



HPARC NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER MEETING

Our annual Christmas meeting and Bingo game will take place at the December meeting. Business will be brief and then we will play Bingo and fellowship with one another.

We will vote on officers for the coming year at the December meeting. Chris Horne has decided to step down as President for the coming year and let someone else

take over the reigns. Please see article on nominees.

Bring friends and family and let's have a good time at the December meeting. See you there.

NEW VICE DIRECTOR FOR ROANOKE DIVISION

A new Vice Director was elected November 20 for the Roanoke Division.

Roanoke Division Vice Director Patricia Hensley, N4ROS, decided not to seek another term. South Carolina

Section Manager Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, of Aiken, and former West Virginia Section Manager Hal Turley, W8HC, of Huntington, were both nominated to succeed her. Boehner won the election with 1692

votes; Turley received 1496 votes.

Patricia Hensley's three year term will officially start January 1, 2010.

—The ARRL Letter Online, November 25, 2009

CHRISTMAS DAY ROLL CALL 2009

Christmas Day Roll Call 2009 will mark a long standing HPARC tradition with this being our 28th year for the event. Christmas Day Roll Call is when club members gather on the club's repeater, 147.165, to answer to a roll call on

Christmas morning.

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 be with us early Christmas morning for our Christmas Day Roll Call.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2010

At the November meeting we discussed possible officers for 2010. After discussion, nominations were made as follows: Sam Hall—president; Warren Gallemore—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 7, 2009**

**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 7:13 pm Chris Horne opened the meeting of the HPARC. There were 5 members and 2 visitors in attendance.

Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's reports for October were handed out. Motion to accept as written by Mark McMahan; seconded by Warren Gallemore. Motion passed.

There was no old business.

New business: The floor was opened for nominations. After much discussion, the following nominations were made: Sam Hall for President, Warren Gallemore for Vice-president, Mark McMahan for Secretary/Treasurer. Motion by Roland Wright to accept nominations. Seconded by Warren Gallemore. Motion passed by majority.

Larry Frye was presented to

the club for membership. Motion by Sam Hall, seconded by Warren Gallemore to accept. Motion passed by majority.

There was no program.

Reminder to tip waitress.

Motion to adjourn by Sam Hall. Seconded by Roland Wright. Motion passed.

—Respectfully submitted

Mark McMahan, KB4MFP,
HPARC Secretary

TWO HAMS CREDITED WITH SAVING A LIFE ON CATALINA ISLAND

Karl Tso, KI6PCW, and wife Deborah Ava, KJ6CRZ, put their Ham Radio emergency training to use to help rescue an unidentified man after an accident on Catalina Island. This as the recently trained volunteer Ham Radio operators rescued a man after he fell more than 40 feet onto rocks below.

Tso and Ava are both of Topanga, California which is a Los Angeles suburb and are members of the Topanga

Disaster Radio Team. The couple had climbed a hill on Catalina Island to check out a repeater when they saw a 61-year-old man bleeding and moaning.

Tso and Ava had their handheld radios with them. They used the equipment to make contact with other Radio Amateurs on the California mainland, who called 911 to report the emergency. Los Angeles County firefighter paramedics responded and the

injured man was quickly flown by medevac helicopter to St Mary's Hospital in Long Beach for treatment.

Authorities say that the couple's quick thinking and knowledge of Ham Radio helped save the injured man's life. The Topanga Disaster Radio Team they work with is a part of the Topanga Coalition for Emergency Preparedness.

—Amateur Radio Newsline,
Report 1682, Nov. 6, 2009

THE ROBOT OLYMPICS

China is planning to hold a 16 event robot Olympics in 2010. Yes robots will compete in familiar Olympic sports such as athletics as well as those more suited to machines such as cleaning. Entry to the competition will be restricted to robots resembling humans. They must possess two arms and legs. Wheels are banned.

Robots already have their own world cup. The 2009 competition saw entries from 400 teams that hailed from 35 separate nations. The 2010 event will be held in June in Singapore. A rival event is run by the Federation of International Robot-Soccer Associations.

The Chinese robot games will be one among an increas-

ingly crowded calendar for robot sports and other competitive events. One event, Roboexotica, is for robots that can mix cocktails, light cigarettes and chat with bar patrons. No word that Robot-Exotica will feature Energizer "Bunnies" as hostesses.

