

FEBRUARY 2005

# HPARC NEWSLETTER

*High Point  
Amateur Radio  
Club*



## FEBRUARY MEETING

This month our program will feature something of a non-technical flavor: Dr. Paul Kwon, DDS, local dentist and a partner in the practice of Harris, Kwon and Garretson located on Elm Street in High Point. Dr. Kwon will provide a presentation on both the fundamental dental practices as well as the latest

technology used to clean and repair your teeth. As the old saying goes: "We all like a clean mouth", and Dr. Kwon will be on hand to help us do just that.

Larry Frye, WA4EKD, provided us with the program for the December meeting. Larry Frye works for the City of Greensboro, but he mainly

talked about his aviation experiences.

We had a good number at our January meeting. It was a pleasant surprise to see so many in attendance. Now don't let us down. We expect to see more of you in the coming months as well. Make it a habit, and we will see you at the meeting.

## JOEL HARRISON, W5ZN, ELECTED ARRL'S 14TH PRESIDENT

ARRL First Vice President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, of Judsonia, Arkansas, will be the League's president for the next two years. He'll succeed Jim Haynie, W5JBP, who chose not to run for a fourth term in the uncompensated, volunteer post. Gathering in Windsor, Connecticut, for its annual meeting, the Board voted 10 to 5 to choose Harrison over ARRL Central Division Director Dick Isely, W9GIG, the only other nominee. Harrison, 47, said he believes Amateur Radio is looking at a different society—and pool of potential licensees—in the 21st century than in the past.

"One of the things we need

to do over the next few years is realize that Main Street USA is not the Main Street USA it was years ago," Harrison commented after the vote. "We all remember those days when we became interested in radio and the magic that it provided to us. The magic is still there, but Main Street has changed."

Harrison says this means focusing on doing a better job of attracting the average person on the new Main Street of today "into the magic of Amateur Radio."

First licensed in 1972 as WN5IGF, Harrison says he's interested in virtually all aspects of Amateur Radio, from HF DXing and contesting to VHF/UHF/microwave and

moonbounce. He's an ARRL Life Member. His wife, daughter and son all are Amateur Radio licensees. He'll become the League's 14th president since its founding in 1914.

Harrison said the ARRL's initiative to create an improved entry-level license also will be among his top priorities as he assumes office.

—The ARRL Letter Online,  
Volume 25, Number 3,  
January 20, 2006

**HPARC Meeting  
February 6, 2006  
at Golden Corral,  
Hartley Drive,  
Oak Hollow Mall**

# MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

At 7:20 pm Chris Horne, W4CKH, opened the High Point Amateur Radio Club meeting at the Golden Corral Steak House. There were 12 members and 6 visitors.

There was a roll call of members.

There was a mention of those sick.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mark McMahan. Approved as read.

Treasurer's report for

December was read by Mark showing an ending balance of \$424.29. Accepted as read.

New business: It was suggested the club send Mae Van and Jim Hiatt a thank you card for the donation given in memory of Mires and Bea Zett.

Chris presented plaque intended for Britt Keaton, past president, who was not in attendance.

Chris gave his thoughts for the HPARC on coming year.

Rogers Albertson reported on Christmas Day Roll Call. There were 15 check-ins.

Larry Frye, WA4EKD, gave a program about his experiences in aviation.

There was a reminder to tip the waitress.

Motion to adjourn by Rogers Albertson. Seconded by Mike Cumbo.

—Respectfully submitted

Mark McMahan, KB4MFP,  
HPARC Secretary

## ELKIN TAILGATE — NO ELKIN HAMFEST

There will not be a Elkin Hamfest this year due to a disagreement in rental prices for the Armory. Instead, there will

be a tailgate. The Elkin Tailgate will be held: February 25, 2006 at the Elkin Airport.

Directions: From I-77, take

exit 85 and go right (East) on CC Camp Road.

Admission will be \$2.00. Parking is free. 8:00am until...

## KG6VLV/MM - PLEASE CALL HOME

Breaking news. Dateline, Los Angeles, CA where a call has gone out for assistance in locating maritime mobile operator Joel Spence, KG6VLV. No, Spence is not lost or in any diffi-

culty. Rather, his family needs to contact him regarding an emergency at home.

Spence is believed to be sailing the waters off Baja on a 41 foot yacht. What radio gear he is

carrying is unknown. But if you hear KG6VLV on the air, please tell him to get in touch with his family, as soon as possible.

—Amateur Radio Newslines,  
Report 1485, Jan. 27, 2006

## 2006 NC QSO PARTY

The 2006 NC QSO Party will take place February 26 17:00 UTC until February 27 03:00 UTC (10 hours).

OBJECT: Out of State stations work as many NC stations as you can. You may work stations once per each band/mode combination for QSO points. Work NC mobiles again as they change counties for QSO points. a fixed stations work as many NC counties, States, Canadian provinces and DXCC countries as you can. NC mobile

stations work from as many NC counties to as many NC counties, States, Canadian provinces and DXCC countries as possible.

