

JANUARY 2021

HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



JANUARY MEETING

As eager as many of us are to see 2020 leave and 2021 arrive, remember the good things about last year. Before you think I am off my rocker, if you are reading this, you have at least one reason to give thanks. We saw two vaccines made available in record time. The stock market made records before sinking but then rushing back. Several countries have normalized relations with Israel. There are plenty more, but I won't take up the space here.

David will give a program at the January meeting on antenna tuners.

The December program was "Inexpensive Test Equipment" given by David Macchiarolo. David demonstrated his Rigol

DS1054 oscilloscope.

**HPARC Meeting
6:00 p.m.**

**Meal: 5:00 p.m.
January 4, 2021**

**J&S Cafeteria
5835 Samet Drive, HP
& on the Zoom app**

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 (email under Officers in this newsletter).

Can I put in a plug for J&S Cafeteria? (I guess I can since I am the editor.) We found a

great place to hold our club meetings. Our previous location was getting loud with birthday parties just a few feet away from our meetings. J&S made a new room out of part of their dining room. It has a large screen TV perfect for our Zoom meetings and presentations.

But like all businesses, it has suffered under the lockdowns and restrictions put in place. It is not my idea, but I think it would be great if you could patronize the J&S between club meetings. Our little contributions might not keep them in business, but I am hoping we still will have them as a meeting location when things get better.

Hope to see you at the meeting (in-person or on Zoom).

RADIO SHACK BACK AS ONLINE RETAILER

RadioShack is back as an online retailer of electronics. It is offering some parts in its inventory that largely consists of radios, batteries, telephone gear, drones, computer accessories, and even cameras. The

iconic company was recently purchased from General Wireless by Retail Ecommerce Ventures (REV). No plans are in place to reopen RadioShack-owned stores, although some 400 brick-and-mortar outlets

are operated by franchisees.

—*The ARRL Letter*,

December 3, 2020

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME, Ed.

2021 HPARC OFFICERS

Officers for 2021 were voted in at the December HPARC meeting. Those voted in as officers were: Mark McMahan (KB4MFP), President; Tom

Bertolino (KB1P), Vice-President; David Macchiarolo (AJ4TF), Secretary; and Warren Gallemore (KA4LOQ), Treasurer.

**HPARC/Zoom Meeting
January 4, 2021**

**J&S Cafeteria,
5835 Samet Drive, HP
& on Zoom**

Meal at 5:30 p.m.
Business meeting at 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY ROLL CALL 2020

A Christmas Day tradition started many years ago by SK Fred Browning, Christmas Day Roll Call is a time for HPARC members to take a moment to gather on the club's repeater, 147.165, and

exchange Christmas greetings. Camille Taylor, KX4CAM, was our net control operator for this event. Camille reports that 18 Hams (members and other Hams listening to our repeater)

checked in Christmas morning. This is a great improvement over last year when 13 Hams checked into the net.

Thanks, Camille, for doing an excellent job as net control.

"THE GATHERING" THEME FOR DAYTON HAMFEST

"The Gathering" will be the theme for the 2021 Dayton Hamvention. Hamvention General Chair Rick Allnut, WS8G, said the theme reflects what has been missing from our lives most of this year. "We have spent the last 6 months being bound to our houses and small groups," he said. "We are very optimis-

tic that when May arrives, we will be allowed to get together."

Allnut, a medical doctor with a master's degree in public health, said Hamvention management is closely following the coronavirus situation and believes it will improve enough by May that government restrictions on

travel and large groups will be relaxed. The Hamvention team will continue to follow developments. Hamvention 2021 will be held May 21 – 23 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio.

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MESSAGE FROM HPARC PRESIDENT

I do not plan to make this an annual event (hoping the nominating committee will find my replacement in the coming year). I just wanted to say a few words to our club members.

I am impressed with our little small club. In a year that was not quite ideal, we not just stuck

together, but we also added members. I shouldn't say it, but that amazes me. What does our club offer that has so many Hams wanting to join and remain with us?

I take no credit for it. I think we have a great group of people that share the common interest of Ham Radio. We have a group

of Hams with many talents and intelligence. Which makes me wonder why I am President of such a group. Conversations at breakfast (and some club programs) sometimes makes my head spin.

But I am grateful for all of our members. And I am looking forward to a better year ahead.

ARRL LEARNING NETWORK WEBINARS

Visit the ARRL Learning Network (a members-only benefit) to register, check on upcoming webinars, and to view previously recorded sessions. The schedule is subject to change.

