

SEPTEMBER 2007



## SEPTEMBER MEETING

Please take note: September's meeting date will be one week later than usual due to the Labor

Day holiday. The September meeting will be September 10. Tim Slay, N4IB, ARRL NC

Section Manager, will be with us for the September meeting. See you there.

## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month and the ARRL says that Amateur Radio operators are joining a wide variety of national, state and local organizations, including the US Department of Homeland Security. This, in educating the public about preparing for emergencies.

unexpected natural or man-made emergencies occur, our greatest individual defense is preparedness. Getting an emergency supply kit, making an emergency plan, and identifying preparedness and response resources within our communities are several things we can do to prepare ourselves.

encourage individuals and families to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools. For Hams it means getting your Go Kit ready and making sure you are trained to properly communicate in case the worst actually happens.

The League says that when

This nationwide effort is to

—Amateur Radio Newsline, Report 1565, Aug. 10, 2007

## AMATEUR RADIO CRUCIAL IN RESCUING ELDERLY WOMAN

On August 12th, a thunderstorm knocked out parts of Cibola county, New Mexico's telephone service. About 5:50 in the afternoon, Jonathan Pickens', KD5PHG, received a phone call for his wife, Pam. She told him that a resident of the El Morro Ranches had discovered an elderly neighbor lying semi-conscious on the floor of her home.

to reach the Cibola County Sheriff and notify them of the situation. But the Sheriff's office was unable to contact area ambulance services because their local phone service had also failed.

the Gallup medical center for further evaluation.

KD5PHG used his mobile radio to contact the Cibola County Amateur Radio Emergency Service on the Zuni 2 meter repeater.

She's likely alive thanks to the quick response of her Ham radio neighbors and their ability to communicate with all phone services knocked out.

The couple rushed to the home of the woman. The woman was eighty-six years-old. She had been on the floor for at least two days and was suffering from an apparent stroke and broken hip. She had been unable to yell for help or move to reach a phone.

Dana and Kathy Farmer, WA5SOX and KB5QGH, responded to the call for help. They were able to contact the Gallup Metro dispatch who sent the Vanderwagon Fire Department and the Pine Hill Clinic ambulance. The elderly woman was eventually taken to

—Amateur Radio Newsline, Report 1567, Aug. 24, 2007

**HPARC Meeting  
September 10, 2007  
at Rosa Mae's Cafe,  
1322 National Hwy,  
Thomasville**

A local resident was finally able

# MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING

At 7:27 pm Chris Horne opened the meeting of the HPARC. There were 7 members and 7 visitors in attendance.

There was a roll call of members.

There was a mention of those sick. Ben Roger's grandson, Jeremy, got his Tech license.

Minutes and Treasurer's reports were handed out and read by Chris Horne. Reports were accepted as presented.

There was no old business.

New business:

Chris read a letter from Sarah Spanola who was present with her parents. Sarah is interested in becoming a Ham Radio operator.

Chris read an advertisement for a book written by a Ham, "A Matter of Destiny."

Rosa Mae's will be closed the first Monday of September, which is our normal club meeting date, due to Labor Day. It was motioned by Mark

McMahan to move the meeting date to September 10. Seconded by Rogers Albertson. Motion passed.

There was no program. Chris Horne presented a Tech Minute on what is an oscillator.

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

—Respectfully submitted

Mark McMahan,  
KB4MFP, HPARC  
Secretary

## AMATEUR RADIO CLASS

Guilford County Emergency Management is sponsoring an Amateur Radio Technician Class this October.

The class will focus on the requirements to obtain your Technician class license with the FCC and allow you to operate an Amateur Radio. The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. beginning on Tuesday, October 2. The class will conclude with a test session on Thursday, October 25. The class will be held at Guilford County Emergency Services on Meadowood Street near the intersection with West Wendover Avenue in Greensboro.

There is no cost for the class but registration is required so that we may get an accurate count of the number of students. There is a fee for testing (\$12.00) and students will need to pur-

chase the text The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual (\$24.95). The class will cover the following topics:

- Radio and Electronics Fundamentals
- Operating Station Equipment
- Communicating with Other Hams
- Licensing Regulations
- Operating Regulations
- Electrical and RF Safety

Students are encouraged to review the manual before class begins. Attendance for every night is not required but students are encouraged to attend as many classes as possible to better prepare them for the FCC test. There will be homework assignments and plenty of time for questions and answers during the class.

