

SEPTEMBER 2017

# HPARC NEWSLETTER

High Point  
Amateur Radio  
Club



## SEPTEMBER MEETING

We will not be meeting the first Monday but the second Monday of September due to the Labor Day holiday. Which gives our dementia-minded newsletter editor an extra week to get a newsletter in your hands before the meeting. Can you believe a newsletter editor forgetting to publish a newsletter before the meeting? What a dork.

For the program for the August meeting, David Macchiarolo, AJ4TF, gave us a recap of Field Day with scores and video. Even with the rain we had, our score was a little higher this year. Official scores will be reported from the ARRL probably in November.

In my hurry to get out a newsletter last month, I totally forgot to mention the passing of a dear friend and club member. Roland Wright, KI4JWG, passed on July 15. Roland tried to attend most club functions, but in recent days the high heat and his breathing prevented him from participating as much as he would have liked. Roland never held an office, but helped the club in every way

he could. A moment of silence was held for Roland at the August meeting. We will miss you Roland.

Lon Cecil, formerly WB5PKJ, is now AA4LC. Lon decided to update his call to better make those CW QSOs. Until I get another roster sent out, mark on your copy of the HPARC roster this change.

### **September HPARC meeting will be September 11, 2017**

Welcome our newest club member, Cliff Scronce, KC4ANQ. Cliff was with us for Field Day. I guess he decided he likes us enough to join our group. Cliff lives in Greensboro with his wife, Katherine. Cliff is a General class license.

We also welcome Lynn Flyer, KN4BUJ. Lynn is the wife of Matt Flyer who is a current member of the HPARC. Lynn becomes our first member of the Complimentary Membership the HPARC approved in June. The Complimentary Membership is given to any new Ham that has become a Ham within the last year and

applies to the HPARC. Dues are waived for the first year for such memberships.

Join me in welcoming both Cliff and Lynne to our ranks.

Denny Wojnar, KM4QPW, made a motion at the August meeting that for the Christmas meeting/party we go back to a potluck supper. The motion passed. Our December meeting/party will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Church's Fellowship Hall. Please note the change in the day and mark this on your calendar. We will announce this again when the date gets closer.

I think I have just about ran out of things to say (aren't you glad?). Our little club is active. Won't you plan to come join us at the September meeting? Would love to have you. See you there.

### **HPARC Meeting September 11, 2017**

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

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

# HARA ARENA — HAMVENTION'S FORMER HOME — TO BE AUCTIONED BY IRS

Hara Arena, the former home of Hamvention®, is going on the auction block, the IRS has announced. The now-beleaguered building and grounds were closed a year ago last month by the owners, the Wampler Family, which, for years, had attempted unsuccessfully to put Hara on a profitable plane. The minimum bid is \$850,000; proceeds will satisfy a tax lien. The auction comes in the wake of an Order of Sale entered in the US District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. The IRS will take bids on August 30 on the 1001 Shiloh Springs Road site, starting at 11 AM ET (bidders must be registered by 10 AM ET). An “open house” for prospective bidders will be held on August 29. According to the announcement, “any rights, titles, claims, liens, and interest” in the buildings and land will be discharged once a sale is confirmed. The auction brochure includes several recent photos of the Hara Complex.

“Hara Arena is a six-building complex that contained an ice rink, ballroom, conference hall, concerts seat-

ing, sports events, shows of unlimited venues and restaurant,” the auction announcement stated, noting that the two land parcels that make up the site in the Dayton suburb of Trotwood comprise slightly more than 25 acres.

Prospective bidders must put up \$170,000 in earnest money to be eligible to take part in the auction. Payments must be by certified or cashier's check.

“No bids will be received from any person who has not presented proof that, if he or she is the successful bidder, he or she can make the deposit required by the Order,” the announcement said. Sale of the real property shall be subject to confirmation by the Court.

Hara Arena served as the home of Hamvention from 1964 until 2016, before it was closed last summer. Soon after, Hamvention's sponsor, the Dayton Amateur Radio Association (DARA), announced that it would be relocating the country's most popular Amateur Radio gathering to the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center

in Xenia, where Hamvention 2017 took place in May. Last November, an online auctioneer took bids on a variety of items from the former Hamvention home, many of which went to nostalgia buffs or those having some sentimental connection with the facility.

Hara Arena had been facing long-standing financial problems that included unpaid property taxes and unresolved family issues. Promised renovations never materialized for the 2016 Hamvention, which attracted more than 25,000 visitors, worth millions of dollars to the Dayton-area economy.

The Wampler family had owned and operated Hara Arena since its humble origins in the 1950s, when Wampler Ballarena — then a dance hall and more recently an exhibit hall familiar to Hamvention visitors — was built in what had been a family-owned orchard.

