

HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point
Amateur Radio
Club



OCTOBER MEETING

We had a very good number in attendance at the September meeting in spite of the date change due to the holiday. It seems I don't always have time to meet and greet everyone around the room, but I do appreciate your attendance. Good to see new (and old) faces around the room. Hope we can keep up the good attendance.

The program for October will be on Magnetic Loop Antennas. I think David Macchiarolo will be giving the presentation with a little help from Tom Evans. The two of them were plotting something at Saturday's breakfast, and I think that is what I gathered.

David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF, gave a program on Fox

Hunting for the September meeting. The program drew some interest from those present. Maybe when the weather cools, we should participate in a Fox Hunt for the club.

David Montgomery, WD4MKS, became a silent key in September (see separate article). Keep his wife, Betty, in your prayers.

The HPARC Board had a meeting. Nominating Committee was selected as well as other topics discussed. Discussion of putting a PL tone on the repeater as well as possibly moving the club meeting dates were discussed. There needs to be some research on both before the club can act. Let the Board know if you feel strongly about either item.

If anyone would like a copy of the club or Board minutes emailed or mailed to them, please send a request to me at kb4mfp@arrl.net. I know sometimes it is difficult to attend all the meetings, and we do want to keep you informed.

We have had a rash of new members joining lately. I have applications for two currently that I will announce after the club votes on them. Our newest associate member is Cynthia Davis, at-large-councilwoman on the High Point City Council. Her interest was sparked at Field Day this year. She is studying and hopefully in the near future will get her license.

Please plan on being with us at the October meeting.

MOMENTUM BUILDING TO URGE SENATE PASSAGE OF THE AMATEUR RADIO PARITY ACT

The response to ARRL's call to action urging the support of US Senators for the Amateur Radio Parity Act, H.R. 1301, has been gratifying — although the campaign continues. More than 50,000 emails have been sent to Capitol Hill via Rally Congress, and all 100 US Senate members have been contacted. The League continues to encourage members of the Amateur Radio community

who have not yet done so to reach out to their two US Senators seeking their support. Just where things stand with respect to the bill's future in the US Senate is not yet entirely clear.

"As of this moment, we have no date set for action by the Senate," said ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, who has been deeply involved in promoting passage of the legisla-

tion. "The Senate will adjourn

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**HPARC Meeting
October 3, 2016**

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

Meal at 6:30 p.m.
Business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

DAVID MONTGOMERY, WD4MKS, SK

It is our sad duty to report the passing of one of our club members, David Montgomery. David passed on September 5 after a long struggle with Parkinson's. He passed at home with his wife, Betty, by his side.

David was very active in the HPARC. Looking back at our records, David joined the High Point Amateur Radio Club in August of 1994. The very next year, David served as House Committee Chairman and continued in that position for several years. The House Committee is responsible for making sure the club has a

location for our meetings.

In 1996, the HPARC started a special recognition of club members. David became the Ham of the Month for March.

David Montgomery helped the HPARC in many activities including our Hamfest, Nominating Committee, and drove from Kernersville most Saturdays to attend our informal breakfast meetings.

David became the Special Activities Chairman in 2012 and served for two years before stepping down from all chairmanships due to his health condition. It is the chairmanship of the Special Activities

Committee that earned David the nickname "Mr. Field Day" for his involvement in this event. He took charge of cooking the hot dogs at Field Day for the HPARC for many years. The year after David gave up this particular responsibility is the year his predecessor almost burned down the camp site.

There was a memorial for David on September 24. Betty asks that any donations in David's memory be made to Hospice of High Point who helped David and Betty tremendously.

73's, David.

HAM RADIO OUTLET REFURBISHES, REOPENS FORMER AES MILWAUKEE LOCATION

Ham Radio Outlet (HRO) opened its latest Amateur Radio retail outlet at the site of the former Amateur Electronic Supply (AES) headquarters store at 5710 West Good Hope Road in Milwaukee on August 27. AES closed its Milwaukee, Las Vegas, Cleveland, and Orlando outlets on July 28, following a surprise announcement 4 weeks earlier that it was going out of business after 59 years as a Ham Radio equipment supplier. A couple of weeks later, HRO announced plans to make over the Milwaukee outlet and reopen it as its latest "super store" — now HRO's largest. Several former AES Milwaukee employees are

now working for HRO, which undertook a rapid remodeling project to make the store over in its own brand. Dan Vanevenhoven, N9LVS, visited the HRO Milwaukee location on opening day, camera in hand, and he posted video of his brief tour on YouTube.

"One of the first things that caught my eye was the radio demo area," Vanevenhoven says in his video. "They've actually got radios that you can try out." A row of eight carrels, each with a different piece of gear ready to use, stretches along part of one wall in the store.

