

NOVEMBER 2009



HPARC NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER MEETING

There was no program for the October meeting.

November is the month we nominate officers. Normally they would be announced in

this newsletter. Since the nominating committee has not met due to time constraints, nominations for officers will be taken from the floor. Please see

article about voting guidelines in this newsletter.

Plan to make the November meeting. Hope to see everyone there.

FCC ISSUES PUBLIC NOTICE ON AMATEUR SERVICE COMMUNICATION

On October 20, 2009, the FCC released a Public Notice clarifying the Commission's rules relating to the use of Amateur Radio by licensed Amateurs participating in drills and exercises on behalf of their employers. Entitled Amateur Service Communications During Government Disaster Drills, the Public Notice addresses participation by paid employees of organizations taking part in drills.

The Public Notice – DA 09-2259 – affirms that the Commission's rules "specifically prohibit Amateur stations from transmitting communications 'in which the station licensee or control operator has a pecuniary interest, including communications on behalf of an employer.'" ARRL Regulatory Information Manager Dan Henderson, N1ND, said that "This Public Notice is intended to clarify a difficult issue. A wide range of unofficial – and

frankly some incorrect – interpretations have been offered on this topic in various public forums recently." DA 09-2259 is the official FCC notice on this issue.

The Public Notice states that, in order to facilitate participation by employees who wish to engage in government-sponsored drills and emergency exercises on behalf of their employers, a waiver can be requested from the WTB by the government agency sponsoring the drill or exercise (and not by the individual who wishes to participate in the drill or exercise). The government entity conducting the drill must include in its waiver application the following information:

- When and where the drill will take place,
- Identification of the Amateur licensees expected to transmit Amateur communications on behalf of their employer,

- Identification of the employer(s) on whose behalf the Amateur(s) will be transmitting, and

- A brief description of the drill.

"It should be noted," Henderson said, "that the waiver request must be filed and acted upon in advance of the drill. The waiver must be actually granted by the Commission before the Amateurs participate in the drill. It is not enough to apply – the waiver must be granted first."

—The ARRL Letter Online, October 22, 2009

**HPARC Meeting
November 5, 2009**

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

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

CBS SAYS FCC VIOLATING ITS CIVIL RIGHTS IN SUPERBOWL CASE

And talk about a novel defense to an FCC accusation of a major broadcast violation. It looks as if CBS might just have come up with one. CBS Inc. says that the FCC is violating its constitutional rights in hounding the broadcaster in regard to what's become known as the Superbowl Janet Jackson wardrobe malfunction. In a filing before the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals, CBS said the FCC has an Ahab-like obsession with the Super Bowl case, com-

paring the commission to the mad sea captain in Moby-Dick.

CBS lawyers say that this obsession poses an important question. They ask how many years can the FCC prolong a broadcast indecency probe of an un-scripted and unintended event that lasted nine-sixteenths of one second?

CBS says the FCC's obsessive zeal in pursuing the Super Bowl case and the attendant chill on broadcast speech show why First Amendment scrutiny by the court

may not just be appropriate, but also necessary. The network also contends in the filing that the notorious wardrobe malfunction was orchestrated by Jackson and duet partner Justin Timberlake without the network's knowledge.

As previously reported, in September the FCC asked the court to look into whether CBS was reckless when it chose not to use video delay technology for the broadcast.

—Amateur Radio Newsline, Report 1680, Oct. 23 2009

THREE ELECTROCUTED INSTALLING HAM ANTENNA IN FLORIDA

Three people trying to help a Florida Ham by installing an antenna for her have been electrocuted in a bizarre accident that happened after dark. A mother, father and their 15-year-old son died on Monday, October 12th. This, after being electrocuted while attempting to erect a Ham Radio antenna.

The Palm Bay Florida Police Department identified the victims as Melville Braham, 55, Anna Braham, 49, and their 15 year old son Anthony. None were licensed radio Amateurs but they appeared to have been assisting an area Ham with an antenna installation.

Authorities say the family was attempting to raise the antenna mast when they lost control and it struck an overhead power line.

It made contact with the overhead wiring and sent 13,000 volts down through the antenna mast the three were holding,

When paramedics arrived, they found all three on the ground not breathing. Rescue crews immediately tried to resuscitate them. Anna Braham was pronounced dead at the scene. The father and son were taken to a local hospital, where they were later pronounced dead.

