

DECEMBER 2008



DECEMBER MEETING

December marks the time for our annual Christmas meeting and Bingo games. Business will be brief at the December meeting and then on to the games!

December also marks the time of year we vote on officers for the coming year. This year's nominated slate of officers will be the same as those

currently serving.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Bring a friend, the family and prepare to have a good time.

FOX HUNT SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 31

Chris Horne officially announces the HPARC Fox Hunt for Saturday, January 31st at 2 pm. We will meet in the North State parking lot downtown at 2 pm. Chris Horne, W4CKH will have the honors of hiding the transmitter which will consist of an FM

transceiver with a Morse code (CW) ID. The transmitter will have a coverage range within the city limits of High Point and Archdale.

The winner of the Fox Hunt will receive a prize in the amount of \$50. Please register by sending an email to

w4ckh@yahoo.com.

We will discuss radio direction finding antennas at Mrs Winners Breakfast and at the Christmas Party.

For more information on building an antenna see <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/direction-finding.html>.

CHRISTMAS DAY ROLL CALL 2008

Christmas Day Roll Call is a long standing HPARC tradition. Roll Call is when club members gather on the club's repeater, 147.165, to answer to a roll call on Christmas morning. This will mark our 27th year for this event.

On Christmas Day, our net control operator will call out all club member's names over our 2-meter repeater, 147.165, starting at 8:00 am. After going through the list of HPARC members, the net control opens the net for late and other check-

ins. Non-members are welcome to join in as well. After the net, a few hang around to ragchew with friends.

Please turn on your radio on early Christmas morning and check-in with us for our Christmas Day Roll Call.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2009

At the last club meeting a motion was made that for 2009 we leave the same officers currently serving in their same positions. Those nominations were: Chris Horne—president; Sam Hall—vice-president; and Mark McMahan—secretary/

treasurer.

As per bylaws, no further nominations may be made at the December meeting.

Please attend the December meeting to show your support for these officers.

**HPARC Meeting
December 1, 2008**

**Rosa Mae's Cafe,
1322 National Hwy,
Thomasville**

Meal at 6:30 pm
Business meeting at 7:30 pm

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING

At 7:30 pm Chris Horne opened the meeting of the HPARC. There were 7 members and 2 visitors in attendance.

Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's report were handed out. Motion to accept both reports as written was given by Mark McMahan with corrections; seconded by Sam Hall. Motion passed.

There was a mention of those sick.

There was no old business.

New business: Nominations: Motion made by Mark to leave current officers in place for the coming year. Seconded by

Roland Wright. Motion passed.

Mark made a motion to not have meetings for the months of January, July and September. The reason is that because of the holidays in these months the HPARC has to hold the meeting the second Monday instead of the first Monday of the month. As a result, attendance drops. Motion seconded by Roland Wright. Motion passed.

Chris talked about the club holding a Foxhunt in the near future.

Chris made a motion that the club pay \$50 to the club mem-

ber who brings in the most club members for 2009. Seconded by Sam Hall. Motion passed.

Reminder by Mark that SERA dues are going up in January. Reminder by Sam Hall that if you order ARRL Handbook you will currently also get the Handbook on computer disk.

There was no program.

Reminder to tip waitress.

Motion to adjourn by Mark McMahan. Seconded by Roland Wright. Motion passed.

—Respectfully submitted

Mark McMahan, KB4MFP,
HPARC Secretary

CQ BUYS WORLDRADIO AND TAKES IT ON-LINE

A big change is coming to the Ham Radio publishing scene. This as one popular magazine absorbs another. CQ Communications, Inc. has acquired WorldRadio magazine.

Since its inception in July of 1971, WorldRadio has been the only Ham Radio magazine published West of the Continental Divide. It's a monthly publication with a primary focus on the human side of Ham Radio.

So why has Worldradio been sold? Worldradio publisher Armond Noble, N6WR, says that at the age of 74 it's simply time for him to retire. And why sell to CQ? In a press release N6WR said simply that he wanted to be sure that WorldRadio found a good home, and that its readers would continue to be served by what he termed as an independent voice in Amateur Radio.

At this time WorldRadio continues to be published, but only as an online magazine with Editor Nancy Kott, WZ8C, continuing in that position. Current WorldRadio subscribers will also have their subscriptions transferred to CQ magazine. Readers will be notified of details as plans are finalized.

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ARRL VS W5YI ON RAISING TESTING FEES

The cost of taking a Ham Radio exam through the nations largest Volunteer Examination Coordinator is going up, but the nations second biggest VEC says not so fast.

