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HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



OCTOBER MEETING

Van Denton, meteorologist with Fox 8 TV, will give us the program for the October meeting.

Last month we had Tim Slay, N4IB, who is the ARRL NC Section Manager. Tim gave us an update on ARRL activities at the national as well as the

state level.

Welcome our newest member, Kenneth Lee, KI4UEJ. Kenneth's work prevents him from attending many meetings, but he has been eating breakfast with the "gang" on Saturdays at Mrs Winners on

South Main. His current project is to put up antennas in a restricted housing area without gathering anyone's attention.

We have good attendance lately. Richard Weinbaum visited with us at the last meeting. Hope to see you all at this meeting.

RADIO MUSEUM FEATURED ON UNC-TV

The Southern Appalachian Radio Museum in Asheville, NC will be featured on UNC public television's "Our State" program on Thursday, October 4 at 8:00pm. You'll see Tommy Queen, K4BNP, demonstrate Morse code on an old "clicker". Dave Anderson, K4SV, will

talk about DX and Ham Radio and you'll get a short video tour of the museum!

If you're interested in visiting, the Southern Appalachian Radio Museum is located on the campus of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. It is open Friday's from 1-3pm,

but tours can be arranged at other times. For more information, go to

www.saradiomuseum.org.

—ARRL North Carolina
Section Manager,
Timothy B. Slay, N4IB
n4ib@arrl.org

JOTA 2007 – OCTOBER 20-21

The 50th anniversary of scoutings Jamboree on the Air or JOTA is coming up in October. The dates this year are October 20th and 21st.

JOTA is the largest official scouting event in the world with an expected 500,000 participants. It is also open to both Boy and Girl Scouts, making it one of the few joint events between the two scout organizations, and one of the few internationally spon-

sored events.

Ham Radio has always been an important aspect of JOTA. To find your nearest local council, go to www.scouting.org or www.girlscouts.org/councilfinder to locate your nearest boy or girl scout council. If they have no ham radio station planned, you might want to think about volunteering your time and gear to bring one on the air.

More about the Jamboree on

the Air is on-line at www.scout.org/jota.

—Amateur Radio Newsline,
Report 1570, Sep 14, 2007

**HPARC Meeting
October 1, 2007
at Rosa Mae's Cafe,
1322 National Hwy,
Thomasville**

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

At 7:19 pm Chris Horne opened the meeting of the HPARC. There were 8 members and 4 visitors in attendance.

There was a roll call of members.

There was a mention of those sick. Sam Hall, Roland Wright's wife and Mike Walker's mother were mentioned.

Written minutes and Treasurer's reports were handed out. Motion to accept as

written by Rogers Albertson. Seconded by Mike Cumbo. Motion passed.

Old business:

There was a question about the 440 repeater. Chris has power supply to get the 440 back on air.

New business:

Chris will present Mr. Willard Moore with a check for use of his place for Field Day.

Chris also has a check for renewal of the repeater membership in SERA.

Tim Slay, N4IB, ARRL North Carolina Section Manager was with us for the September meeting. Tim gave us an update on what is happening in the ARRL on a national level as well as what is going on in the North Carolina section.

Reminder to tip waitress.

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

—Respectfully submitted

Mark McMahan, KB4MFP,
HPARC Secretary

A STRANGE OPERATING EVENT

Italy's 4th annual Strange Radio Event will take place between 0600 UTC on October 19th and 2200 UTC on the 21st. Many Italian stations will be using many special S-R-T suffix callsigns such as IS0SRT, II1SRT and IR8SRT

and the Strange Radio Team is hoping to hear many other S-R-T suffix callsigns from other countries.

Strange Radio Team plaques will be awarded for this event and certificates will be available for those holding QSOs

various S-R-T special callsigns.

The mode for this event is SSB only. More can be found on-line at www.strangera-dioteam.com.

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

RESPONDER ID CARD PROGRAM BEING TESTED

The federal government is launching an ambitious ID program for rescue workers. This, in an effort by the Federal Emergency Management Agency says is to keep everyday people from swarming to a disaster scene.

FEMA came up with the idea after the World Trade Center attack and Hurricane Katrina in 2005. That's when countless Americans rushed to help. Some were unasked, undirected, and says the agency, sometimes unwanted.

A prototype of the new first responder identification card is already being issued to fire and police personnel in the Washington, D.C., area. Proponents say the system will get professionals on scene quicker and keep untrained volunteers from making tough work more difficult. Supporters say the ID cards could be checked at a disaster area with a card-reader and used to verify a person's skills. But they also know it is a touchy subject, particularly for those devoted to helping in moments of crisis.

But many of those volunteers from both disasters angrily dispute the notion they were a burden.

