

DECEMBER 2018

# HPARC NEWSLETTER

*High Point  
Amateur Radio  
Club*



## DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting will be held on SATURDAY, December 1, 2018. This is also our Christmas party.

We will try to have our business meeting at or close to 6:30 p.m. so that we can begin eating close to 7:00 p.m. We will need to vote on officers for 2019 for our business section.

The meal will be potluck from the club members. If you are planning on attending and have not yet committed to bringing a dish, contact Denny Wojnar to tell what you might be bringing. Otherwise bring a soft drink that we will leave for the church. If you need directions, contact one of the club officers.

David Macchiarolo reports that Field Day results are in and that W4UA was #3 in the USA in our category (3AC).

The 2-meter repeater is off the air at this writing. The hospital asked us to move the repeater cabinet to a different location. The antenna did not move – just the cabling. Until Lon Cecil can arrange with staff to assist in the cabling, the repeater will be temporarily off the air.

**HPARC meeting on  
Saturday,  
December 1, 2018**

At the last meeting, the HPARC voted to move our January meeting to the Moose Cafe at the Triad Farmer's Market. Our current restaurant is becoming too noisy to conduct meetings. The address of the Moose Cafe is: 2914 Sandy Ridge Road, Colfax, NC. We will decide at the January

meeting whether to make this a permanent move or not.

I remind you that the HPARC is now a non-profit. If you are looking to make a year-end donation to a worthwhile group for a tax exemption, you might consider the HPARC.

Remember the Christmas Day Roll Call on Christmas morning. Roll Call will start at 8:00 a.m. on 147.165. Members names will be called out by the roster and then visitors may at the end check in as well as late risers. Please make an effort to participate.

Remember, our Christmas Party/Meeting will be December 2, 2017, Saturday. Bring the family and friends. This is our social time for the club and a good time to fellowship with one another.

## OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2019

The Nominating Committee has met and made their recommendations for officers for 2019. They are: Dan Bly, KB8TLF, for President; Matt Flyer, KM4WON, for Vice-president; David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF, for Secretary; and Warren Gallemore, KA4LOQ, for Treasurer.

The Nominating Committee for 2019 consists of: David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF; Denny Wojnar, KM4QPW; Lacey Armistead, KN4JOX; George McCormick, KN4JPB; and Matt Flyer KM4WON.

As stated in the HPARC bylaws, no further nominations may be made at the

December meeting.

**HPARC Meeting  
December 1, 2018**  
Hickory Chapel Wesleyan  
Church Fellowship Building,  
301 Hickory Chapel Road,  
High Point

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

## NO VALID LICENSE? WELL, NO VALID TRAFFIC TICKETS EITHER

Hams are not the only ones who can get in trouble for not having an appropriate and valid FCC license. Take the case of the Buckeye Lake Police Department in Ohio. Village officers have been writing speeding tickets, as police are known to do, for any motorists driving in excess of the 35 mph village limit - but apparently every ticket that's been handed out since 2013 has been unlawful, according to Buckeye Lake Police Chief Vicki Wardlow.

According to an Associated Press story quoting the local Newark Advocate newspaper, the chief told the village council members at a meeting in

October that the department's license with the FCC expired in 2013, which means the radar guns used to measure the speed of motorists whizzing by cannot be calibrated for use.

No one applied to renew the license so the tickets issued in the past five years simply aren't valid, she said. She told the council that the law requires the department to have that license in order to operate both its radar units and its radios. That means the department can't write valid tickets, at least for now.

A new license could cost anywhere from \$840 if she files the

application herself, or a total of \$1,400 if the village outsources the process and would not expire for another 10 years. It was unclear what penalty if any would be assessed for the department's 5 years of unlicensed operation.

The Village's clerk treasurer Rochelle Menningen said the police department's budget has the funds to cover the cost of a new license and so, presumably, it will apply as quickly as possible for its FCC license — but of course, at a speed within the legal limit.

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,  
Report 2141,  
November 9, 2018

## GIVING THANKS FOR A LIFE-SAVING AZ NET

Travis Gardner's, KE7EUL, interest in radio started when his family would use FRS radios while hunting. After discovering re-runs of "The Dukes of Hazzard" on TV he developed an interest in CB radio. An invitation to visit a local science center introduced him to Amateur Radio, and he was hooked. Good thing it all worked out, because according to Gardner, things went very, very wrong one evening:

"I have a seizure disorder. For those who have seizures, Ham Radio is a very, very good tool to have. So, I was sitting at the computer desk one night, on the 2100 Net, and I don't remember what happened but

I went down on the carpet, grabbed a mic after the seizure, and said, "I need help."

