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HPARC NEWSLETTER

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And the 2022 Baily-Sprott Park-A-Day Hunter Award goes to...

By: Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

Congratulations to our very own Dean Wilson, N4DH for being only 1 of 24 active POTA operators to achieve this remarkable award. To earn this award, Dean and the 23 others successfully worked a POTA activator each and every day throughout 2022. This takes a lot of time and dedication. In total, Dean made 6,953 POTA QSO's and contacted 2,631 unique POTA parks. Matt Heere, N3NWV with the Parks-On-The-Air organization recorded and published on the POTA YouTube channel the 2022 POTA Wrap-Up where he

goes over all of the stats for 2022, and in doing so announces the winners of the 2022 Baily-Sprott Park-A-Day Hunter Award. The YouTube Video can be watched here: [POTA 2022 Wrap Up](#). It should be noted that while Dean hunted 2,633 Unique parks in 2022, he also activated 51 parks in 2022. To successfully activate a park, a POTA operator must make 10 QSO's at a designated POTA park during their activation. To learn more about the POTA program, go to Parks On The AIR website at <https://parksontheair.com/>.

HPARC Meeting

February 6, 2023

6:30 p.m.

Mario's Pizza

2645 N. Main St.
High Point, NC 27265

& Zoom

Dues & ARRL Membership

By: Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

At our last club meeting, several members asked about their status and due dates. Please note, that by default, membership is granted at 1 year intervals from when you originally joined. We do offer a way for you to adjust your due date to the 1st of the year, should you so desire. If this is of interest to you, please contact Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX, HPARC treasurer. Please note that per the By-Laws, dues can be paid once a year, or twice a year. Also per the by-laws, any member who falls 90 days behind will have their membership terminated.

Dues payments are accepted by cash, check or Zelle. Cash or check payments can be made at a club meeting, or by mailing it to Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX at HPARC, 3424 Mill Run Ln, Pfafftown,

NC 27040.

Zelle payments should be made by sending that payment through the Zelle app to Treasurer@W4UA.org.

Annual dues for HPARC membership are as follows:

Individual Membership: \$24 per year

Associate Membership: \$12 per year

Family Membership (spousal Hams): \$36 per year

Please note: Associate membership is for not licensed radio operators and do not have voting privileges. Furthermore, the Associate and family memberships may include those who are under the age of 16.

If you are unsure of your due date, please feel free to email me at Treasurer@w4ua.org and I will let you know.

Each month (usually somewhere around the middle of the month) I will

send an email reminder to those individuals whose membership is coming due.

If you are not a current member and would like to join the High Point Amateur Radio Club, please complete a membership application. The application can be found on the club website at W4UA.org or by clicking here [W4UA application.pdf](#).

Lastly, we need more ARRL members as club members. IF you would like to join the ARRL, or if you need to renew your ARRL membership, the HPARC receives a commission for processing those new and renewal applications. If interested in joining or renewing an ARRL membership, please contact Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX at Treasurer@W4UA.org.

Ham Radio Classes

By: Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

The Tri-County ARC, High Point ARC, and GARA (Greensboro Amateur Radio Association) 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 4 class sessions. Each class session is held via Zoom on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 –

9:30pm ET and is free of charge.

The Technician & General classes are held in alternating months. The next course is the General Course scheduled to begin February 1st. 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 to register.

The starting dates for each course in 2023 are as follows:

Technician Course:

January 4, March 1, May 3, July 12
September 6

General Course:

February 1, April 5, June 7, August 9,
October 4

ARRL Volunteers On the Air Event is Underway

Source: ARRL Letter January 5, 2023

ARRL's yearlong operating event, Volunteers On the Air, or VOTA, began January 1, 2023. The event is organized as part of ARRL's 2023 theme, "Year of the Volunteers," which recognizes the contributions of ARRL member volunteers, and offers opportunities to become more active and involved in amateur radio and ARRL.

VOTA encourages participants to make contacts with ARRL members and volunteers, earning points for each contact. Point values have been assigned (see the Points Table at vota.arrl.org). All scoring is automatically calculated through ARRL's Logbook of The World (LoTW, www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world). If you are already an LoTW user,

continue to upload your QSOs there to participate. If you're a new LoTW user, visit

Getting Started with LoTW.

As part of the event, there will be week-long

activations by W1AW portable stations operating in all US states and territories. W1AW/# portable operations are worth 5 points for each contact, and they can be contacted on all bands and modes. There's also an opportunity to earn the W1AW Worked All States Award. There will be two week-long W1AW operations from each of the 50 states.



Later in the event, an on-line scoreboard, the VOTA Leaderboard, will be activated, allowing each participant to see how their score measures up with other participants throughout the year.

Only two-way contacts qualify for points (cross-band, cross-mode, and repeater contacts are not valid), using any mode (CW, phone, or digital) - including EME and satellite operations - on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2, and 1.25 meters, as well as 70 centimeters, VHF/UHF/SHF, and microwave bands available to US amateurs above 2 meters (2190-, 630-, 60-, 30-, 17-, and 12-meter band contacts are not counted for credit in this event).

Join the fun! Visit the official VOTA website for further details: vota.arrl.org.

Service Academies Radio Group Now in Operation

Source: ARRL Letter January 5, 2023

The Service Academies Radio Group (SARG) was recently formed for alumni and amateur radio operators who are interested in the five U.S. military academies.

