

JUNE 2014

HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point Amateur Radio Club



JUNE MEETING

Hope everyone had a good Memorial Day. Thanks to all the veterans who have served to make this country what it is today.

The June meeting will be all about Field Day. We will forego our usual program to

discuss plans for Field Day. Please, if you are planning on being at Field Day, please plan on attending this meeting. Remember we will have a picnic around 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 28.

For the May meeting,

Dwight Sledge, W4EIO, gave a program on his Morse Code keyer kit.

Make your plans now to attend the June meeting as well as Field Day. And don't forget the picnic. Hoping to see you all there.

FIELD DAY 2014

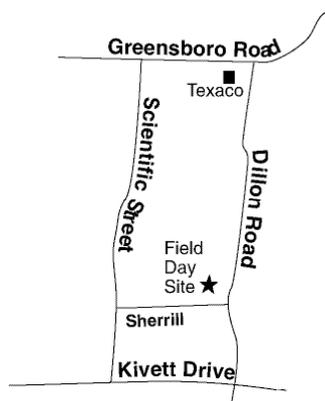
Plans are to have Field Day at the Moore Farm in Jamestown although we have not yet confirmed our plans with the Moores.

The dates for this year's Field Day will be June 28 and 29. We will be meeting for breakfast at Biscuitville at 8:00 a.m., and after a short breakfast, will start setting up at the Moores for Field Day after 8:30 a.m. The official start for Field Day is 2:00 p.m.

We will have our club picnic around 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Spouses, family members and friends are welcome to join us. Hot dogs are normally the main fare, so prepare accordingly if you prefer something else. We plan to pass around a list at the meeting for members to sign up for food items to bring.

For the past couple of years, we have used laptops, pro-

vided by Warren Gallemore, to log our contacts. We have been using the program SQUIRL for logging contacts. You could download this program on your home computer if you want to work with it before Field Day.



Directions to Field Day: from Kivett Drive, turn onto Scientific Street. Go about .2 of a mile to Sherrill Road and turn right. Moore's farm 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. Moore's farm 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.

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 or email Mark McMahan or one of the HPARC officers (see back of newsletter). Please attend the July meeting.

HPARC Meeting June 2, 2014

Rancho's,
10463 North Main St,
Archdale, NC

Meal at 6:30 pm
Business meeting at 7:00 pm

REPORT SAYS YOUNGER RADIO HAMS DISAPPEARING IN THE UK

According to the Southgate Ham Radio news service, membership in the Radio Society of Great Britain is completely free for United Kingdom radio Amateurs aged 25 and under who are full time students. As such, you think that almost every younger person involved in the hobby to be a member of the Society. This in turn would provide a good estimate for United Kingdom Amateurs in that age group.

But a recently released figure says otherwise. Numbers are falling with only 295 UK Hams who are aged 25 or younger Hams.

Take almost any UK radio club and you will find many members who have been licensed for 40, 50 or 60 years, having first taken up the hobby in their teens or early twenties. The latest figure suggests a declining demographic which could conceivably see Amateur Radio in the United Kingdom all but disappear in 20 years time.

But says Southgate, all is not doom and gloom. For instance, this year the Radio Society of Great Britain has decided to take part for the first time in the annual International Amateur Radio Union Region One

Youngsters On The Air event. The RSGB also intends to run a separate event for youngsters called YOTA UK on July 19th and the 20th. All this in the hope of reversing the current downward trend.

Southgate ends by noting that many United Kingdom Amateurs at grassroots level are now becoming involved in attracting younger-blood into the hobby. It singles out at least two major groups it says have been doing a great job in promoting Amateur Radio to a new generation.

—Amateur Radio Newsline,
Report 1918,
May 16, 2014

NICE WORDS FROM FOX NEWS

According to Fox News reporter Jonathan Serrie, when power, phone and Internet services go down, a battery-powered Amateur Radio transceiver and portable antenna can provide that crucial link to the outside world. And that's the theme of his 2 minute report on the new role for Ham Radio that emergency preparedness managers nationwide are adopting.