"The way that Arizona is laid out, I'm in Peoria and a radio operator picked that up 150 miles North. There's a linked system, W7ARA - Arizona Repeater Association. Where I'm sitting right now, there's a firehouse down the street. The firehouse in Flagstaff relayed down here and I got out of here. Thanks to the 2100 Net, I'm still alive today."

The seizure that triggered the emergency SOS call was brought on by an undiagnosed case of meningitis, according to Gardner. To make matters worse, the disease also affected

his optic nerves rendering him totally blind. So, he's also had to work out how to use his radios without sight.

But if it hadn't been for the fact that his radio was on, and he had been checked into the net, the outcome could have been much, much worse. Gardner said that he's thankful that he's still alive, and he now tries to do what he can to help others in similar situations, and to bring a smile to someone's face. And he owes that chance to Ham Radio and the quick-thinking of members of the 2100 Net.

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,  
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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.

# FCC FINES AMATEUR RADIO LICENSEE \$25,000 FOR OPERATING UNLICENSED FM STATION

In an FCC Enforcement Bureau case going back to early 2015, a Paterson, New Jersey, Amateur Radio licensee has been penalized in the amount of \$25,000 for allegedly continuing to operate an unlicensed FM radio station. The FCC issued a Forfeiture Order on October 30 to Winston A. Tulloch, KC2ALN, a General-class licensee. The fine followed an April 2018 Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (NAL) issued to Tulloch for alleged “willful and repeated violation” of Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, by operating an unlicensed FM radio station on 90.9 MHz in Paterson. Tulloch did not respond to the NAL, the FCC indicated.

“Commission action in this area is essential because unlicensed radio stations do not broadcast Emergency Alert Service messages and therefore create a public safety hazard for their listener,” the FCC said in the Forfeiture Order. “Moreover, unlicensed radio stations create a danger of interference to licensed communications and undermine the Commission’s authority over broadcast radio operations.”

Following up on February

2015 complaints regarding pirate radio operations in Paterson, FCC agents spotted a signal on 90.9 MHz that “appeared to be an unauthorized radio station.” Agents determined the signal was emanating from a multi-family dwelling and noticed an FM antenna on the structure. The measured field strength exceeded the limits allowed for Part 15 unlicensed devices.

Through a solicitation broadcast on the station for advertisers and a vehicle parked outside the building, the FCC agents were able to determine that the telephone number in the announcement belonged to Tulloch, and the car was registered in his name. FCC agents made several visits

to Paterson in late 2015 and early 2016. In October of 2016, agents returned to Paterson and determined that the signal source had relocated to another nearby multi-family structure. A Notice of Unlicensed

Operation (NOUO) was posted on the door of the building, and the following month, the FCC mailed an NOUO to Tulloch.

Subsequent visits revealed that the station was still in operation and, at some point, had moved back to its prior location. Additional NOUOs were issued. Finally, on September 15, 2017, two agents

*For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given:  
and the government  
shall be upon his shoulder:  
and His name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counselor,  
The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father,  
The Prince of Peace.*

*—Isaiah 9:6 KJV*

returned to Paterson and determined that the station no longer was on the air.

—*The ARRL Letter*,  
November 8, 2018  
Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,  
Editor

## CONTESTER PAUL BITTNER, W0AIH, SK

Well-known contesteer and “antenna farmer” Paul Bittner, W0AIH, of Fall Creek, Wisconsin, has died. An October 31 tower maintenance mishap claimed Bittner’s life at his well-known antenna farm. The ARRL Life Member and Maxim Society member was 84. The

accident occurred as Bittner was getting ready for the ARRL November Sweepstakes (CW). A member of the CQ Contesting Hall of Fame, Bittner — a retired Lutheran pastor — was a well-known and respected figure within the Amateur Radio community and a prolific con-

tester. News of his tragic death and accolades quickly rippled out among those who knew him best.

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## HPARC DECEMBER CALENDAR

11/30-12/2 — ARRL 160-Meter Contest  
**1 — HPARC Club Meeting (Saturday)**  
 7 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day  
 8-9 — ARRL 10-Meter Contest  
 16 — ARRL Rookie Roundup—CW  
 17 — Wright Brother's Day  
 21 — First Day of Winter  
**25 — CHRISTMAS**  
 (Don't forget the HPARC  
 Christmas Day Roll Call)

30 — Newsletter deadline  
**31 — NEW YEAR'S EVE**

### BIRTHDAYS

George McCormick — December 6  
 Cliff Sconce — December 19

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

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**Breakfast**  
**every Saturday**  
 —  
**8:00 a.m.**  
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