To learn more about Amateur Radio, visit the ARRL link at [www.hello-radio.org](http://www.hello-radio.org)

<http://www.hello-radio.org/> .

To purchase a text book, visit the ARRL store at <http://www.arrl.org/catalog/?item=9639>.

To register or for further information, please contact:

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—Stephen Marks, CEM

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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).

## MFJ ENTERPRISES WANTS TO CELEBRATE #35 WITH YOU

Martin Jue, K5FLU, wants to treat you to lunch, but there is a catch. Lunch will be served only on Friday and Saturday, September 7th and 8th at Martin's MFJ Enterprises factory in Starkville, Mississippi. This, as a part of the 35th anniversary of the founding of the company that bears his initials in its name.

K5FLU says that he started MFJ in October of 1972 in a small hotel room in downtown Starkville. His first product was a C-W filter kit that sold

for under \$10. Today MFJ has grown into a diverse corporation that owns five separate companies with over 2500 products. And Martin Jue says that all this happened because you believed in him and the gear he manufactures.

As a way of saying thanks, K5FLU has set aside September 7th and 8th for a celebration with all of his ham radio friends that can make it to Starkville. In addition to the free lunch there will also be a special event station, license

exams, factory tours and those all important door prizes.

M-F-J Enterprises is located at 300 Industrial Park Road in Starkville, Mississippi. Starkville is about 120 miles due West of Birmingham Alabama or 150 miles South East of Memphis, Tennessee. More information on this 35th anniversary event is on-line at [www.mfjenterprises.com](http://www.mfjenterprises.com). To which we will add a "Happy 35th" and at least 35 more.

—Amateur Radio Newsline,  
Report 1566, Aug. 17, 2007

## BRICKS IN THE MAIL

There an old adage that there are always two sides to a story. Well that certainly applies to an almost legendary ongoing Ham Radio slug fest on the internet.

This concerns the sending of a box of house bricks and other rubbish, to a radio amateur who collected it from his post office, paying cash on delivery.

There was an expectation that the box would contain radio equipment. Not restraining his emotions one bit, the irate receiver of the box of heavy and somewhat

expensive rubbish took to his keyboard to attack the sender.

Counter claims were then made by the apparent sender of the box who tried to put some kind of justification on what had occurred.

It all apparently stems from a dissatisfaction over an earlier matter on a popular 'for sale' and 'wanted' advertising website.

Angry words like 'integrity', 'rip-off', 'honesty' and 'greed' are being used in these public exchanges between the two.

A small blessing however is

they live some 2,000 kilometers apart and may never meet. Nonetheless those observing the internet battle remain either bemused or bored with the whole affair.

Neither side seemingly wants to give-up. It's all about personal pride, reputation and emotions continue running high over a very important issue - not.

All we can say to this is better that these kind of disagreements be fought in cyberspace than on the air.

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## GROUND SYSTEM TAKEN FROM CALIFORNIA STATION

The copper wire thefts at radio facilities continue. Broadcast engineer Bill Ruck, writing in the CGC Communicator writes that he recently received a call about transmitter problems at KDYA A.M. KDYA operates

on 1190 kHz in Vallejo, California. Ruck says that when he arrived the transmitter looked okay but was seeing high reflected power. So he walked out to the tower to look for problems there. What he found was the entire the

ground system was gone. The copper wire used for it had been stolen. Ruck says that he is now in the process of replacing it using barbed wire.

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## HPARC SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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| Aug 31-Sept 2 — Shelby Hamfest   | ?? — YesterYear In Motion<br>(could not verify date) |
| 3 — LABOR DAY  | 23 — Newsletter deadline                             |
| 8 — Bush Hill Heritage Festival, Archdale                                      | 28-29 — Ten-Tec Hamfest                              |
| 8-10 — ARRL Sept VHF QSO Party   | 29-30 — ARRL International EME<br>Competition        |
| 9 — Grandparent's Day  | 29 — Everybody's Day, Thomasville, NC                |
| 10 — HPARC Club Meeting  |  |
| 11 — Patriot Day (in honor of those who lost<br>their lives on Sept. 11, 2001) |  |
| 15-16 — Virginia Beach, VA Hamfest   |  |
| 15 — Day In The Park, High Point, NC   |  |
| 15-16 — ARRL 10-GHz Cumulative Contest   |  |
| 23 — First Day of Autumn   |  |

### BIRTHDAYS

- Jo Young — September 1  
 Jackie Rogers — September 7

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**Breakfast  
 every Saturday**

**8:00 am**

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