Serrie notes that Emory Health Care in Atlanta, Georgia, is among a growing number of hospital systems

to adopt Ham Radio as a secondary means of communications. He says that hospital administrators and government officials took a lesson from Hurricane Katrina, which left some Gulf Coast medical centers isolated from the outside world, as wired telephones and cellular communications failed.

Serrie interviewed John Davis, WB4QDX, who noted that some of the technology that's been around for almost a century is still relevant. And according to Davis, in addition to major

hurricanes, the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 rekindled interest in Ham Radio as a public safety tool.

Reporter Serrie noted that the number of Amateur operators is at an all time high of over 720,000 Hams licensed here in the United States. All in all a very positive report on one of the major roles that Amateur Radio is playing in service to the nation in the 21st century.

—Amateur Radio Newsline,
Report 1919,
May 23, 2014

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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 a local restaurant announced in the newsletter. The business meeting starts around 7:00 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.

ARRL ANNOUNCES FREE EXAM REVIEW WEBSITE

The ARRL has launched a new online resource that allows users to take randomly generated practice exams using questions from the actual examination question pool. ARRL Exam Review for Ham Radio is free, and users do not need to be ARRL members. The only requirement is that users must first set up a site login (this is a different and separate login from your ARRL website user registration).

“The ARRL’s online Exam Review is designed to help license examination candidates review their progress as they study,” said ARRL Marketing Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R. “As you complete a chapter or section of a license manual, you can turn to the online program to review all of the related questions taken directly from the examination question pool. After answering each ques-

tion – right or wrong – the correct answer is shown, and a page reference to the license manual is displayed for further review.” Inderbitzen said that when you’re close to completing your study, you can take as many practice exams as you like.

“The practice exams can be taken on-screen or printed. You won’t have any surprises on exam day!” he added.

Inderbitzen said users are encouraged to share feedback and suggestions for improvement with the development team, using the online feedback form linked from the Exam Review site. ARRL Exam Review was designed for ARRL by DHF Systems, the creator of ARRL’s TravelPlus for Repeaters software.

Education Services Manager Debra Johnson, K1DMJ, pointed out some of ARRL Exam Review features that are intended to help Amateur

Radio instructors and schoolteachers. “Instructors have a new online resource at their fingertips,” she said. “They can print practice exams anytime and encourage students to review between classes. The site is also mobile-browser friendly, so it can be used on a laptop, tablet, or smartphone, at home or in the classroom.”

While ARRL Exam Review is being introduced with the new, third edition of the popular Technician study guide, The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, the site also supports practice examinations for General and Amateur Extra. An updated Technician class examination question pool becomes effective July 1, and Exam Review will automatically transition to the new question pool on that date.

—The ARRL Letter,
May 15, 2014

ALPHA AMPLIFIERS AND TEN-TEC MERGE UNDER RF CONCEPTS BANNER

The May 9th announcement that RF Concepts, LLC the maker of Alpha Amplifiers and Sevierville, Tennessee-based TEN-TEC Inc. were merging literally caught the world’s Ham Radio community by surprise. The merger creates a multi-million-dollar company with products that span from QRP transceivers to full-legal-limit amplifiers. It also establishes an organization with the size and scale to continue to innovate into the next

decade and beyond.

The new company will retain the RF Concepts name but operations will now be shared between its Longmont Colorado and its Sevierville Tennessee facilities. The company is currently seeking a new operations location in the Sevierville area to more efficiently house factory operations, part of the engineering resources, as well as technical and customer support services. The Colorado facility will house engineer-

ing resources, technical and customer support services, and much of the front-office operations.

Both Jim Wharton, NO4A, who in January of this year took the reins of TEN-TEC after the retirement of founder Jack Burchfield, K4JU and Ken Long, N0QO, who has been overseeing the operations at Alpha Amplifiers will be presidents of their respective group.

—Amateur Radio Newsline,
Report 19188,
May 16, 2014



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HPARC JUNE CALENDAR

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

BIRTHDAYS

- Luke Pope — June 8
- William Taylor — June 12
- Richard Skinner — June 17
- Jerry Yarborough — June 17

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8:00 am
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