

JUNE 2008

HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



JUNE MEETING

The program for June will be Field Day. For those that are new with the HPARC, please be at this meeting if possible. If not, contact one of the officers listed on the back of this

newsletter if you have any questions about Field Day.

Mel Lohr, owner of Protection Systems, Inc. gave us a program for the May meeting. Mr. Lohr brought a

radio security system with him and demonstrated its use at the meeting.

We are seeing new (and old) faces at the meeting. Bring your face to the June meeting.

RULES CHANGES FOR FIELD DAY 2008

[Article repeated from last month — ed.]

Three major changes have been announced in the rules for this year's ARRL Field Day.

First is that the Demonstration Mode bonuses have been replaced by an

Educational Activities bonus.

Second, The Get On The Air or GOTA station may now also operate on the VHF bands but only one band at a time.

Lastly, a newly licensed Amateur who has received his or her ticket since Field Day

2007 may operate the GOTA station regardless of license class, but this does not apply to upgrades. The League says that an upgrade is not the same as a new license.

—Amateur Radio Newsline, Report 1602, April 25, 2008

FIELD DAY 2008

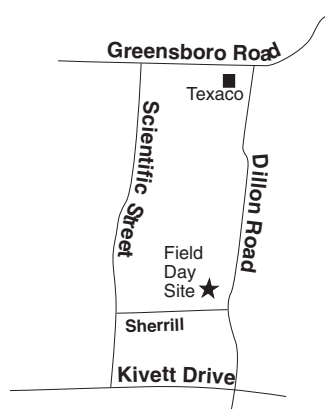
The HPARC will have Field Day at Willard Moore's farm on June 28 and 29. Set-up for Field Day will start after breakfast on Saturday just after 8:30 am.

Club member's picnic will be around 6:00 pm. Hot dogs will be the main dish, so prepare accordingly if you prefer other. 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 Chris Horne or Mark McMahan (phone numbers on back of

newsletter).



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. Using one of the Internet map programs, use 3139 Dillon Road as your ending destination. Hope everyone can make it.

**HPARC Meeting
June 2, 2008
at Rosa Mae's Cafe,
1322 National Hwy,
Thomasville**

MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING

At 7:28 pm Sam Hall, in Chris Horne's absence, opened the meeting of the HPARC. There were 8 members and 7 visitors in attendance.

There was a mention of those sick.

There was a roll call of members.

Written minutes and

Treasurer's reports were handed out. Motion to accept as written by Mark McMahan. Seconded by Warren Gallemore. Motion passed.

The speaker was allowed to present his program before the business section. Mel Lohr of Protection Systems talked to us about radio alarm systems.

There was a motion made by Mark McMahan to postpone all business until next month and to dismiss the meeting. Seconded by Mike Cumbo. Motion passed.

Reminder to tip waitress.

—Respectfully submitted

Mark McMahan, KB4MFP,
HPARC Secretary

THE RED CROSS SAYS NO MORE LIFESTYLE CHECKS ON HAM VOLUNTEERS

In a surprise move, the American Red Cross has acquiesced to the demands of the Ham Radio community and will no longer perform so-called lifestyle background checks on Hams who want to provide communications to the relief agency.

"We had a big announcement yesterday in the ARES forum" said Khrystyne Keane, K1SFA, of the ARRL Letter. The Red Cross has announced that it will no longer conduct as part of its background checks, mode of living checks or credit checks. And now, all that remains to be done is for the ARRL and the Red Cross to hammer out an MOU and get this thing going."

The MOU that K1SFA refers to is the Memorandum of Understanding between the League and the Red Cross. A fancy term that really means an agreement where-in the ARRL and the American Red Cross agree to work together in those situations where volunteer Ham

Radio communications are needed.

Such an agreement was in place for many years but the League was hesitant to renew it after members complained about background checks initiated back in 2006. Nobody minded criminal background checks but a lot of folks objected to the extent the Red Cross was going to. Its background checks included, among other things, a credit check and a mode of living check for its staff and volunteers. This included ARES volunteers providing services to the Red Cross during times of disasters.

The ARRL and a lot of Hams not associated with the League considered the extent of the Red Cross background check as unneeded and inappropriate for communications volunteers. So in November 2007, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, wrote to the American Red Cross regarding concerns voiced

by the nations Ham Radio community.