EXCHANGE: Callsign, QTH (NC county, State, Canadian province or DXCC country)

LOGGING: Logs must be kept showing Sent UTC, Band, Mode, Sent County/QTH, Call worked, Rcvd County/QTH, Points and New Multiplier #.

AWARD CATEGORIES - Plaques will be given for first

place in nine categories. Certificates will be issued to state/regional winners, and 2nd/3rd place at the discretion of the Contest Committee.

LOGS: Logs and summary sheets must be postmarked by April 1, 2006 to NC QSO PARTY c/o Henry Heidtmann W2DZO, 8812 Merry Hill Court, Clemmons, NC 27012. Results will be posted on the FARC website by May 15. For more information, visit the Forsyth ARC at [www.w4nc.com](http://www.w4nc.com).

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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.

The High Point Amateur Radio Club meets the first Monday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Golden Corral on Hartley Drive, High Point (beside Oak Hollow Mall). The business meeting starts at 7:30 pm 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).

## CBS AND WARNER BROTHERS FORM CW

Call this one—do you think that they will ever figure it out? This as the heads of CBS Corporation and Warner Bros. Entertainment announced on Tuesday, January 24th that they are merging The WB Network and UPN to create a new network to be called The CW.

Nope, we are not kidding. CW as in the world wide abbreviation for Morse Code.

The CW Network will launch in September. It will be jointly owned by Warner Brothers and CBS with each company taking a 50 percent stake. Tribune, which had owned part of the WB, will become an affiliate of the new operation.

In making the announcement, CBS Chairman Leslie Moonves told reporters, that the new network name repre-

sents the two partners CBS and Warner Brothers. He also joked that the reason CW was chosen was because of the connotation if the two letters were reversed. That said, we have to wonder how long it will be before the ham radio public states calling CW the Morse Code Television Network.

—Amateur Radio Newline,  
Report 1485,  
January 27, 2006

## SUIT-SAT TO BE ORBITED FEBRUARY 2

Get ready for SuitSat, the most unusual Amateur Radio satellite ever orbited. SuitSat is an Amateur Radio station that has been installed inside a surplus Russian space suit. It will become an independently orbiting Ham Radio satellite once it is deployed by the crew of the International Space Station. This will happen during an extra vehicular activity tentatively planned for February 2nd.

The idea for SuitSat was first conceived by the ARISS-Russia team, led by Sergey Samburov, RV3DR. It was then extensively discussed at the joint International Partner meeting in October 2004. Hardware project development

was led by AMSAT's Lou McFadin, W5DID.

Once on-orbit it will use the call sign R0ORS. The station will broadcast telemetry and re-recorded voice messages to earth for as long as the batteries last. That's now estimated to be only several days.

All transmissions will be on 145.990 MHz FM. Anyone with a simple FM Ham Radio transceiver or even a scanner radio should be able to hear the signals from SuitSat as it orbits around the earth 15 times a day.

It should be noted that 145.990 MHz is the world wide packet uplink frequency for Ham Radio in space operations. Because of this SuitSat

planners have requested that all packet operations on that frequency be suspended for the duration of the SuitSat transmissions.

According to a posting at the AMSAT website, one of the reasons Russia was interested in developing SuitSat was as an on-orbit commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the Bauman Moscow State Technical University. This is the school from which many of the engineers in the Russian Space Agency graduated. As a result, the Russian-generated voice messages include congratulatory comments to the university.

—Amateur Radio Newline,  
Report 1484, Jan. 20, 2006

## STARDUST RETURNS HOME

NASA's Stardust sample return mission returned safely to Earth on January 15th. This, when the capsule carrying cometary and interstellar particles successfully touched down at 3:10 a.m. Mountain time in the desert salt flats of the U.S. Air Force Utah Test

and Training Range.

NASA's Stardust traveled 2.88 billion miles during its seven-year round-trip odyssey. Scientists believe these precious samples will help provide answers to fundamental questions about comets and the origins of the solar

system.

For information about the Stardust mission visit [www.nasa.gov/stardust](http://www.nasa.gov/stardust) on the World-Wide-Web. (NASA, N5VHO)

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## HPARC FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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| 2 — GROUNDHOG DAY                         | 22 — Washington's Birthday             |
| 5 — Super Bowl Sunday                     | 25 — Elkin Tailgate (not club related) |
| 6 — HPARC Club Meeting                    | 26 — HPARC Newsletter Deadline         |
| 8 — Boy Scout's Day                       | 26-27 — NC QSO Party                   |
| 11-12 — CQ Worldwide RTTY WPX Contest     | 28 — Mardi Gras                        |
| 12 — Lincoln's Birthday                   |  |
| 14 — VALENTINE'S DAY                      |  |
| 18-19 — ARRL International DX Contest, CW |  |
| 19 — Richmond, VA Frostfest               |  |
| 20 — PRESIDENT'S DAY                      |  |

### BIRTHDAYS

Mark McMahan — February 7  
David Montgomery — February 27

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**Breakfast  
every Saturday**

**8:00 am**

**Mrs. Winner's,  
South Main St.**