

JUNE 2007

HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point Amateur Radio Club



JUNE MEETING

The June meeting is always the meeting we gather to discuss Field Day plans. If you plan to help or attend in any way, please be at the June

meeting.

Last month we had George Crooker, Executive Director of the Hartley Drive Family YMCA, with us for the pro-

gram. George gave us an update on YMCA activities.

Be with us at the meeting to discuss Field Day. And bring a friend. See you there.

MORSE CODE A HIT

Nancy Kott, WZ8C of the FISTS Morse preservation society, reports that Morse code is now growing in popularity as almost never before.

"Its been wonderful! People have been coming through like crazy and I think the interest in code has absolutely sky-

rocketed. It's just amazing. People are seeing it as a challenge now, rather than an obstacle and we have been very busy."

Needless to say that Nancy Kott and many other Morse aficionados are rather elated with this turn of events. So,

the only question left: Now that Morse is rapidly growing in popularity, what will all of the Hams without radios who live only on Internet chat rooms have to argue about now?

—Amateur Radio Newsline, Report 1447, May 25, 2007

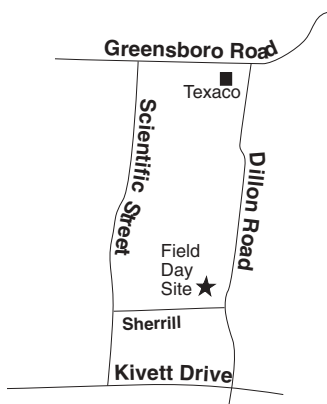
FIELD DAY 2007

Field Day will be June 23 and 24. The plan is to go to Willard Moore's unless wet weather makes his runway too soggy to set up. In that case, we will meet at Rogers Albertson's. If in doubt, contact one of the board members listed on the back.

Set-up for Field Day will start after breakfast on Saturday ust after 8:30 am.

Club member's picnic will be around 6:00 pm. There will be a sign up sheet at the club meeting so you can tell us what you will be bringing.

Remember to bring your radios, extension cords, chairs and anything else you can think of that we may need.



If you have any questions, call Rogers Albertson, Special Activities chairman, at 431-7371. Don't forget to also tell us what goodies you will be bringing for the picnic.

Directions to Field Day: from Kivett Drive, turn onto Scientific

Street. Go about .2 of a mile to Sherrill Road and turn right. Willard Moore's is on the left just before the stop sign. Coming from Jamestown, turn onto Dillon Road. Come about a mile, and turn right onto Sherrill Road. Mr. Moore's will be the first driveway on your right.

**HPARC Meeting
June 4, 2007
at Rosa Mae's Cafe,
1322 National Hwy,
Thomasville**

MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING

At 7:17 pm Chris Horne opened the meeting of the HPARC. There were 7 members and 3 visitors in attendance.

Chris turned the meeting over to George Crooker to conduct the program. George is the Executive Director of the Hartley YMCA. He updated the

club on YMCA activities.

Minutes and Treasurer's reports were handed out. Motion by Mike Cumbo to accept reports as written. Seconded by David Montgomery. Motion passed.

Old business: Chris reported that Mr. Moore is OK with

Field Day at his place. Chris also discussed event insurance.

There was no new business.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Cumbo. Seconded by David Montgomery.

—Respectfully submitted

Mark McMahan, KB4MFP,
HPARC Secretary

PRB-1 BILL PASSES IN NC HOUSE!

North Carolina House Bill H1340, was reported favorably out of the House Ways and Means Committee on May 3, and unanimously approved by the full House on May 8. The bill has been referred to the Senate. Thanks to all of you who contacted your state representative as the House bill was considered. None of us imagined this would happen so quickly! We will need you to make the same great effort to build support with your state Senator as soon as a number is assigned for the companion

bill. Thanks also to the bill's sponsor Rep Danny McComas (R-New Hanover) and to former Wilmington Mayor Hamilton "Ham" Hicks, KB4BR, for shepherding the bill through the House with overwhelming success.

H1340 would not help much with restrictive covenants and home owners associations. But it does require municipalities and counties to require ordinances based on health, safety, or aesthetic considerations regulating placement, screening or height of Amateur Radio

antennas or antenna support structures "must reasonably accommodate Amateur Radio communications and must represent the minimum practicable regulation necessary to accomplish the purpose" of the city or county. In addition, the measure would establish a minimum regulatory height of 90 feet "unless the restriction is necessary to achieve a clearly defined health, safety, or aesthetic objective" of the city or county.

—Monthly North Carolina
Section News Summary
May 18, 2007

AGREEMENT ON DTV CONVERTERS

In a rare alliance, the National Association of Broadcasters, the Association for Maximum Service Television and the Consumer Electronics Association have filed joint comments with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration regarding the \$1.5 billion federal program under which consumers will get

coupons for low-cost converter boxes that will display DTV programming on their current analog sets.