William Curry, W5CQ, founder and net control operator for the SARG Net, said two months ago there was a new interest in forming a group and net. He noticed that only one military academy, West Point, W2KGY, was still

operating a club station. At one time, every military academy had an operating club station.

"The club stations at the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, and the U.S. Maritime Academy all have been off the air for some time," said Curry. "But we now have 50 new members, all who are interested in promoting amateur radio at all of the academies."

The SARG net meets every Thursday

at 2200 UTC on 7.280 MHz, and every Saturday at 1600 UTC on 14.338 MHz. All amateur radio operators, whether they are veterans, or just have an interest in the military or history of the academies, are invited.

Curry has been licensed since 1950 and holds an Amateur Extra-class license. He is also an ARRL Life Member.

For additional information about the SARG Net, contact Curry at w5cq@arrl.net.

Winter Field Day

By: Peter Kapetanakis, KN4OCX

Winter Field Day 2023 is coming. The Annual Winter Field Day event is similar to the ARRL Field Day event held in June; however, Winter Field Day is sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association and is held the last full weekend in January. This year that is January 28th and 29th.

So, what is Winter Field Day? According to the Winter Field Day website <https://WinterFieldDay.com/> "Winter Field Day is a communications exercise. WFD is held on the last full weekend in January. WFD can be worked from the comfort of your home or in a remote location. You can participate by yourself or get your friends, family, or whole club involved. Winter Field Day is open to

participants worldwide. Amateur radio operators may use frequencies on the HF, VHF, or UHF bands and are free to use any mode that can faithfully transmit the required exchange intact. Similar to the ARRL's Field Day, bonus points are earned in several ways, including using non-commercial power sources, operating from remote locations, satellite contacts, and more.

Winter Field Day is sponsored by the Winter Field Day Association. We passionately believe that Ham radio operators should practice portable emergency communications in winter environments as the potential for freezing temperatures, snow, ice, and other hazards present unique operational concerns. WFD is formatted to help increase your level

of preparedness for disasters and improve your operational skills in subpar conditions. Click [here](#) to read more about the history and purpose of winter field day."

So, how does one participate in Winter Field Day? Well, that's easy. Just grab a radio and start logging those QSO's. One thing to note though, the WFD event does not allow digital modes; therefore, there is no FT-8 or FT-44. The rules for the WFD can be found on the [WFD Rules page](#). This is also where you can learn about where to upload your logs. Also, be mindful that the class and section labels are slightly different than the ARRL Field Day event, so be sure to check out the rules before you get started.

Good Luck!!

Georgia State Parks On the Air

Source: ARRL Letter January 19, 2023

The Georgia State Parks On the Air will be held April 1 - 2, 2023.

ARRL member Claude Ray, AC4SH, said this is the first time that all of Georgia's 50 state parks have been involved.

"The objective is to encourage ham radio operators to visit Georgia State Parks and experience the fun of Parks on the Air activations," said Ray. "This is a fun contest only, and the rules are minimal, the scoring is simple, and the main award is simply the fun of getting on the air."

The entire process is largely based

on the honor system, although logs of top activators will be cross-checked. The contest period begins at 0800 EDT, April 1, 2023, through 2000 EDT, April 2, 2023, and operating hours are subject to park rules and times.

Participants with the top three scores in each of the five categories will receive a certificate indicating the award:

- Georgia Activator - Individual
- Georgia Activator - Club
- In-Georgia Hunter (individual or club)
- Out of State Hunter (individual or club)
- Georgia ARES® Club

Every station participating in the event and submitting a log will, upon request, receive a Certificate of Participation indicating the number of parks contacted.

Ray added, "There are 47 parks that already have at least one ham planning to activate on the April 1 - 2, 2023, weekend."

See the complete rules at gaparks.org/rules.



ARRL Podcasts

Source: ARRL Letter January 19, 2023

On the Air

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The latest episode of the ARRL [On the Air](#) podcast includes an introduction to the ARRL Field Organization and opportunities to get involved. Learn more about this network of ARRL

member-volunteers who give of their time and knowledge to other hams, as well as to the Amateur Radio Service itself.

ARRL Audio News

Listen to [ARRL Audio News](#), available every Friday. ARRL Audio News is a summary of the week's top news

stories in the world of amateur radio and ARRL, along with interviews and other features.

The On the Air podcast is available on iTunes (iOS) and Stitcher (Android). The On the Air podcast and ARRL Audio News are also on blubrry -- [On the Air](#) | [ARRL Audio News](#).

HPARC FEBRUARY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 — Groundhog's Day (Will there be 6 more weeks of winter?)
- 6 — **HPARC Meeting**
- 11 — W4VEC Greensboro VE Session
(Hinshaw United Methodist Church)
- 14 — Valentine's Day
- 18 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline
- 25 — W4VEC High Point VE session
(Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Church, Fellowship Bldg)

- Andrew Talbert, K4XAT - 1
- Mark McMahon, KN4MFP - 7
- Brian Shearer, KQ4COX - 12
- Tom Forrest. N4GVK - 25

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

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**Breakfast every
Saturday**

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8:00 a.m.
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**Biscuitville,
2709 S. Main St.**

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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.