Florida Power & Light Co. crews also responded to the scene. They shut off power in the area while authorities collected evidence and documented the scene.

According to news reports, Anthony Braham attended Southwest Middle School. Grief

counselors were available at the school on Tuesday October 13th to help students deal with the tragic loss of their friend.

Federal Communications Commission records do not show that any of the victims were licensed Amateur Radio operators. They do, however, show a license issued to a Barbara V. Tenn, KJ4KFF, at the address where the electrocutions occurred.

This appears to be yet another case of those trying to put up an antenna not realizing the potential danger of nearby overhead high tension electric distribution, and the fact that these wires are all but invisible at night.

—Amateur Radio Newsline, Report 1679, Oct. 16, 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.

SOME IRC'S ABOUT TO EXPIRE

Hams who use International Reply Coupons, or IRC's, in the QSL exchange process are advised to check the expiry dates of their current stock. This is because one batch is due to expire on December 31st. Those are the ones that you need to use up quickly before their value is gone.

—Amateur Radio Newslines, Report 1680, Oct. 23 2009

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

The nominating committee failed to meet this past month. Barring their meeting before the November meeting, nominations will have to be taken from the floor. Note that nominees must be full members (dues paid to date). Please read officer's qualifications and consider if you are willing to take an office. The following is an edited version of our by-laws showing only the articles that pertain to elections.

Article I - Meetings

Section 5 Election of officers for the succeeding year shall be held at the annual meeting. The annual meeting shall be held each December, concurrent with the regular monthly meeting.

Article III - Officers

Section 1 The officers of the Corporation shall be elected at the December annual meeting of the membership, and shall hold their respective offices for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Section 3 The nominating committee shall nominate one candidate for each office, and the names of these candidates shall be announced in the club bulletin prior to the November meeting.

Section 4 Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the November meeting, and such additional names shall be included in the bulletin issued prior to the December meeting. No further nominations shall be accepted at the December meeting.

Section 5 Voting shall be by secret ballot at the December annual meeting, with the candidate for each office who receives the highest number of votes being elected to that office. New officers shall be installed at the January meeting.

Section 8 The President shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation and shall see that all resolutions and decisions of the members are carried out; he shall execute all conveyances, contracts and agreements authorized by the members; sign all certificates of the members; and generally see that all officers and agents of the Corporation perform their duties.

Section 9 The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence.

Section 10 The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall be the custodian of the common seal and shall attest the same when affixed by order of the President or the members. It shall also be the duty of the Secretary to keep all books, papers and records of the Corporation, and keep the minutes of the Corporation in a permanent book, and the affixing in said book of a typewritten copy of resolutions or by-laws shall be considered a compliance with this by-law.

Section 11 The Treasurer shall perform all of the duties usually performed by a Treasurer, and as such he shall collect, receive, and hold the money of the Corporation, and make disbursement thereof; he shall endorse and collect all checks and negotiable instruments made out the the Corporation; he shall keep full and accurate account of the receipts and disbursements of the Corporation and render a full account thereof at each special meeting; and it shall be the special and particular duty of the Treasurer to do the following:

[a] To make all reports required by the laws of this State and the United States.

[b] To keep posted the sign over the office door required by law.

[c] To see to the listing and payment of all taxes, which may become due from this Corporation to the United States, the state, county, or city, including the franchise and corporation taxes payable directly to the State Treasurer.

[d] Upon the direction of the President, pursuant to the decision of the membership, to see that the property of the Corporation is covered by fire insurance and that there is sufficient indemnity insurance to protect the Corporation against loss by accidents or negligence of members or contractors who may be acting as agents for or in behalf of the Corporation.



High Point Amateur Radio Club
PO Box 4941
High Point, NC 27263

HPARC NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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| 1 — Daylight Savings Time ends (move clocks back one hour) | 21-23 — ARRL November Sweepstakes, phone |
| 2 — HPARC Club Meeting | 26 — THANKSGIVING |
| 3 — Election Day | 24-25 — CQ Worldwide Contest, CW |
| 7-8 — ARRL November Sweepstakes, CW | |
| 10 — Marine Corps Day | |
| 11 — VETERAN'S DAY | |
| 15 — Benson, NC Hamfest | |

BIRTHDAYS

Tony Davis — November 5

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