On November 6th, The ARRL VEC announced that as of January 1, 2009, the fee to take

an ARRL Volunteer Examiner administered Amateur Radio license exam will increase by \$1, from \$14 to \$15. Meantime, the nations other big VEC says that it will not be raising its exam rate.

Larry Pollock , NB5X, is the President of the W5YI-VEC. He

says that the his organization will hold the line on the \$14 exam fee level charged applicants to take Amateur examinations. That it will not will increase license examination fees for 2009.

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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. Student membership is also available for \$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.

CQ TO THE FCC — NAME A SUCCESSOR TO RILEY — NOW

CQ magazine is calling on FCC Enforcement Bureau Chief Kris Monteith to move swiftly to name a successor to Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, as Special Counsel for Amateur Radio, and to bring FCC enforcement back to the ham bands.

Writing in his “Zero Bias” editorial in the December 2008 issue, CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, noted that the Commission not only has failed to name a successor to Hollingsworth, but that not a single Amateur enforcement action has been taken since his retirement this past July. At that time, the editorial notes, the Amateur Radio community was assured that the Commission’s dedication to enforcement in the Amateur Service would remain strong. But Moseson says that the FCC’s total inaction since July suggests otherwise:

Moseson: “This is deeply dis-

turbing and of grave concern. It would be a tragedy, and a travesty, if the FCC were to go back on its promise to be there for us and allowed Amateur enforcement to once again drop off the radar.”

The need for continuing Amateur enforcement was reinforced after the December issue was went to press. That’s when CQ was informed of an outburst of racist diatribes on 20 meters, including the transmission of recordings of a Hitler rally and of Nazi marching songs.

Moseson notes that this type of behavior was all too common before Hollingsworth became the rules enforcer a decade ago. Most of it quickly disappeared once it became obvious that someone in authority was paying attention. But now, only a matter of months since Hollingsworth retired from public service it has become obvious to the Hams wanting

to reek havoc that they are once again free to do whatever they please without fear of any consequences:

Moseson: “The FCC must get back into the Amateur enforcement business, and it must do so quickly before the situation once again gets out of control. Enforcement Bureau Chief Monteith must act promptly to name a successor to Riley Hollingsworth and assure Amateurs that they have not once again been abandoned by the Commission.”

You may recall that in his pre-retirement comments that Riley Hollingsworth urged the Ham Radio community to not let the FCC abandon Ham Radio enforcement. The CQ decision to pressure the FCC to name a successor to Hollingsworth kind of echos his words.

—Amateur Radio Newsline,
Report 1632, Nov. 21, 2008

CHANGES LIKELY AT THE FCC

Now that the election is over and the Democrats control both Congress and the White House, look for some major changes at the FCC. This, not only because there will be a new chairman and at least one new commissioner will be Democrat. But also in the way issues will be explored and acted upon by a soon to be Democratic controlled telecommunications agency.

While there will be little impact on Ham Radio, at least for the present, broadcasters and telecommunications giants may have some cause for concern. For example, the commis-

sion’s broadcast localism proposals, if adopted, might be more stringent under a Democratic controlled FCC. Those proposals could include requiring the main studio to be in the city of license and returning to the days of 24 hour a day, 7 day a week staffing. This is something that many radio networks have gotten away from by adopting central-casting from one location and satellite or fiber optic based delivery to the cities served.

Also the license term for broadcasters could wind up being shorter. Radio World on-

line reports that Ernest Sanchez, a principal of The Sanchez Law Firm says that president-elect Barack Obama has told confidantes he believes eight years is too long a term for a broadcaster to hold a license. That may signal more public interest sensitivity from whomever new administration selects as the next FCC chairman.

Whatever the changes are, you can be pretty certain that the FCC’s overall policies will likely be more liberal leaning in the years to come.

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HPARC DECEMBER CALENDAR

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| 1 — Gastonia, NC Hamfest | Christmas Day Roll Call) |
| 1 — HPARC Club Meeting | 28 — Newsletter deadline |
| 7 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day | 31 — NEW YEAR'S EVE |
| 7-9 — ARRL 160-Meter Contest | |
| 7-9 — ARRL 10-Meter Contest | |
| 17 — Wright Brother's Day | |
| 21 — First Day of Winter | |
| 25 — CHRISTMAS | |
| (Don't forget the HPARC | |

BIRTHDAYS

- Roland Wright — December 9
Chris Horne — December 12
James Phipps — December 28

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