—Amateur Radio Newsline,
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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.

ON-STAR USES RADIO TO END PURSUIT

For the first time since it was created, the On-Star highway safety system pioneered by General Motors has been used to bring an end to a high speed pursuit.

It all took place about two weeks ago when the victim identified as Jose Ruiz, of Lindsay, California, was sitting in his Tahoe in a lighted parking lot about 3 a.m. This, while his cousin was talking on a cell phone in the passenger seat. Out of the corner of his eye, Ruiz says that he saw a man walking toward him. The man then allegedly pointed a sawed-off shotgun at Ruiz and ordered both men to get out of the

Tahoe and empty their pockets. Ruiz's cousin at first refused, but Ruiz told him to obey, knowing that OnStar could find the stolen truck with the built-in global positioning system.

The cousin relented and the man sped off in the truck. Ruiz then ran toward a nearby pay telephone to call police. As luck would have it he spotted a sheriff's deputy on her break who in turn notified the Visalia police. Officers quickly contacted OnStar and got Ruiz's permission to find the vehicle.

Police spotted it a few miles away. As officers made a U-turn to pursue it, the Tahoe

sped off at a high speed. At about the same time, police dispatchers told the pursuing officers that OnStar was about to disable the stolen vehicle by radio command. It did, the Tahoe rolled to a halt, and the robber was quickly captured without any injuries except maybe to the alleged robbers pride.

The bottom line. Technology may soon make it very unattractive to try to steal a car if the thief knows that there is a 1 in 2 chance that he will be caught by radio remote control. (Future Technology)

—Amateur Radio Newsline, Report 1681, Oct. 30, 2009

HIRAM PERCY MAXIM AND THE W1AW STATION

More than 1000 visitors come to see ARRL and operate W1AW each year. Each visitor has a chance to tour ARRL HQ and meet and talk with staff, and see all that the League does to promote the Amateur Radio Service. When they go over to W1AW, some guests want to know if the station was once the home of Hiram Percy Maxim, cofounder and first President of the ARRL.

The July 1920 edition of QST featured Maxim's house on its cover. In February 1936, when Maxim died of pneumonia on his way back from visiting Lick Observatory on Mt. Hamilton in San Jose, California, the ARRL

HQ station – W1MK – was located at Brainard Field in Hartford.

In March 1936, the Connecticut River flooded and the building where the station was housed was destroyed by the flood waters. The League's Board of Directors decided that a new station be built on a more suitable site in memory of Maxim. In December 1936, the FCC – in the first action of its kind – assigned the call W1AW to ARRL in memoriam.

The ARRL purchased a 7 acre site in Newington, about 5 miles southwest of Brainard Field. From the flood until September

1938, W1MK operated from ARRL Headquarters, then on LaSalle Road in West Hartford. On September 2, 1938 – what would have been Maxim's 69th birthday – W1AW, the Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Station, was dedicated, with the ceremony broadcast across the country by CBS Radio.

So, no, the building where W1AW is located was never home to Hiram Percy Maxim; in fact, he never saw it. But even so, we know that his spirit lives on every time we sit down at a radio. Now you know!

—The ARRL Letter Online, November 5, 2009

PANASONIC TO BUY SANYO

Panasonic Corp. will make formal its takeover bid for rival Sanyo Electric. This, as part of a move by Japan's largest consumer electronics company to transform itself into a green energy supplier as well.

Panasonic says that it has received sufficient assurance from regulators around the world to proceed with the \$4.45 billion deal. If approved it would place Panasonic a strong position in the solar panel, fuel

cell and rechargeable battery areas. All three are important to the future of both broadband and radio communications advancement. (Shoptalk)

—Amateur Radio Newsline, Report 1683, Nov. 13, 2009



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HPARC DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 4-6 — ARRL 160-Meter Contest
- 7 — HPARC Club Meeting**
- 7 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12-13 — ARRL 10-Meter Contest
- 17 — Wright Brother's Day
- 21 — First Day of Winter
- 25 — CHRISTMAS**
 (Don't forget the HPARC
 Christmas Day Roll Call)
- 27 — Newsletter deadline
- 31 — NEW YEAR'S EVE**

BIRTHDAYS

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

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