After 911, ground zero volunteer Rhonda Shearer launched a fast-moving supply system that bypassed regular channels, and often infuriated city officials. Shearer says that her experience has convinced her that agencies are ill-equipped to handle major disasters, but don't want outsiders pointing out their failings.

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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).

HAM RADIO REMEMBERS 911

As America and the world paused to remember the September 11th 2001 terror attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, several Ham Radio stations took to the air in honor of all who lost their lives on that day. They also remembered the role played by Radio Amateurs immediately after the attacks and in the weeks that followed.

For three days Ham Radio was essentially the only way to get information into and out of lower Manhattan after the twin towers of the World Trade Center fell. The disaster had taken out the heart of the city's emergency communications system as well as the areas cellular telephone switching center. But Radio Amateurs came to the rescue and remained on the air until normal lines of communications could be restored.

But that was just the beginning. In the weeks that followed, Ham Radio operators from all across the nation took time off from work, gathered up their gear and signed up to volunteer in New York or at the Pentagon. They brought with them their own supplies and paid their own way. It was Ham Radio volunteerism at its very best. As a result, Amateur Radio was quickly recognized as being essential to homeland security

because it had proven to be the singular radio service able to provide emergency communications as close to being 100 percent reliable in time of disaster as there ever can be. Then came word of the toll on Ham Radio. Of those lost when the twin towers fell.

From audio captured by Henry Feinburg, K2SSQ, on that event: "At least four Amateur Radio operators are among the many still missing the aftermath of the attack. They include Steve Jacobson, N2SJ, age 53, of New York City. Jacobson worked as a transmitter engineer for WPIX channel 11. Also, on transmitter duty at the time of the attack was Bill Steckman, WA2ACW, of West Hempstead out on Long Island. He is employed by WNBC channel 4 and is well known in the area for a number of repeaters he operated from the World Trade Center.

Another missing Ham is Robert D. Cirri Sr., KA2OTD, of Nutley, NJ. Cirri is a Port Authority police officer and the ARRL District Emergency Coordinator for Hudson County. He was last seen helping to evacuate workers from one of the buildings when it collapsed.

Also, Michael G. Jacobs, AA1GO, of Danbury, CT who works at Fiduciary Trust Company International, which had offices in the World Trade

Center. He too has not been seen since the twin towers collapsed.

Meanwhile, Hams worldwide are praying for a miracle. A miracle that maybe they and others who were in the twin towers when they collapsed have escaped but have not yet reported in. Or that they are under the rubble – still alive – and that rescue workers will reach them in time."

As we came to learn in the weeks that followed, these were not the only members of the Ham Radio community to die on September 11th. Also lost in New York were Rod Coppola, KA2KET, and Winston Grant, KA2DRF. Bill Ruth, W3HRD, died in the Pentagon attack.

On September 11th of 2007, as commemorative Ham Radio stations took to the airwaves in remembrance of all whose lives were lost on that same day in 2001, they were also a testament of sorts. An affirmation that Radio Amateurs are among the world's best trained volunteer communications personnel. Communicators who also possess a level of technical knowledge that prepares them to put their stations on the air no matter what the situation and to do so at a moments notice. Hams are people who truly care.

—Amateur Radio Newslines,
Report 1570, Sep 14, 2007

NC HAM CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Harry Mills, K4HU, of Hendersonville, NC, celebrated his 100th birthday September 19th. In 1922, when Mills was first licensed, there was no FCC; communications were regulated under the Department of Commerce with Herbert Hoover

as Secretary of Commerce.

Mills has been a member of the League since February 1, 1936 – more than 71 years; he is also a member of QCWA. Still active on the air, Mills can be heard twice weekly checking into the AM net on 3810 kHz, as well as the

Chapter 76 QCWA SSB net on Saturday mornings on 3930 kHz.

Mills credits a crystal receiver project from the Boy Scout handbook in 1919 for his interest in wireless and radio.

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HPARC OCTOBER CALENDAR

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| 1 — HPARC Club Meeting | 20 — Lexington, NC BBQ Festival |
| 1-7 — High Point Furniture Market | 27-28 — CQ World-Wide Contest, Phone |
| 6 — Rock Hill, SC Hamfest | 28 — Mother-In-Law Day |
| 6-7 — ARRL Simulated Emergency Test | 28 — HPARC Newsletter deadline |
| 8 — COLUMBUS DAY | 31 — HALLOWEEN |
| 12-21 — NC State Fair | |
| 14 — Maysville, NC Hamfest | |
| 16 — National Boss Day | |
| 20 — Forsyth ARC Pfafftown Swapfest | |
| 20 — Fall Swap Meet, Carolinas Chapter,
Antique Wireless Assoc., Jamestown | |
| 20-21 — Jamboree On The Air (JOTA) | |

BIRTHDAYS

- Coy Hennis — October 4
 Bart Stofferis — October 17

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**Breakfast
 every Saturday**

8:00 am

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