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HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



MARCH MEETING

As reported in last month's newsletter, J&S Cafeteria has closed its doors indefinitely. Since then, David Macchiarolo has done some research on various different locations that could serve as our club's ongoing meeting location. To that end, our March meeting will be held at Mario's Pizza located at 2645 N. Main Street, High Point, NC 27265. It is in the Harbor Freight Shopping Center. The meeting will also be

held via zoom for those not able to attend in person. Contact David Macchiarolo for

**HPARC Meeting
6:30 p.m.**

March 7, 2022

**Mario's Pizza
2645 N.Main St.
High Point, NC 27265**

& Zoom

Zoom information. Mario's has a meeting room located in the back of the restaurant in which we can meet and not disrupt or be disrupted by other patrons. If you would like to check out their menu, please visit their website:

<http://www.mariosbigpizza.com>
Mario's serves New York style pizza as well and sandwiches, pasta and other items. They serve pizza by the slice, and they are very large slices.

Some New Rules Going into Effect this Year for ARRL Field Day....

Source: ARRL Letter 2/10/2022

After taking a few detours over the past couple of years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, [ARRL Field Day](#) rules are being updated on a permanent basis starting this summer. ARRL conducted a Field Day community survey with invitations propagated far and wide, and direct emails sent to more than 15,000 individuals and ARRL-affiliated clubs. After sorting through, reviewing, and discussing the survey results, the ARRL Programs and Services Committee recommended a number of rule changes for ARRL Field Day, which will take place this year over the June 25 - 26 weekend. Starting this year, the maximum

PEP output for a transmitter used by anyone submitting a Field Day log will be 100 W. The power multiplier of 2 will remain in place, and the high-power category will be removed from the rules. Until this year, the maximum low-power limit had been 150 W for most ARRL-sponsored operating events. The power multiplier will remain at 5 for QRP participants running a maximum of 5 W or less. As previously announced, 100 W is now the low-power category limit for all ARRL and IARU HF Contests, effective January 1, 2022.

A couple of changes instituted initially as accommodations for the COVID-19 pandemic will

remain. Class D (Home) stations will continue to be able to earn points for contacts with other Class D stations. The club aggregate scoring change initiated in 2020 as a temporary measure will become part of the permanent

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rules. In the aggregate scoring plan, the scores of individual stations are combined under the score of a single club.

Another change, involving Rule 7.3.2 Media Publicity, has been modified. Rules to date have offered 100 bonus points for attempting to

obtain publicity and demonstrating same. With the ease of posting via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and various other media websites, Field Day participants will now be required to obtain publicity, not just try to do so. Any combination of bona fide media hits would qualify posting the details of your for the

bonus points. For example, upcoming or ongoing Field Day activity, or your Field Day results, on a club or news media site, on Facebook, or via Twitter and Instagram would meet the bonus criteria. Photos and videos are encouraged as part of media posts.

Three SpaceX Crew-4 Crew Members Hold Ham Licenses

Source: ARRL Letter 2/10/2022

Three of the four crew members in the SpaceX Crew-4 launch to the International Space Station (ISS) are amateur radio licensees. They are Robert Hines, KI5RQT; Kjell Lindgren, KO5MOS; and Samantha Cristoforetti, IZ0UDF. Lindgren and Cristoforetti have served previously on the ISS. Crew-4 is set to launch on April 15 for a 6-month stay. Crew-4 will be the fourth crew rotation mission of SpaceX's human space transportation system and its fifth flight with astronauts, including the Demo-2 test flight, to the space station through [NASA's Commercial Crew Program](#). The mission will launch on a SpaceX Crew Dragon spacecraft and Falcon 9 rocket from Launch Complex 39A at NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Last week, NASA and its



NASA's SpaceX Crew-4 astronauts participate in a training session at SpaceX headquarters in Hawthorne, California. (L - R) Astronaut and SpaceX Crew-4 mission specialist Jessica Watkins; astronaut and SpaceX Crew-4 pilot Robert Hines, KI5RQT; astronaut and SpaceX Crew-4 commander Kjell Lindgren, KO5MOS, and European Space Agency astronaut and Crew-4 mission specialist Samantha Cristoforetti, IZ0UDF.

international partners approved crew members for Axiom Space's first private astronaut mission to the ISS. Called Axiom Mission 1 or Ax-1, the flight is targeted to launch on March 30, from Launch Complex 39A at Kennedy Space

Center on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket. The Ax-1 crew will fly on Crew Dragon *Endeavour* to and from the space station. After 10 days in orbit, the Ax-1 crew will splash down off the coast of Florida.

Axiom Space astronauts Michael López-Alegría, Larry Connor, Mark Pathy, and Eytan Stibbe are prime crew members of the Ax-1 mission. The quartet is scheduled to spend 8 days aboard the ISS, conducting science, education, and commercial activities before returning to Earth.

"This represents another significant milestone in our efforts to create a low-Earth orbit economy," said Phil McAlister, director of commercial spaceflight at NASA.

Dues News

By: Peter Kapetanakis, HPARC Treasurer

As reported last month, dues may now be paid through Zelle. Thus far, several members have successfully utilized this method of payment. Please remember to send your Zelle payments to Treasurer@w4ua.org. Payments are also acceptable by check

or cash. Checks should be made payable to High Point Amateur Radio Club and mailed to 3424 Mill Run Lan, Pfafftown NC 27040. If you are unsure of when your membership is up for renewal, please contact Peter Kapetanakis at Treasurer@w4ua.org. Per HPARC by-laws: "Any member who fails to pay dues for a period of

three (3) months may have his membership automatically terminated at the end of the three (3) months." If you find yourself with financial hardship and not able to pay dues, please contact a member of the board as special considerations may be made.

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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 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.



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HPARC FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- 1 — Mardi Gras (New Orleans)
- 7 — **HPARC Club Meeting**
- 12 — Greensboro VE Session,
Hinshaw United Methodist Church
- 13 — Daylight Savings (Spring Ahead)
- 17 — St. Patrick's Day
- 26 — W4VEC High Point session (Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Church, Fellowship Bldg)
- 28 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline

BIRTHDAYS

- Justin Sayres – March 14
- Mitchell Boone — March 25
- Art Johnson – March 27

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Breakfast every Saturday

8:00 a.m.

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