Learn and Have Fun with Morse Code: Howard Bernstein, WB2UZE, and Jim Crites, W6JIM (December 17, 2020, 8 PM EST).

QSLing in an Online

World: Anthony Luscre, K8ZT (January 5, 2021, 1 PM EST).

Amateur Radio Logging: Anthony Luscre, K8ZT (January 7, 2021, 3:30 PM EST).

VHF/UHF Contesting and SOTA; A Perfect Match: Brian Betz, W7JET (January 14, 2021, 3:30 PM EST).

Emergency Communications: Why Train? North Texas

Section Emergency Coordinator Greg Evans, K5GTX (January 21, 2021, 3:30 PM EST).

[ed. note: I am including past webinars to give you an idea of what is available. Even if you can't make the schedule, the webinar will be available as a recorded session.)

—*The ARRL Letter*,
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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.

FCC TO REQUIRE EMAIL ADDRESSES ON APPLICATIONS

Amateur Radio licensees and candidates will have to provide the FCC with an email address on applications, effective in mid-2021. If no email address is included, the FCC may dismiss the application as defective. The FCC is fully transitioning to electronic correspondence and will no longer print or provide wireless licensees with hard-copy authorizations or registrations by mail.

A Report and Order (R&O) on “Completing the Transition to Electronic Filing, Licenses and Authorizations, and Correspondence in the Wireless Radio Services” in WT Docket 19-212 was adopted on September 16. The new rules will go into effect 6 months after publication in

the Federal Register, which hasn’t happened yet, but the FCC is already strongly encouraging applicants to provide an email address. When an email address is provided, licensees will receive an official electronic copy of their licenses when the application is granted.

Under Section 97.21 of the new rules, a person holding a valid Amateur station license “must apply to the FCC for a modification of the license grant as necessary to show the correct mailing and email address, licensee name, club name, license trustee name, or license custodian name.” For a club or military recreation station license, the application must be presented in document form to a club

station call sign administrator who must submit the information to the FCC in an electronic batch file.

Under new Section 97.23, each license will have to show the grantee’s correct name, mailing address, and email address. “The email address must be an address where the grantee can receive electronic correspondence,” the amended rule will state. “Revocation of the station license or suspension of the operator license may result when correspondence from the FCC is returned as undeliverable because the grantee failed to provide the correct email address.”

—*The ARRL Letter*,
December 3, 2020
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IN LONDON, A TOWER OF GRATITUDE

How do you say “thank you?” Try sending Morse Code, as London’s tallest building is doing. The Shard building, which defines the London skyline, has been the symbol of the city since its completion seven years ago. It recently became transformed into a symbol of gratitude – in a way that Ham Radio operators, more than most people, can comprehend. At 306-metres in height, it is the UK’s tallest building, which makes its

important message – flashing in blue and white LED lights at the very top – hard to miss. That message is in Morse Code.

The 575 lights flash, spelling “Thank You,” two words directed to the National Health Service workers whose efforts have helped protect the British public since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. City dwellers and visitors have stopped to marvel at the light show since it began on the night

of Thursday, November 26th.

But even London’s tallest building isn’t above needing a little help. That help came from the Radio Society of Great Britain. The RSGB stepped in to verify that all those high profile dits and dahs were indeed being sent correctly, ensuring that the message’s delivery enjoyed a towering triumph.

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,
Report 2249,
December 4, 2020

TEXAS’ HAM-COM CALLING IT QUILTS

Hams in Texas have suffered a big loss with the announcement that Ham-Com, which grew to become the state’s biggest Hamfest, is calling it quits. After more than four decades, it has become yet another casualty

of COVID-19.

The Ham-Com president Bill Nelson AB5QZ posted on Ham-Com’s Facebook page that pandemic restrictions, coupled with the rising costs of producing the event, made it unsustainable. He wrote: “The

decision was not made lightly, but the safety and wellness of our volunteers, vendors, clubs, presenters, and attendees is our paramount concern.”

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,
Report 2252,
December 25, 2020



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HPARC JANUARY CALENDAR

1 — NEW YEAR'S DAY

1 — ARRL Straight Key Night

2 — ARRL Kid's Day

2-3 — ARRL RTTY Roundup

4 — **HPARC Club Meeting**

16-18 — ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes

18 — **MARTIN L. KING JR BIRTHDAY**

24 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline

30 — W4VEC High Point session (Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Church, Fellowship Bldg)

BIRTHDAYS

Larry Frye — January 15

Robert Erdin — January 16

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

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**Saturday
Breakfast**

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8:00 a.m.

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**Mrs Winners,
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