—*The ARRL Letter*,

August 10, 2017

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,  
Editor

## HPARC MEETINGS FOR REST OF 2017

Here is the list for upcoming meeting dates:

September - SECOND Monday (because of Labor Day), September 11

October - first Monday, October 2

November - first Monday, November 6

December - first Saturday, December 2, Christmas Party/meeting at Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Fellowship Building

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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.

# REVISED NCVEC FORM 605 MUST NOW BE USED AT EXAM SESSIONS

With a revised FCC Form 605 -- Quick-Form Application for Authorization in the Ship, Aircraft, Amateur, Restricted and Commercial Operator, and General Mobile Radio Services -- soon going into effect, the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) has updated its unofficial NCVEC Form 605 that's used at volunteer examination sessions.

The revised NCVEC Form 605 must now be used at exam sessions, effective August 21. In the "FCC Basic Qualification Question," both the new FCC and NCVEC forms ask applicants if they have been convicted of a felony in any state or federal court. This conforms with FCC requirements to evaluate an applicant's qualifications to hold any FCC-issued license. The FCC has been asking "the felony question" on other forms, and its omission on Form 605 was an apparent oversight.

An applicant's response and

explanation to the felony question -- now included on NCVEC Form 605 -- will be used to determine eligibility to be a Commission licensee. If the answer to the felony question is "yes," the applicant must submit to FCC -- separately from NCVEC Form 605 -- a statement (the FCC calls it an "exhibit") explaining the circumstances. Such applications will be held for a basic qualification review, something the FCC already does for other licensed radio services. The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau has said that an affirmative answer to the felony question does not mean that an application will be denied automatically. An applicant's answer to the felony question will be available via the Universal Licensing System (ULS), unless the applicant requests separately that it be kept confidential.

VECs will not handle exhibits and confidentiality requests; these must be filed with the FCC

by the applicant.

Applicants must answer the felony question only when filing NCVEC Form 605 or FCC Form 605 for a New, Amendment, Modification (upgrade or call sign change), or Renewal/Modification (changes at renewal time). The question does not have to be answered if the applicant is filing a renewal or an administrative update (change of address, name, e-mail address, etc).

New NCVEC 605 Forms and an Applicant information sheet have been published. VEC teams should discard all existing versions of the NCVEC Form 605; they are no longer valid. The FCC has indicated that all VECs must begin submitting this additional data starting on September 7. NCVEC decided to make August 21 the effective date to accommodate mail schedules and the Labor Day holiday.

—*The ARRL Letter*,

August 24, 2017

Rick Lindquist, WW1ME,  
Editor

## QSL CARDS BECOME BIRTHDAY CARDS FOR AILING LITTLE BOY

A critically ill little boy in Michigan has just inspired a new reason to send QSL cards. In this case the cards don't confirm a successful contact - they hopefully can initiate one. This is a QST from Christian Cudnik K0STH, host of the 100 Watts and a Wire podcast, and he explains why he's reaching out:

Oakley is a 6-year-old little boy from Alma Michigan that I've never met. He was born with a rare birth defect called

Prune Belly Syndrome. It's so rare his future is unknown. As a parent, it's the unthinkable. On September 3rd, Oakley turns 7. With all of the challenges in his life, all he is asking for is birthday cards. Mom says receiving mail keeps him busy and it makes him happy. I am asking the Amateur Radio community to repurpose their QSL cards. Normally, we send cards after a contact. Let's use them as birthday cards and do something that's positive

for a little boy and a family that really needs it right now. We all want a better future for our children. Maybe this simple act can help us get closer to the things that bring us together, and maybe he'll write back!

To send a QSL card and some cheer to Oakley you can write him at Oakley Savickas, P.O. Box 201, Alma, Michigan, U.S.A. 48801.

—*Amateur Radio Newslines*,

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## HPARC SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- 1-3 — Shelby Hamfest
- 4 — **LABOR DAY**
- 9-11 — ARRL Sept. VHF QSO Party
- 9 — Virginia Beach, VA Hamfest
- 9 — Bush Hill Heritage Festival, Archdale
- 10 — Grandparent's Day
- 11 — **HPARC Membership Meeting**
- 11 — **PATRIOT DAY** (in honor of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001)
- 16-17 — ARRL 10-GHz & Up Contest - Round 2
- 16 — Day In The Park, High Point, NC
- 17 — Constitution Day/Citizenship Day

- 22 — **First Day of Fall**
- 24 — HPARC Newsletter deadline
- 30 — Everybody's Day, Thomasville, NC

### BIRTHDAYS

- Matt Flyer — September 5
- Dwight Sledge — September 7
- Bobby Draughn — September 11

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