur Radio's contributions to the country and

communities. ARRL's Guide to Filing Comments includes "talking points" that may be helpful in preparing comments. These stress Amateur Radio's role in volunteering communication support during disasters and emergencies, and inspiring students to pursue education and careers in engineering, radio technology, and communications.

As the FCC explained in its NPRM, Congress, through the Ray Baum's Act, is compelling regulatory agencies such as the FCC to recover from applicants the costs involved in filing and handling applications.

In its NPRM the FCC encouraged licensees to update their own information online without charge. Many, if not most, Amateur Service applications may be handled via the largely automated Universal License Service (ULS). The Ray Baum's Act does not exempt filing fees in the Amateur Radio Service, and the FCC stopped assessing fees for vanity call signs several years ago.

—*The ARRL Letter*
SPECIAL EDITION,
October 27, 2020
Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,
Editor

FCC HEADQUARTERS RELOCATES

FCC Headquarters has moved. The new address is 45 L St. NE, Washington, DC 20554. The change is effective immediately. The FCC announced plans to move last spring, but the transition was delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The FCC, like many federal agencies, has its own ZIP code,

so there will be no disruption in mail delivery sent by USPS to the former address. The FCC still prohibits the delivery of hand-carried documents, and all COVID-19 restrictions or instructions regarding access to FCC facilities remain in place at the new location.

Due to the pandemic, the move

was accomplished by professional movers without the presence of any employees, all of whom had been working from home.

Most FCC staff continue to work from home and are not expected to be physically present in their new offices before next June.

—*The ARRL Letter*, October 22, 2020, Rick Lindquist, Ed.



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PO Box 4941
High Point, NC 27263

HPARC NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 1 — Daylight Savings Time ends
(move clocks back one hour)
- 2 — **HPARC Club Meeting**
- 3 — Election Day
- 7-9 — ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW
- 10 — Marine Corps Day
- 11 — **VETERAN'S DAY (observed)**
- 14 — Greensboro VE Session, Hinshaw
United Methodist Church
- 21-23 — ARRL November Sweepstakes, phone
- 26 — **THANKSGIVING**

- 28-29 — EME - 50 to 1296 MHz
- 29 — HPARC Newsletter deadline

BIRTHDAYS

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

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**Saturday
 Breakfast**
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8:00 a.m.
 —
**Mrs Winners,
 2713 S. Main St.**