The Milwaukee store is 5000 square feet of Amateur Radio equipment, antennas, books,

and accessories.

A family-owned business, HRO is the world's largest Amateur Radio dealership, with 14 locations from New England to the West Coast. It opened a new outlet in Plano, Texas, in early 2015 and relocated and expanded its Portland, Oregon, store, which opened in late July.

HRO has planned the weekends of September 10, 17, 24 and October 1 for the grand opening of its Portland store, and October 1, 8, 15, and 22 for the grand opening of the new Milwaukee outlet.

—*The ARRL Letter*,
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Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,
Editor

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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 (except for holidays) at 6:30 p.m. at a local restaurant announced in the newsletter. The business meeting starts around 7:00 p.m. 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.

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the September work period soon and members will return home to campaign. If we do not achieve consideration before they go into hiatus, we will have to wait until they return after Election Day.”

On September 12, the US House of Representatives approved H.R. 1301 on a voice vote under a suspension of the rules, culminating many years of effort on ARRL's part to gain legislation that would enable radio Amateurs living in deed-restricted communities to erect antennas that support Amateur Radio communication. The bill calls on the FCC to amend its Part 97 rules “to prohibit the application to Amateur stations of certain private land-use restrictions, and for other purposes.”

Shepherded by ARRL, the overwhelming grassroots support

for H.R. 1301 from the Amateur Radio community was credited for getting the bill through the US House, but it faces significant obstacles to passage in the US Senate. The earlier US Senate version of the bill, S. 1685, no longer is in play, and the Senate is expected to vote on the version of H.R. 1301 that the House adopted this month. The vote came after ARRL worked with the Community Association Institute — which represents homeowners associations — to develop language that both organizations could support.

Rally Congress makes it easy to generate letters to Senators in support of The Amateur Radio Parity Act. The entire process takes just a couple of minutes.

“So it is critical that ARRL members continue to write their Senators,” Lisenco urged. “To

those who have already written, thank you! If you haven't done so already, please do so today. We can only do so much. After that, it becomes the responsibility of the membership to participate.”

As the amended bill provides, “Community associations should fairly administer private land-use regulations in the interest of their communities, while nevertheless permitting the installation and maintenance of effective outdoor Amateur Radio antennas. There exist antenna designs and installations that can be consistent with the aesthetics and physical characteristics of land and structures in community associations while accommodating communications in the Amateur Radio services.”

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DANCING WITH THE STARS?

When the RATAN-600 telescope in Russia spotted a signal on the 11 GHz band for about four seconds in May of 2015, Russian astronomers found themselves believing it might just originate from a sun-like star, HD164595. Could the powerful signal have indeed come from an alien life form in that solar system, considered billions

of years older than our Sun?

Possibly - but it took the Russians about a year to share news of that radio signal with others, including the SETI Institute, where astronomers share that passionate search for extraterrestrial intelligence.

Seth Shostak, a senior astronomer with the Institute, would like to believe that pos-

sibility of an alien transmitter reaching out, of course, but he's just not sure.

As with most radio contacts, the mystery may not be solved perhaps until the QSL card arrives. With the solar system 94 light years away, however, that could take some time.

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,

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ARRL 2016 SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST OCT 1-2

The 2016 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be October 1 and 2. The national emergency exercise is aimed at testing the skills and preparedness of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) and other organizations that are called into action in actual emergency situations.

Not all SETs will take place on October 1 and 2.

“SETs can be scheduled at the local and Section levels and conducted throughout the fall to help maximize participation,” ARRL Field Organization Team Supervisor Steve Ewald, WV1X, said.

The object of the annual nationwide exercise is to test training and skills and to try out new methods.

“It's a time to work with partner organizations and served

agencies to get to know them better and to determine their needs before an emergency or disaster strikes,” Ewald said. “Knowing who to contact within partner groups and knowing the planned procedures will help everyone to accomplish their goals and succeed in their missions.”

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HPARC OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 1 — Rock Hill, SC Hamfest
- 3 — HPARC Club Meeting**
- 9 — Maysville, NC Hamfest
- 10 — COLUMBUS DAY**
- 13 — Navy Day
- 13-23 — NC State Fair
- 16 — National Boss Day
- 17-21 — School Club Roundup
- 22-26 — High Point Furniture Market
- 22-23 — EME – 50 to 1296 MHz
- 22 — Lexington, NC BBQ Festival
- 23 — Mother-In-Law's Day

- 29-30 — CQ World-Wide Contest, Phone
- 30 — HPARC Newsletter deadline
- 31 — HALLOWEEN**

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Lon Cecil — October 30

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