But until a few weeks ago the American Red Cross was hanging tough and refusing to use Hams who refused to permit the full background check program. That all changed on May 8th when Armond Mascelli, who is American Red Cross Vice President for Disaster Response Services finally replied to W5ZN with word that his organization had reconsidered its position.

According to Mascelli, a new background consent form will be used by all Red Cross chapters for ARRL members and other partner organizations. The form and related process is limited to the name and social security number verification of the individual, and a criminal background check. References and suggestions to other related investigative possibilities have been stricken from the form.

—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.

FCC'S HOLLINGSWORTH SET TO RETIRE IN JULY

Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth has announced plans to retire from the FCC later this year. "My intention," Hollingsworth told the ARRL, "is to head out in July, assuming the results of the second round of the PAVE PAWS/440 repeater monitoring in California present no complications. It has been a privilege to work with and for the Amateur Radio licensees and the land mobile frequency coordinators. I am extremely fortunate to work for two wonderful groups of people: Those at headquarters in the Enforcement Bureau, and for the Amateur Radio operators." Hollingsworth had planned to retire earlier this year, but changed his mind, saying, "There [were] several issues on the table that I want[ed] to continue to work through with the Amateur community."

While his successor has not been named, he was quick to point out that the FCC's

Amateur Radio enforcement program will continue.

Hollingsworth said he considered it an honor to have given something back to "the incredible enjoyment and benefits that Amateur Radio has given me since age 13. And to every one of the thousands of you that thanked us for our work, many of whom waited for long periods after a forum or radio meeting just to come up and express appreciation for what the FCC was doing in enforcement, you have no idea how much that was appreciated every single time. It sure wasn't a 9 to 5 job, but it was a gift and a daily joy to work for the best group of people on earth. The only bad day in nearly 10 years was September 21, 2001, when we lost Steve Linn, N4CAK. We still miss him." Linn, deputy chief of the Licensing and Technical Analysis Branch for private wireless within the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, and his wife Lesley were killed in a car accident on their way to

the Virginia Beach Hamfest.

Hollingsworth told the ARRL he was "so very impressed" with the young people who are involved with Amateur Radio: "To the very young Amateur Radio operators I met at Dayton, who have dreams of being scientists and astronauts and communications engineers, we will be pulling for you; I have a strong feeling we won't be disappointed."

"The Amateur Radio Service is part of the American heritage, and I am going to stay as actively involved in it as I possibly can," Hollingsworth explained. "Thank you all for working tirelessly to provide the only fail safe communications system on Earth and for helping this country keep its lead in science and technology. What an incredible gift it has been to work with you every day, and how fortunate we are to love the magic of radio!"

—The ARRL Letter Online, Volume 27, Number 20, May 23, 2008

SOLAR CYCLE DELAYED A YEAR

The next 11-year cycle of solar storms will most likely start next March and peak in late 2011 or mid-2012. That's up to

a year later than expected according to a forecast issued today by NOAA's Space Environment Center in coordi-

nation with an international panel of solar experts.

—Amateur Radio Newslines, Report 1606, May 23, 2008

ZAPPING CANCER CELLS AT 13.56 MHZ

John Kanzius, K3TUP, of Erie Pennsylvania, has been working on an RF-based treatment for cancer that is currently undergoing testing. According to ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, Kanzius is scheduled to be on the CBS news show "60 Minutes" on Sunday, April 13 (keep in mind that the line-up

could change).

"While there never is a way to predict what shows and what ends up on the cutting room floor, John gave as many plugs to his Ham Radio background as he could in being the foundations of hands-on learning that led to his research and invention," Pitts said. Kanzius, a very active Amateur Radio operator,

aided in the creation of the upcoming ARRL Technology and Amateur Radio public relations campaign.

Read more about Kanzius and his ground-breaking idea to kill cancer cells with radio waves in the February 2008 issue of QST.

—The ARRL Letter Online, Volume 27, Number 14, April 11, 2008



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HPARC JUNE CALENDAR

- 2 — HPARC Club Meeting
- 6 — D-Day (WWII Invasion of Normandy)
- 14 — FLAG DAY
- 14 — Winston Salem Hamfest
- 14-16 — ARRL June VHF QSO Party
- 15 — FATHER'S DAY
- 21 — First day of Summer
- 28-29 — Field Day
- 29 — HPARC Newsletter deadline

BIRTHDAYS

- Luke Pope — June 8
- Richard Skinner — June 17

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