The move was described as groundbreaking by members of both industries. Until now, broadcasters and consumer electronics manufacturers have often been at odds in regard to the total digitalization of broadcasting. But the

two industries have now found common ground in the challenge of how an estimated 70 million sets will continue to receive TV when analog broadcasts cease on Feb. 17th of 2009. That's the date that all televisions in the United States goes digital and analog is relegated to the scrap heap.

—Amateur Radio Newline,
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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 Rosa Mae's Cafe, 1322 National Highway, Thomasville. 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).

QCWA TO CO-SPONSOR ROY NEAL, K6DUE, AMATEUR RADIO MENTORING PROGRAM

The Roy Neal, K6DUE, Amateur Radio Mentoring Program is expanding with the potential of up to 10,000 new teachers. In a joint statement issued by the leadership of Quarter Century Wireless Association and that of the Amateur Radio Newline, the two have announced that QCWA has become a co-sponsor of the Newline created Roy Neal, K6DUE, Amateur Radio Mentoring Program. This is a post-licensing educational service created by Amateur Radio Newline in January 2004 and designed to pair new Hams with veteran Amateurs in hopes that some of the established Ham operator skills can be passed down to new generations.

The program is loosely based on a similar program created by Broadway choreographer and performer Ann Reinking through her own educational foundation, the Broadway Theater Project. This is a Florida based training program connecting students with seasoned theater professionals. If we may quote Ms. Reinking:

“Its sort of an un-written law or rule in the world of dance that you pass on what you know. This particular craft is at its best when its passed from one person’s hands to the next.”

According to ARNewline Producer Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, what Ann Reinking says about “dance” applies equally to the world of Amateur Radio:

Pasternak: That’s true and maybe more so for all of us... That’s because, for decades the

knowledge and tradition of our hobby/service was passed down from seasoned operators to newcomers, one on one. I know that’s how I got my start thanks to the late K2IXN at his TV repair store back in Brooklyn.”

According to Pasternak, the success of the program has been such that the number of people seeking post licensing assistance has risen far faster than the number of available mentors. This has meant long delays for some who have placed requests. The addition of the member base of the QCWA makes available close to 10,000 highly skilled radio amateurs as potential mentors, each with a minimum of twenty-five years of experience in the hobby.

“This is a good deal for all of Amateur Radio,” says QCWA President John B. Johnston, W3BE.

Johnston, a retired career FCC employee and Dayton Radio Amateur of the Year award winner believes that it is important to keep Ham Radio traditions alive. He says that we in the QCWA are the elder statesmen and stateswomen of Amateur Radio. That they are the people who have spent a sizeable chunk of our lives learning the artistry that goes with being a Radio Amateur. We know how a radio works. We know how an antenna works. He says that most of all they know that Amateur Radio can only survive if it passes its combined knowledge on to the next generation of Radio Amateurs.

Under the agreement, ARNewline will continue to

solicit those looking for assistance and maintain the database that matches those desiring assistance with a mentor willing to assist. Willing members of the QCWA will be asked to register by e-mail. As request for assistance are received the person asking will be referred to the person closest to him/her who holds the qualifications and knowledge to assist. John Johnston believes this to be a program that all in QCWA should be a part of.

Newline and QCWA are now seeking applicants for both groups. To sign up, send an e-mail mentor@arnewline.org. Tell us your name, call letters, address with zipcode, phone number, when we can call and whether you want to be a student or a mentor.

The project’s namesake, Roy Neal, K6DUE, was himself a prominent mentor. Aside from being the dean of aerospace commentators for the Nation Broadcasting Company, K6DUE is generally credited with bringing manned Amateur Radio into space. This by convincing NASA to let astronaut Hams take their gear on shuttle flights and to the International Space Station through the SAREX and ARISS educational programs. He also produced a half dozen Ham Radio educational videos dealing with Amateur Radio and manned Ham Radio on-orbit. More about the Roy Neal, K6DUE, Amateur Radio Mentoring Program is on-line at www.arnewline.org

—Amateur Radio Newline,
Report 1552, May 11, 2007



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HPARC JUNE CALENDAR

- 4 — HPARC Club Meeting
- 6 — D-Day (WWII Invasion of Normandy)
- 9 — Winston Salem Hamfest
- 9-11 — ARRL June VHF QSO Party
- 14 — FLAG DAY
- 17 — FATHER'S DAY
- 21 — First day of Summer
- 23-24 — Field Day
- 24 — HPARC Newsletter deadline

BIRTHDAYS

Luke Pope — June 8

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**Breakfast
 every Saturday**

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8:00 am

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**Mrs. Winner's,
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